

Council Highlights



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Highlights of the Meeting of Council on Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Short-Term Rental Bylaw

Council approved a staff report providing direction to proceed with a Short-Term Rental Bylaw. The bylaw will implement various requirements on short-term rental property owners and operators such as obtaining a license with the Town to ensure safety, maintenance and upkeep of licensed properties. Staff will also proceed with a short-term rental compliance monitoring system that will be used by staff for record keeping and allow residents to file complaints associated with short-term rentals. The bylaw will be presented at a future Council meeting for enactment.

Aurora Town Square Updates

Council approved several staff reports regarding the governance, service agreements with the Aurora Public Library and Aurora Cultural Centre, staffing and space usage and room permitting policy for Aurora Town Square. Council also approved the Aurora Town Square Bridge, Outdoor Square and Church Street Schoolhouse as Name Sale opportunities as part of the Aurora Town Square Capital Campaign and directed staff to initiate negotiations with potential partners.

Facility Naming Rights – Aurora Sports Dome

Council approved the Aurora Sports Dome as a Name Sale opportunity and authorized staff to enter into negotiations with potential naming rights sponsors for Aurora Sports Dome. Staff will begin formal negotiations with prospective sponsors and report back to Council in closed session for approval.

Motion to Support Green Infrastructure

Council unanimously approved a motion presented by Councillor Wendy Gaertner regarding green infrastructure. The motion directs staff to review the Official Plan, policies and by-laws and strengthen protective language around green development standards, and tree canopy protection. The motion directs staff to bring a report back to Council.

Motion to Explore Permitting Accessory Dwellings

Council unanimously approved a motion presented by Councillor Rachel Gilliland to direct staff to explore the introduction of an enabling policy in the Official Plan to permit accessory dwellings within appropriate locations. The enabling policy would allow a second unit within a home plus an additional unit on a residential property. Staff will report back to Council as part of the Official Plan review update process.



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The next meetings of Council are as follows:

- General Committee Meeting - Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 7 p.m.
- Public Planning Meeting – Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 7 p.m.
- General Committee Meeting – Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 7 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 7 p.m.

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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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