TOWN OF AURORA
GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, April 19, 2016

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS
Councillor Gaertner in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Humfries, Kim, Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe

MEMBERS ABSENT
None

OTHER ATTENDEES
Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Building and By-law Services, Director of Corporate and Financial Services/Treasurer, Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services, Acting, Director of Parks and Recreation Services, Director of Planning and Development Services, Associate Solicitor/Acting Director of Legal & Legislative Services, Deputy Clerk/Council & Committee Coordinator, and Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

General Committee approved the agenda as circulated by Legal and Legislative Service, with the following additions:

- Item 15 – Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2016
Item 16 – Memorandum from Mayor Dawe
Re: York Region Report – Land Use Planning and Appeal and Development Charges Systems Review

Item 17 – Memorandum from Mayor Dawe
Re: Correspondence from MPP Laurie Scott – Proposed Bill 158 Human Trafficking

Item 18 – Memorandum from Mayor Dawe
Re: Sponsorship Breakdown for the Run or Walk for Southlake Hospital - May 1, 2016

Notice of Motion (a) Councillor Thompson
Re: Development of an Attraction Strategy for the Hotel Industry

Closed Session Item 1 – Litigation or potential litigation including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the Town or a Local Board (section 239(2)(e) of the Municipal Act, 2001); Re: Closed Session Report No. IES16-041 – Aurora Family Leisure Complex

Closed Session Item 2 – A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Town or Local Board (section 239(2)(c) of the Municipal Act, 2001); Re: Potential Purchase of Lands – Yonge Street

3. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 16, and 17 were identified for discussion.

4. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 18 were identified as items not requiring separate discussion.

General Committee recommends:

THAT the following recommendations respecting the matters listed as “Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion” be adopted as submitted to the General Committee and staff be authorized to take all necessary action required to give effect to same:

1. IES16-035 – Town of Aurora Comprehensive Stormwater Management Master Plan

THAT Report No. IES16-035 be received; and
THAT The Comprehensive Stormwater Management Master Plan be endorsed subject to future budget approval; and

THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Clerk of York Region.

2. IES16-036 – Award of Tender IES 2016-20 – The Reconstruction of Catherine Avenue

THAT Report No. IES16-036 be received; and

THAT Tender IES 2016-20 for Capital project No. 31111 for the Reconstruction of Catherine Avenue be awarded to IL Duca Contracting Inc. in the amount of $732,706.20, excluding taxes; and

THAT the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary Agreement, including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same.

4. IES16-038 – Extension of Janitorial Services Contract

THAT Report No. IES16-038 be received; and

THAT cleaning for the new Aurora Operations Centre be awarded to Royal Building Cleaning Ltd. for the period of May 1 to July 31, 2016 in the amount of $40,000 excluding taxes.

5. IES16-039 – Purchase Order Increases P.O. No. 713 and P.O. No. 714 – HVAC Maintenance Services

THAT Report No. IES16-039 be received; and

THAT Purchase Order No. 713 for Carmichael Engineering Ltd., be increased for year one of Contract IES 2015-35 for HVAC Services at various Town Facilities, in the Town of Aurora, in the amount of $125,000, excluding taxes; and

THAT Purchase Order No. 714 for Dunlis Mechanical Services Ltd., be increased for year one of Contract IES 2015-35 for HVAC Services at various Town Facilities, in the Town of Aurora, in the amount of $125,000, excluding taxes.
9. **PDS16-024 – Application for Exemption from Part Lot Control, Brookfield Homes (Ontario) Aurora Ltd., Blocks 15, 16 & 19, Plan 65M-4467 being 65R-36163 and 65R-36213, File No.: PLC-2016-02**

THAT Report No. PDS16-024 be received; and

THAT the Application for Exemption from Part Lot Control submitted by Brookfield Homes (Ontario) Aurora Ltd. to divide Blocks 15, 16 and 19, on Plan 65M-4467 into 17 separate lots for townhouse units be approved; and

THAT the Part Lot Control Exemption By-law be introduced and enacted at a future Council meeting.

11. **Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2016**

THAT the Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee meeting minutes of March 22, 2016, be received for information.

12. **Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2016**

THAT the Finance Advisory Committee meeting minutes of March 22, 2016, be received for information.

13. **Special Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 31, 2016**

THAT the Special Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting minutes of March 31, 2016, be received; and

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

1. **PRS16-015 – Implementation of the Sport Plan**

THAT tasks T1, T3, T15, T16, T17, T21, and T22 be referred to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee prior to a recommendation being presented to Council.

2. **Parks and Recreation Master Plan Implementation Schedule**

THAT tasks T1, T4, T4a, T4b, T5, T9, T16, T27, T30, T34, and T35 be referred to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee prior to a recommendation being presented to Council; and
THAT task T41 be referred to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee prior to a recommendation being presented to Council.

14. Canada 150 Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2016 and April 4, 2016

THAT the Canada 150 Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of March 16, 2016, and April 4, 2016, be received for information.

15. Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2016
(Added Item)

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of April 11, 2016, be received; and

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

1. HAC16-003 – Heritage Permit Application, 20 Catherine Avenue, File: NE-HCD-HPA-16-01

THAT Heritage Permit Application NE-HCD-HPA-15-06 be approved to permit the construction of a 52m² accessory structure as per submitted plans; and

THAT the demolition of the existing detached garage be approved.

2. Memorandum from Planner
Re: Additional Information, Heritage Advisory Committee Report No. HAC15-015, 101 Tyler Street

THAT the property located at 101 Tyler Street be considered for removal from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest; and

THAT the proposed elevations be subject to approval of Planning Staff to ensure the proposed new dwelling will maintain the heritage character of the area; and

THAT items of significance be salvaged and incorporated into the new dwelling or donated to the Aurora Architectural Salvage Program; and

THAT the tree located in the front yard of the existing dwelling be retained, if feasible.
18. Memorandum from Mayor Dawe
Re: Sponsorship Breakdown for the Run or Walk for Southlake Hospital – May 1, 2016
(Added Item)

THAT the memorandum regarding Sponsorship Breakdown for the Run or Walk for Southlake Hospital - May 1, 2016, be received.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS

(a) Chris Denich, P.Eng, Aquafor Beech Ltd.
Re: Item 1 – IES16-035 – Town of Aurora Comprehensive Stormwater Management Master Plan

Mr. Denich presented an overview of the Town of Aurora Comprehensive Stormwater Management Master Plan, including the background, objectives, study process, conclusions, and recommendations.

General Committee received the comments of the delegation.

6. PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

None

7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

3. IES16-037 – Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. IES16-037 be received; and

THAT the 2016 combined Water, Wastewater budget of $18,744,076 and the Stormwater budget of $1,325,841 be approved; and

THAT the 2016 retail water rate of $2.14 per cubic meter and the retail wastewater rate of $1.89 per cubic meter of water be approved; and
THAT the 2016 flat rate stormwater charge of $5.01 per unit per month for residential and condominium properties and $63.63 per unit per month for metered non-residential commercial/industrial and multi-residential properties be approved; and

THAT the new approved retail water, retail wastewater and stormwater charge rates become effective for all billings issued by the Town on or after May 1, 2016, and be retroactive for all consumption newly billed on such billings; and

THAT the 2016 bulk water purchase rate of $4.03 per cubic meter dispensed effective May 1, 2016 be approved; and

THAT the necessary by-law be enacted to implement the 2016 retail water rate, retail wastewater rate, stormwater charge and bulk water purchase rate; and

THAT the Town’s full-time staff complement be increased by one to 212 (excluding Library Board and Central York Fire Services staff) by approving the new non-union position of Water Compliance Analyst for 2016, to be funded from the water wastewater and stormwater rates budget.

CARRIED

6. IES16-040 – Facility Projects Status Report

General Committee consented to consider Item 6 following consideration of Item 8.

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. IES16-040 be received for information.

CARRIED

7. PRS16-017 – Mavrinac Park Conceptual Design

General Committee consented to consider Item 7 prior to consideration of Item 3.

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. PRS16-017 be received; and

THAT staff be directed to conduct a Public Open House for the purposes of obtaining input and comments from the public on the proposed design and facilities to be included in the park; and
THAT the Mavrinac Park Conceptual Design be referred to the Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for comment; and

THAT funding from the Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland Reserve, in an amount not to exceed $1,300,000.00 for the design and construction of the park, be approved; and

THAT staff report back to Council with the information and comments received at the Public Open House including any revisions to the park concept plan, cost estimate and a proposed date of construction commencement.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

8. PDS16-023 – Zoning By-law Amendment, BG Properties Aurora Inc. (formerly Coutts), 14222, 14314, 14358 & 14378, Yonge Street, Related File: SUB-2012-03, File Number: ZBA-2012-16

General Committee consented to consider Item 8 following consideration of Item 7.

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. PDS16-023 be received; and

THAT Application to Amend the Zoning By-law File No. ZBA-2012-16 (BG Properties Aurora Inc.) to add Single Detached Residential, Open Space and Environmental Protection uses on the subject lands be approved; and

THAT the implementing Zoning By-law be presented at a future Council Meeting.

CARRIED

10. PDS16-026 – Cultural Precinct/Library Square Repurposing Project Plan

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. PDS16-026 be received; and

THAT Council endorse the planning approval process outlined in this report; and
THAT staff prepare reports and schedule public consultation meetings in accordance with the approval process.  
CARRIED

16. Memorandum from Mayor Dawe  
Re: York Region Report – Land Use Planning and Appeal and Development Charges Systems Review  
(Added Item)

General Committee recommends:

THAT the memorandum regarding York Region Report – Land Use Planning and Appeal and Development Charges Systems Review be received for information.  
CARRIED

17. Memorandum from Mayor Dawe  
Re: Correspondence from MPP Laurie Scott – Proposed Bill 158 – Human Trafficking  
(Added Item)

General Committee recommends:

THAT the correspondence from MPP Laurie Scott – Proposed Bill 158 – Human Trafficking be received; and

THAT the Town of Aurora supports Bill 158, Saving the Girl Next Door Act, 2016, and supports MPP Laurie Scott’s motion for a multi-jurisdictional and coordinated task force of law enforcement agencies, Crown prosecutors, judges, victims’ services and frontline agencies; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Members of Provincial Parliament and municipalities.  
CARRIED AS AMENDED

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Councillor Thompson  
Re: Development of an Attraction Strategy for the Hotel Industry
WHEREAS Aurora’s Strategic Plan identifies the establishment of a hotel and/or convention centre that meets the growing needs of our businesses and residents as a key objective; and

WHEREAS Aurora’s Cultural Master Plan, Economic Development Action Plan, and Sport Plan all reference the need for a hotel; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Members of Council have expressed the importance of attracting a hotel to Aurora and identified it as a key priority this Term;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Economic Development Advisory Committee and staff be directed to develop a strategy and comprehensive action plan to enhance the Town’s ability to attract and secure a hotel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff report back to Council prior to the approval of the 2017 Budget.

9. NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL INFORMATION

Mayor Dawe advised that the Aurora Seniors’ Centre Volunteer Appreciation dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Aurora Seniors’ Centre.

Councillor Abel inquired about the mobile signs being used to advertise the Community Earth Week Fair, and if they could be used to advertise the Annual Clean-up Day event. Staff advised that the signs are typically used to advertise the Annual Clean-up Day, and that they will follow up on this matter.

Councillor Thom advised that on Saturday, April 23, 2016, the Queen’s York Rangers Army Cadets will be collecting empty wine, liquor and beer bottles for recycling as a fundraiser to send cadets to Vimy Ridge, France, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

Councillor Thom noted that the Queen’s York Rangers Army Cadets’ air rifle marksmanship team placed first in the provincial championships.

Councillor Pirri advised that the Community Earth Week Fair will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Aurora Armoury. He noted that coffee will be available for attendees who BYOM (bring your own mug).
Councillor Pirri inquired about the new pictures of past Council members around Town Hall.

Councillor Gaertner inquired regarding the renewal of the Theatre Aurora lease. Staff indicated that they are in the process of renegotiating the lease, and that a report outlining the changes is forthcoming.

Councillor Abel inquired about the agreement with the Aurora Farmers’ Market and Artisan Fair, and whether the concerns regarding the parking of vehicles on Town Park property have been addressed. Staff advised that they have received the vendor applications, and that the parking concerns have been resolved.

10. CLOSED SESSION

General Committee resolved into Closed Session, following adjournment, to consider the following matters:

1. Litigation or potential litigation including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the Town or a Local Board (section 239(2)(e) of the Municipal Act, 2001); Re: Closed Session Report No. IES16-041 – Aurora Family Leisure Complex
   (Added Item)

2. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Town or Local Board (section 239(2)(c) of the Municipal Act, 2001); Re: Potential Purchase of Lands – Yonge Street
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11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

WENDY GAERTNER, COUNCILLOR       PATTY THOMA, DEPUTY CLERK

THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2016 RECEIVED FINAL APPROVAL BY COUNCIL ON APRIL 26, 2016, WITH THE EXCEPTIO

OF ITEMS 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, AND 12, WHICH WERE PULLED AND APPROVED AS ORIGINALLY RECOMMENDED.