



# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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### Overview

The Town of Aurora's culture and sense of community are formed by the many people, cultures and unique backgrounds in our town. The Town's community partners help Aurora effectively maintain its small-town charm, while balancing the amenities of a larger urban centre.

### Community Partners

Aurora has four main community partners that are funded through the Town's budget.

#### Aurora Cultural Centre

The Aurora Cultural Centre is a generator of cultural programming and program partnerships. The Aurora Cultural Centre has four vibrant gallery exhibition spaces, a range of instructional classes for children, teens and adults, an eclectic live music series, special family events, summer arts camps, and offers stunning rental spaces for a unique experience.

The Cultural Centre is located at the 22 Church Street School which is a designated historical building.

The Aurora Cultural Centre has identified operating pressures of \$67,000, \$19,000 and \$21,400 in 2020, 2021 and 2022, respectively. These pressures are driven by a 2019 base salary funding catch-up of \$30,400, new required annual salary adjustments and rental income losses. The Town has budgeted inflationary increases of \$8,300, \$8,500 and \$8,700 in 2020 to 2022, respectively. Once these available amounts have been applied, the net remaining funding requirements staff recommend be funded out of the existing Library Square operating budget funding included in the Community Services budget. This avoids the need for any further incremental tax rate increases.

#### Aurora Historical Society

The Aurora Historical Society is committed to the education, heritage, and preservation of Aurora's history. It also has curatorial responsibilities for Hillary House which includes its collections of medical instruments, historic artifacts, and related documents.

The Aurora Historical Society is located at Hillary House which was built in 1862 and was purchased by the Society in 1981. Hillary House is listed as a Canadian National Historic Site as well as being listed as a heritage property by the Town of Aurora.

The Aurora Historical Society has identified total gross operating requirements of \$176,900, \$184,100 and \$188,000 for 2020, 2021 and 2022, respectively. The Society included increases

## Aurora's budget funding for Community Partners

	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Budget (\$000's)</b>				
Aurora Cultural Centre	415.7	424.0	432.5	441.1
Aurora Historical Society	77.9	81.3	82.8	80.9
Aurora Public Library	3,843.1	3,868.1	3,896.1	3,934.1
Aurora Sport Hall of Fame	28.1	28.7	29.3	29.9
<b>Proposed Budget</b>	<b>4,364.8</b>	<b>4,402.1</b>	<b>4,440.7</b>	<b>4,486.0</b>
<b>Budget Change</b>		<b>37.3</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>45.3</b>

of \$77,800, \$79,300 and \$80,900 for 2020, 2021 and 2022, respectively from the Town in support of their operations plus \$3,500 in 2020 and 2021 for annual support for its Godfrey collection. The balance of their funding will come from other revenue sources.

### Aurora Public Library

Aurora Public Library continues to provide traditional collections along with innovative technology programs, vibrant literary and cultural experiences, opportunities for multi-discipline online learning, expanded newcomer initiatives and increased access to digital collections.

The Aurora Public Library Board has requested net funding from the Town of \$3,868,100, \$3,896,100 and \$3,934,100 for the next three years, respectively. These requested amounts represent a funding increase of \$25,000, \$28,000 and \$38,000, which are included in the Town's budget.

### Aurora Sport Hall of Fame

The Aurora Sports Hall of Fame is a celebration of sport history and excellence, dedicated to the recognition of the important place that sport has assumed within the Town of Aurora. Visitors are encouraged to explore and appreciate Aurora's rich sport heritage and achievement whether it be in-person or online.

The Aurora Sports Hall of Fame is located at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex. The exhibits feature an interactive wall, inductee profiles and artifacts, an expanded sports heritage display and more.

Aurora Sport Hall of Fame has requested funding from the Town of \$28,700, \$29,300 and \$29,900 for 2020, 2021 and 2022, respectively. These amounts are included in the Town's budget.

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