

# Council Highlights



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## Highlights of Aurora Town Council Meeting of Tuesday, January 28, 2020

### Hallmark Baseball Diamonds

Aurora Town Council referred the Hallmark Baseball Diamonds Report back to staff requesting more information on a proposal from Aurora-King Baseball. The original report was requesting a budget increase of \$942,200 for a total budget of \$3,942,000 to fund the construction of two baseball diamonds, washrooms and landscaping on the site of the former Hallmark Cards facility.

### Outdoor Field Development Strategy

Aurora Town Council has endorsed in principle, subject to Council approval of budgetary implications, the Sport Field Development Strategy. The plan was developed by an external consulting firm who consulted with staff, outdoor sport field user groups and other stakeholders in its development. The purpose of the strategy is to ensure the Town is properly positioned to meet the existing and future outdoor sports field needs for the community. The strategy will help maximize opportunities with existing assets and provides informed recommendations for the acquisition and/or development of new assets. [Click here to view the strategy.](#)

### Development Planning Fees and Charges Update

Council endorsed in principle updates to the Town's Development Planning Fees and Charges, subject to consultation with the development industry and the public and staff were authorized to proceed with the consultation process. The updates reflect an inflationary increase and new fee for pre-application consultation. The recommended new fees will move the planning application process from a cost recovery of 64% to 95%. Future consultation dates will be shared via the Town website.

### Stream Management Master Plan

Council endorsed in principle, subject to budget approval, the Stream Management Master Plan and Flood Relief Study. The study identifies areas of concern and a range of opportunities to address them directly and through broader watershed management strategies. Areas of concern to be addressed include flood risk and the overall health of the Town's streams and creeks. The plan includes 10 flood mitigation projects and 20 erosion and flood mitigation projects in Aurora. [Click here to view the plan.](#)

### Workplace Diversity and Inclusion Strategy

Council approved a motion put forward by Councillor Harold Kim directing staff to investigate workplace diversity and inclusion strategies and work plans, and report to Council on the state of diversity and inclusion in the Town and any current initiatives underway. In addition, the staff report will include recommendations on how to enhance the Town's current workplace diversity and inclusion strategy and a copy of the motion will be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario and all York Region municipalities for their consideration.



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## Tennis Court Permitting

Aurora Town Council approved a motion put forward by Councillor Harold Kim requesting staff investigate a tennis usage strategy to examine the best methods for creating clarity on order of play and overall fairness to the public with regards to usage of public tennis courts.

## Additional Council Information

The next meeting of Aurora Town Council is scheduled to take place as a Special Council Meeting for Library Square on **February 18, 2020** at 7 p.m. in Aurora Town Hall, Council Chambers, located at 100 John West Way. Please check the Town's website for any cancellations or date changes.

Comprehensive Minutes of Aurora Town Council Meetings, which detail the full list of Council decisions, are available under **Agendas and Minutes** on the Town of Aurora website. Minutes are available on the Friday afternoon following Council.

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