

Council Highlights



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Highlights of the Meeting of Council on Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Community Benefits Charge

Council approved a Community Benefits Charge (CBC) bylaw that will help the Town recover capital costs from the services it provides to support high-density development and redevelopment. The CBC replaces a previous mechanism in the Planning Act, which expired on September 18, 2022, that allowed for increased height and/or density in return for the provision of a benefit or cash contribution. The new CBC will apply to residential developments of at least 10 residential units and five storeys at or above ground level. As per provincial legislation, the Town of Aurora may charge up to a maximum of four per cent of applicable land value as its CBC rate.

Climate Adaptation Plan

Council endorsed a Climate Change Adaptation Plan, which provides a strategy to undertake a number of measures to protect various infrastructure assets across Aurora from potential climate change impacts. The costs of these measures will be incorporated into the Town's future capital and operating budgets on a priority basis for consideration as part of the normal budget process. Examples of the adaption measures include improving the resilience of the stormwater system to both extreme precipitation and drought events, and incorporating future climate projections into future cooling system upgrades. In total, the adaption plan identifies 33 asset-specific adaptation actions that the Town should prioritize.

Black History Month

Council approved a one-time funding request of up to \$10,000 to support Black History Month celebrations in February 2023. In its report to Council, staff outlined how collaborating with local Black community organizations to celebrate Black excellence has become an increasingly important priority for the Town over the last few years. Moreover, the report said that there continues to be a growing need to recognize the challenges Black community members have and continue to face as a result of anti-Black racism. The report recommends that future funding for Black History Month should come through the revised Culture and Recreation Grant program, which is currently under review.

The last meeting of this Council term is on **November 8, 2022**, with the inaugural meeting of next Council term on **November 15, 2022**.

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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