

Council Highlights



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Highlights of Aurora Town Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 25, 2020

John West Way Traffic Calming Measures Feasibility Review

Aurora Town Council received a report about the Traffic Calming Feasibility Review addressing the traffic control and safety concerns on John West Way. Council approved the implementation of an all-way stop at the intersection of John West Way and Amberhill Way. Staff will continue to monitor the traffic operations on John West Way as a result of the speed limit reduction. Staff will also investigate the concerns raised by Council regarding parking and sightlines on John West Way near Town Hall.

Tennis/Pickle Ball Courts Permits

Aurora Town Council received a report to change the permitting of tennis/pickle ball courts to help ensure maximum public drop-in access, while providing for occasional permitting for those users who require a confirmed court time for programming.

The following changes will be made to the Sports Field and Parks Use Policy:

- Tennis court permitting is prohibited at all locations, with the exception of Fleury Park
- Pickle ball court permitting is prohibited at all locations, with the exception of Thomas Coates Park
- Permits will be limited to a maximum of two (2) courts at Fleury Park (tennis) and a maximum of one (1) court at Thomas Coates Park (pickle ball)
- Town of Aurora programs will be exempt from these restrictions
- The Aurora Community Tennis Club and schools in Aurora will be exempt from these restrictions
- The current time limit of drop-in play at all tennis and/or pickle ball courts will be increased from 45 minutes to 1 hour, with a mandatory requirement that the court(s) be vacated every hour, on the hour to allow the next person(s) in line to play.

Master Transportation Study Update Final Report

Aurora Town Council received a report with an overview of the Master Transportation Study. The study provides both short-term and long-term recommendations to service Aurora's projected growth and identifies opportunities to create a sustainable, safe and accessible mobility network. The study also includes details about the proposed recommendations for active transportation and operational improvements which include: enhancing safety for road users on Yonge Street, improving traffic diversion within local streets, addressing ongoing parking needs, and developing a sidewalk priority plan and a comprehensive cycling network.

Open Cousins Drive Railway Crossing

Aurora Town Council approved a motion put forward by Councillor Sandra Humfries requesting staff work with provincial and Metrolinx officials to advocate for the re-opening of the Cousins Drive Rail Crossing. Staff will provide an update report back to a future General Committee meeting including a cost estimate of all options should the Town wish to consider the project as part of a future capital budget.



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Fleet Lifecycle Analysis and Project Approval

As part of the recently endorsed Fleet Management Strategy, Council approved the 2019 and 2020 list of fleet capital projects. The approval of the projects allows the Town to maintain and increase service levels mainly related to outside operations. The Fleet Management Strategy will help ensure the Town is as efficient as possible in the use of current equipment as well as in purchasing new and replacement fleet.

Urban Forest Study Management Plan Review

Aurora Town Council approved a motion put forward by Councillor Rachel Gilliland for staff to be directed to review the Urban Forest Management Plan. The plan assesses the health and function of trees, woodlots and other areas in Aurora and how it affects the local green environment. Staff will conduct a review of the plan and bring a report back to a future General Committee meeting.

Additional Council Information

The next meeting of Aurora Town Council is scheduled to take place on **March 31, 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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