

Council Highlights



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Highlights of Aurora Town Council Meeting of Tuesday, May 14

Council approves Electoral System Review

Council directed staff to begin the process of completing an electoral review in the Town of Aurora. Council endorsed, in principle, the electing of all Aurora councillors, other than the Mayor, by ward vote instead of general Town-wide vote. The review will include significant public consultation and a total budget of \$60,000 was approved for a consultant to complete the review.

Revised Animal Services Bylaw

Council approved bringing forward a new animal services bylaw to harmonize animal services legislation among the newly-formed partnership consisting of Aurora, Newmarket and Georgina. The new bylaw will allow for consistent levels of service for community members in the three municipalities and provides an updated approach to pet ownership by ensuring greater accountability for pet owners and greater protection for the community.

Budget approval for expansion to Aurora Sports Hall of Fame

Aurora Town Council approved a \$26,500 capital budget item to support the expansion of the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex. The expansion will positively enhance the existing space, offer increased advertising revenue opportunities for the Town, and improve visibility through the addition of wayfinding signs. The expansion will be coordinated by Town staff in consultation with the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame.

Response to Bill 108, the 'More Homes, More Choice Act'

Council approved a motion from Mayor Tom Mrakas resolving that the Town of Aurora oppose Bill 108 and call upon the Government of Ontario to halt the legislative advancement of Bill 108 to enable fulsome consultation with municipalities to ensure that its objectives for sound decision-making for housing growth meets local needs and will be reasonably achieved. A copy of the motion will also be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Next meeting of Aurora Town Council

The next meeting of Aurora Town Council is scheduled to take place on **May 28, 2019** 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.

Additional Council Information

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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