



Town of Aurora Council Meeting Minutes

Video Conference
Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Attendance

Council Members Mayor Mrakas in the Chair; Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland, Humfryes, Kim, and Thompson

Members Absent None

Other Attendees Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services, Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services, Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director of Finance, Allan Downey, Director of Operations, David Waters, Director of Planning and Development Services, Michelle Outar, Acting Manager of Corporate Communications, Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor, Michael de Rond, Town Clerk, Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

This meeting was held electronically as per Section 20.1 of the Town's Procedure By-law No. 6228-19, as amended, due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The Chair relinquished the chair to Councillor Kim at 8:11 p.m. during consideration of Motion (b) and resumed the chair at 8:23 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, including the following additional items and withdrawal, be approved:

- Delegation (a) Suzanne Lytle, Crossing Guard at Aurora Heights Public School (written delegation); Re: Item S1(R1) – PDS20-029 – Capital Project No. 34626 – Sidewalk Construction on Kitimat Crescent Proposed Capital Budget Increase
- Replacement Item S2 – General Committee Meeting Report of May 19, 2020 (administrative revision to recommendation of Item R2)
- Withdrawal of Motion (a) Councillor Gaertner; Re: Partial Lane Closure – Yonge Street

**On a recorded vote the motion
Carried**

Yeas: 5 Nays: 0

Voting Yeas: Councillors Gallo, Humfryes, Kim, and
Thompson, Mayor Mrakas

Voting Nays: None

Absent: Councillors Gaertner and Gilliland

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50*.

3. Community Presentations

None

4. Delegations

- (a) **Suzanne Lytle, Crossing Guard at Aurora Heights Public School (written delegation)**

**Re: Item S1(R1) – PDS20-029 – Capital Project No. 34626 – Sidewalk
Construction on Kitimat Crescent Proposed Capital Budget Increase**

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

That the written comments of the delegation be received and referred to Item S1(R1).

**On a recorded vote the motion
Carried**

approved, with the exception of sub-items S1(R1) and S2(R2), which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

**On a recorded vote the motion
Carried**

Yeas: 6 Nays: 0
Voting Yeas: Councillors Gallo, Gilliland, Humfries, Kim,
and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas
Voting Nays: None
Absent: Councillor Gaertner

S1. General Committee Meeting Report of May 5, 2020

(C1) FIN20-007 – Capital Close Report as of December 31, 2019

1. That Report No. FIN20-007 be received for information.

Carried

**(C2) FIN20-008 – Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for
Members of Council, Committees and Local Boards**

1. That Report No. FIN20-008 be received for information.

Carried

(C3) OPS20-003 – Blue Box Transition to Full Producer Responsibility

1. That Report No. OPS20-003 be received for information.

Carried

(C4) OPS20-005 – Waste Collection Limits

1. That Report No. OPS20-005 be received for information.

Carried

(C5) PDS20-023 – Planning Application Status List

1. That Report No. PDS20-023 be received for information.

Carried

**(C6) PDS20-025 – Heritage Review Process for Building Permit
Applications Related to Listed Properties**

1. That Report No. PDS20-025 be received for information.

Carried

(R1) PDS20-029 – Capital Project No. 34626 – Sidewalk Construction on Kitimat Crescent Proposed Capital Budget Increase

Main motion

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

1. That Report No. PDS20-029 – Capital Project No. 34626 – Sidewalk Construction on Kitimat Crescent Proposed Capital Budget Increase be referred back to staff.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the original staff recommendation be restored.

**On a recorded vote the amendment was
Defeated**

Yeas: 3 Nays: 4

Voting Yeas: Councillors Kim and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas

Voting Nays: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland, and
Hurfries

**On a recorded vote the main motion
Carried**

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,

Hurfries, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas

Voting Nays: None

(R2) OPS20-007 – Off-Leash Dog Park in Highland Park

1. That Report No. OPS20-007 be received; and
2. That Block 166 in Phase 2 of the Highland Gate Development be approved for an Off-Leash Dog Park; and

3. That staff be directed to design and construct the park through the future subdivision agreement; and
4. That staff be directed to further investigate the Dog Waste Diversion programs available, including all capital and operational costs associated with implementing the systems in park retrofits and new park development, and that a report be presented at a future Council meeting.

Carried

(R3) CS20-008 – Clean Communities By-law

1. That Report No. CS20-008 be received; and
2. That a Clean Communities By-law be enacted at a future Council meeting to repeal and replace the Clean Yards By-law No. 4754-05.P and Debris By-law No. 4738-05.P.

Carried

(R4) CS20-007 – Regional Fire Service Study

1. That Report No. CS20-007 be received; and
2. That Council supports proceeding with a study of the potential creation of a Regional Fire Service; and
3. That the Town Clerk be directed to circulate the Town's decision to York Region and all York Region municipalities.

Carried

S2. General Committee Meeting Report of May 19, 2020

(R1) PDS20-033 – Applications for Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision, 2523059 Ontario Inc., 132-198 Old Bloomington Road, Lots 12 and 14 and Part of Lots 10, 11 and 13, Registered Plan 166, File Nos.: OPA-2017-05, ZBA-2017-07 and SUB-2017-03

1. That Report No. PDS20-033 be received; and

2. That Official Plan Amendment application OPA-2017-05 (2523059 Ontario Inc.) be approved to:
 - (a) Amend section 3.6.2 of OPA 34 which permits a maximum building coverage of 12% for lands within a Cluster Residential designation by adding a site-specific policy to permit a maximum building coverage of 20% for the subject lands; and
 - (b) Amend section 3.6.3 (c) of OPA 34 requiring a minimum separation distance of 35 metres between the Estate Residential designation and the lot line of any Cluster Residential unit by adding a site-specific policy that reduces the setback to 35 metres between a dwelling in the Estate Residential Designation and a dwelling in the Cluster Residential Designation which includes a 10-metre landscaped buffer; and
 - (c) Delete section 3.2.7 of OPA 34 that requires a Block Plan be approved prior to the approval of an application to permit new development within the areas identified on Schedule CC; and
3. That Zoning By-law Amendment application ZBA-2017-07 (2523059 Ontario Inc.) be approved to rezone the subject lands from “Estate Residential (ER) Zone” to “Detached Third Density Residential R3(XX1) Exception Zone”, “Detached Third Density Residential R3(XX2) Exception Zone”, “Detached Third Density Residential R3(XX3) Exception Zone”, “Detached Third Density Residential R3(XX4) Exception Zone” “Environmental Protection – Oak Ridges Moraine (EP-ORM) Zone”, “Public Open Space (O1) Zone”, and “Private Open Space O2(XX) Zone”; and
4. That Draft Plan of Subdivision application SUB-2017-03 (2523059 Ontario Inc.) be approved, subject to the conditions listed in Schedule ‘A’ to this report; and
5. That Council grant an allocation of 161 persons from the reserve to service the development of 50 single detached dwellings on the approved Draft Plan of Subdivision; and

6. That the implementing Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments be brought forward to a future Council meeting.

Carried

(R2) FIN20-012 – Property Tax Due Dates and Penalties

Council consented to vote on the third clause of the motion separately.

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Kim

1. That Report No. FIN20-012 be received; and
2. That the installment dates for the final tax bill of September 15 and December 1, 2020, be approved; and
3. That Council approve that the Town continue to charge the normal monthly rate of 1.25% for penalties on taxes for the period of July 1 to December 31, 2020; and
4. That, at the discretion of the Director of Finance, accounts that were in arrears in 2019 not be provided with relief; and
5. That the Treasurer be able to provide relief for penalties on taxes to those demonstrating financial hardship related to COVID-19; and
6. That Council approve waiving the five percent, one-time penalty on past due water bills for the remainder of 2020; and
7. That a by-law be enacted to reflect these changes at a future Council meeting.

On a recorded vote the first, second, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh clauses of the motion

Carried

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
Humfries, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor
Mrakas

Voting Nays: None

On a recorded vote the third clause of the motion

Carried

Yeas: 6 Nays: 1

Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gilliland, Humfryes,
Kim, and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas

Voting Nays: Councillor Gallo

(R3) OPS20-008 – Blue Box Transition to Full Producer Responsibility

1. That Report No. OPS20-008 be received; and
2. That the timing for transition of the Blue Box Program to full producer responsibility for collection on December 31, 2025, coinciding with the end of the current waste collection contract, be approved; and
3. That Council support the consideration of an earlier transition date provided that service levels would not be negatively impacted; and
4. That staff be authorized to continue working in cooperation with the Northern Six (N6) municipalities in providing Blue Box collection services on behalf of producers, through future long-term collection contracts, subject to mutually agreeable financial and operational terms; and
5. That staff be authorized to communicate this resolution to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and the Regional Municipality of York.

Carried

(R4) CS20-010 – Electronic Meetings for Committees of Council

1. That Report No. CS20-010 be received; and
2. That an amendment to the Procedure By-law to allow committees of Council to meet electronically during the state of emergency be enacted at the May 26, 2020 Council meeting; and

3. That the provisions related to in-person attendance and in-person quorum of the Policy for Ad Hoc/Advisory Committees and Local Boards be waived to allow electronic participation by members of the committees; and
4. That staff report back to Council regarding the success of electronic committee meetings.

Carried

(R5) PDS20-036 – Town-Initiated Official Plan Amendment to Consider Outdoor Swim Schools as a Permitted Home Occupation Use

1. That Report No. PDS20-036 be received; and
2. That Town-initiated Official Plan Amendment Number 2020-19 to permit outdoor swim schools as a Permitted Home Occupation in the Official Plan be approved by adding the following new clause to Section 6.13:
 - (v) “Notwithstanding Section 6.13 (a)(i) and (iv) respecting Home Occupations, outdoor swim schools may be permitted as a home occupation use in addition to related minor outdoor storage, where appropriate and subject to the other policies in Section 6.13.”
3. That a new fee be added to the Town's 2020 Fees and Charges By-law for a "Minor Variance for Outdoor Swim Schools" at a cost of \$250; and
4. That the implementing Official Plan Amendment and revised Fees and Charges By-Law be presented to a future Council meeting.

Carried

(R6) PDS20-039 – Aurora Economic Development Corporation Board Composition

1. That Report No. PDS20-039 be received; and
2. That the terms of reference of the Aurora Economic Development Corporation (the “AEDC”) be amended to increase the number of

local residents or business owners to nine and to decrease the number of Council representatives to two members of Council; and

3. That staff be directed to present to Council a special resolution to be passed by the AEDC Board of Directors to increase the number of local residents or business owners to nine and to decrease the number of Council representatives to two, which will be confirmed at a future meeting of Council.

Carried

7. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

None

8. Motions

(a) Councillor Gaertner

Re: Partial Lane Closure – Yonge Street

Withdrawn from agenda.

(b) Mayor Mrakas

Re: Downtown Street Wall Mural Program

Moved by Mayor Mrakas

Seconded by Councillor Humfries

Whereas experience shows that a mural in a well-considered location often brings a community together and improves spaces for people passing through neighbourhoods; and

Whereas a mural can create belonging and a sense of pride, reduce graffiti and tagging, and allow neighbourhoods to shape their community through beautification and shared project goals; and

Whereas a street wall mural program would allow local artists to beautify the downtown core in a unique way;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to report back to Council regarding a Downtown Street Wall Mural program where

local artists would create wall murals on Town-owned retaining walls along Yonge Street in the Downtown Core (Aurora Heights Drive to Kennedy Street); and

2. Be It Further Resolved That at least one Town-owned retaining wall shall be dedicated to our frontline workers, and the remaining Town-owned retaining wall murals shall be dedicated to the Town of Aurora; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That the report include guidelines for program objectives and eligibility requirements and timelines for selecting local artists.

**On a recorded vote the motion
Carried**

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0
Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
 Humfries, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas
Voting Nays: None

**(c) Councillor Thompson
Re: Municipal Service Level and Delivery Review**

**Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Kim**

Whereas the Town of Aurora is committed to making informed, affordable, strategic choices about how municipal services are delivered; and

Whereas Council wishes to examine how to improve services, identify any new or rising service demands, and evaluate service levels in the face of competing priorities and/or decreasing revenues and increasing costs to operate the municipality; and

Whereas Council wishes to set priorities and, where possible, identify potential revenue opportunities, reduce the cost of delivery while maintaining and/or improving services and service levels; and

Whereas a municipal service level and delivery review is a rigorous evaluation process that looks at the needs and expectations of the community, the performance and costs of the services provided, and may

provide insight on best practices and/or alternative/ better ways to deliver a service; and

Whereas the last municipal service level review was conducted in 2013;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora consider a Municipal Services Review to identify actions and directions that could result in a more efficient and cost-effective service delivery, enhanced organizational and operation procedures, new revenue streams, and potential savings; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That this item be referred to the 2021 budget with an estimate on the cost of conducting a service review; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That pending Council's approval of the cost to conduct a review, the CAO be directed to finalize and issue a Request for Proposal for a Service Level and Delivery Review no later than February 2021.

**On a recorded vote the motion
Carried**

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
Humfryes, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas

Voting Nays: None

9. Regional Report

York Regional Council Highlights – April 30, 2020

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

That the Regional Report of April 30, 2020, be received for information.

**On a recorded vote the motion
Carried**

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
Humfryes, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas

Voting Nays: None

10. New Business

Councillor Gallo inquired about the status of the Yonge Street “canopy of lights” installation, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Kim expressed his appreciation to staff for installing the tennis court rule signs and court waiting racks.

Councillor Gilliland referred to her email regarding litter accumulating at Herb McKenzie Park and requested clarity on any available resources for residents who may wish to volunteer in cleaning up areas of Town, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Gilliland inquired about the status of the remnants of an old culvert still remaining inside a new culvert, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Gilliland inquired about what could be done to manage the blowing garbage from the commercial dumpsters in the Herb McKenzie Park area, and staff agreed to follow up with the Councillor on this matter.

Councillor Thompson inquired about the status of the new fire station, and staff provided an update.

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the status of the tree removal permit fees review and report, and staff provided an update.

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the possibility of having a Town pothole hotline, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Gaertner extended congratulations to the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) on achieving a balanced budget for 2020.

Councillor Gaertner advised that the LSRCA would be reopening the Sheppard’s Bush trails on May 29, 2020, for passive recreation only, noting that short visits are recommended, washrooms remain closed, and lingering in parking lots would not be allowed.

11. By-laws

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the following by-laws be enacted:

- (a) **By-law Number 6257-20** Being a By-law to require owners and occupiers of land to clean, clear, and maintain private land and right of ways in the Town of Aurora.
- (b) **By-law Number 6258-20** Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 6228-19, as amended, to govern the proceedings of Council and Committee meetings of the Town of Aurora.

**On a recorded vote the motion
Carried**

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
Humfryes, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas

Voting Nays: None

12. Closed Session

None

13. Confirming By-law

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the following confirming by-law be enacted:

By-law Number 6259-20 Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from a Council Meeting on May 26, 2020.

**On a recorded vote the motion
Carried**

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
Humfryes, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas

Voting Nays: None

14. Adjournment

**Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by Councillor Kim**

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk