



# Town of Aurora Council Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall  
Tuesday, September 26, 2017

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## **Attendance**

**Council Members** Mayor Dawe in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Humfryes (arrived 7:35 p.m.), Kim, Mrakas, Thom, and Thompson

**Members Absent** Councillor Pirri

**Other Attendees** Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Dan Elliott, Director of Financial Services, Marco Ramunno, Director of Planning and Building Services, Al Downey, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, Stephanie Mackenzie-Smith, Manager of Corporate Communications, Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor, Michael de Rond, Town Clerk, Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Secretary, and Ishita Soneji, Council/Committee Secretary

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

## **1. Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved by Councillor Mrakas**

**Seconded by Councillor Kim**

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, with the following addition, be approved:

- Presentation (b) Ashley Woods, Curator of Making Peace Exhibition; Re: Overview of Making Peace Outdoor Exhibition

**Carried**

## **2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

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

## **3. Presentations**

- (a) Adrian Wong, Recreation Supervisor – Aquatics & Fitness, and Jill Foster, Chief Executive Officer, Aurora Public Library**  
**Re: Recognition of Town and Library Staff for Rescue Efforts on May 30, 2017, and July 31, 2017**

Mr. Wong and Ms. Foster recognized the rescue efforts of staff members who saved two lives in two separate incidents at Town facilities, and certificates were presented to: Jodi Alexander, Community Program Coordinator, Adrian Bunyi, Lifeguard, Terri Edwards, Aquatics Coordinator, Nicole Lawlor, Lifeguard, Courtney Leveck, Customer Service Representative, Greg Peri, Acting Youth and Community Development Coordinator, Jennifer Savov, Lifeguard, Glenda Willcock, Lifeguard, Adrian Wong, Recreation Supervisor, and Library staff Reccia Mandelcorn, Manager of Community Collaboration and Ashley Nunn-Smith, Manager of Content, Access and Innovation. The recipients of the lifesaving first aid, Mr. Osti and Mr. Golder, were in attendance and expressed their appreciation.

**Moved by Councillor Thom**  
**Seconded by Councillor Kim**

That the presentation be received for information.

**Carried**

- (b) Ashley Woods, Curator of Making Peace Exhibition**  
**Re: Overview of Making Peace Outdoor Exhibition**

Mr. Woods presented an overview of the Making Peace international photographic outdoor exhibition, a portion of which will be on display in Aurora's Town Park from Friday, September 29 to Sunday, November 19, 2017, with the opening ceremony taking place on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, at the Aurora Cultural Centre. He noted that further information is available at [www.makingpeace.org](http://www.makingpeace.org).

**Moved by Councillor Abel**  
**Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

That the presentation be received for information.

**Carried**

#### **4. Delegations**

- (a) **David Basco and Jessica Kerr, representing Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation**  
**Re: Item C1(R5) – CAO17-005 – Donation of Naming Rights, Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation Gala**

Mr. Basco and Ms. Kerr presented information on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary Southlake Black Tie Gala to be held on October 14, 2017, in support of the hospital's most urgent priorities, and expressed appreciation for the generous support of all the hospital's signature events. It was noted that more than \$200,000 have been raised through the donations of parkettes, and that they are requesting the opportunity for naming rights in perpetuity to a parkette in northeast Aurora, which will be sold to the highest bidder at the Gala's live auction.

**Moved by Councillor Thom**  
**Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Item C1(R5).

**Carried**

#### **5. Consent Agenda**

Council consented to consider Items C1(R1) and C1(R4) under Section 6, Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda) as Items R2 and R3 respectively.

**Moved by Councillor Abel**  
**Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

That the following Consent Agenda items, C1 (with the exception of sub-items R1 and R4) to C4 inclusive, be approved:

**C1. General Committee Meeting Report of September 19, 2017**

1. That the General Committee meeting report of September 19, 2017, be received and the following recommendations carried by the Committee be approved:

**(C1) IES17-035 – Award of Tender 2017-100-IES, New Service Connections**

1. That Report No. IES17-035 be received; and
2. That Tender No. 2017-100-IES – The Construction of New Sewer and Watermain Service Connections for one (1) year commencing on January 1, 2018, with an option to renew by the Town, in its sole discretion, for an additional two (2) one (1) year periods, in the Town of Aurora, be awarded to V. M. DiMonte Construction Limited at the unit prices tendered; and
3. That the Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services be authorized to renew Tender 2017-100-IES for an additional two, one-year periods pending an annual analysis and satisfactory performance review by the Director; and
4. 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.

**(C2) Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2017**

1. That the Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of June 6, 2017, be received for information.

**(R2) PBS17-068 – Proposals for Zoning By-law Amendment Applications**

1. That Report No. PBS17-068 be received; and

2. That the Zoning By-law Amendment Proposal for (a) 132-198 Old Bloomington Road (The Biglieri Group Ltd.) be received as a Zoning By-law Amendment Application; and
3. That the Zoning By-law Amendment Proposal for (b) 15356 Yonge Street (2578461 Ontario Inc.) be received as a Zoning By-law Amendment Application; and
4. That the Zoning By-law Amendment Proposal for (c) Shimvest, Prato and Preserve, Aurora 2B be received as a Zoning By-law Amendment Application.

**(R3) PBS17-069 – Mural Sign Request for DNA Bar & Lounge – 15480 Yonge Street**

1. That Report No. PBS17-069 be received; and
2. That the request for a mural sign for the property located at 15480 Yonge Street be denied.

**(R5) CAO17-005 – Donation of Naming Rights, Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation Gala**

1. That Report No. CAO17-005 be received; and
2. That the naming of the Trailhead Parkette in the subdivision located at St. John's Sideroad and Thomas Phillip Drive, to be auctioned in support of the Regional Cancer Care Program, be approved.

**C2. Council Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2017**

1. That the Council meeting minutes of September 12, 2017, be adopted as printed and circulated.

**C3. Council Closed Session Minutes of September 12, 2017**

1. That the Council Closed Session minutes of September 12, 2017, be adopted as printed and circulated.

**C4. Council Closed Session Public Minutes of September 12, 2017**

1. That the Council Closed Session Public minutes of September 12, 2017, be adopted as printed and circulated.

**Carried**

**6. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)**

Items were considered in the following order: R2, R3, and R1.

**R1. FS17-041 – 2018 Capital Investment Program and Ten Year Asset Management Plan Overview**

Dan Elliott, Director of Financial Services, presented a review of the Ten-Year Capital Investment Plan and an introduction of the 2018 Capital Budget. He noted that the 2018 Capital Budget binders were being distributed to Council this evening.

**Moved by Councillor Thompson  
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

1. That the presentation from the Director of Financial Services be received; and
2. That Report No. FS17-041 be received; and
3. That the draft 2017 Ten Year Capital Investment Plan and draft 2018 Capital Budgets be received and referred to the Budget Committee meeting scheduled for October 14, 2017.

**Carried**

**R2. PRCS17-031 – Tree Removal Permit Application – 81 Catherine Avenue (Formerly Consent Agenda Item C1(R1))**

**Moved by Councillor Abel  
Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

1. That Report No. PRCS17-031 be received; and

2. That Tree Permit Application No. 057 be partially approved to allow the removal of the four (4) White Spruce trees located at 81 Catherine Avenue; and
3. That the request for the removal of the two (2) Red Maple trees located at 82 Centre Street be denied.

**Carried**

**R3. PBS17-071 – Applications for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment, York Region Christian Seniors' Home Inc., 440, 460, 480 and 500 William Graham Drive, Plan 65M-4442, Block 4 and Block 5, File Number: OPA-2017-04, ZBA-2016-12**

(Formerly Consent Agenda Item C1(R4))

**Moved by Councillor Mrakas  
Seconded by Councillor Abel**

1. That Report No. PBS17-071 be received; and
2. That Application to Amend the Official Plan, File Number OPA-2017-04 (York Region Christian Seniors' Home Inc.), to permit a maximum building height of seven (7) storeys be approved; and
3. That Application to Amend the Zoning By-law File Number ZBA-2016-12 (York Region Christian Seniors' Home Inc.), to amend the 'RA2(423)' and '(H)RA2(424)' exception zones to include assisted living units and accessory uses as permitted uses, and to allow a maximum building height of seven (7) storeys be approved; and
4. That the Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment be presented at a future Council Meeting; and
5. That a Temporary Use By-law for temporary relief of providing 80% of parking spaces underground be presented at a future Council Meeting.

**Carried**

## **7. Notices of Motion**

None

## **8. Motions**

### **(a) Councillor Mrakas**

**Re: Aurora Christmas Market (Outdoor)**

**Moved by Councillor Mrakas**

**Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

Whereas special events align with Objective 3: Celebrating and promoting our culture and Objective 5: Strengthening the fabric of our community, of the Town's Strategic Plan; and

Whereas the revitalization of the downtown core is a key priority for our businesses and residents;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff develop a new special event—a one night, outdoor Aurora Christmas Market—to be held prior to Christmas 2017 in Library Square; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That staff report back to Council with dates and costs associated with holding a 2017 Aurora Christmas Market for Council's approval; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That staff include costs associated with holding a 2018 Aurora Christmas Market as a budget option in the 2018 Draft Operating Budget for consideration by Budget Committee.

**Carried**

## **9. Regional Report**

None

## **10. New Business**

Councillor Kim requested an update on the LED street lighting project follow-up, and staff indicated that a report is forthcoming.

Councillor Kim inquired about the new trees in Mavrillac Park, and staff provided an update.

Councillor Humfries inquired about the Making Peace exhibit in relation to the Aurora Farmers' Market and Artisan Fair, and Councillor Abel provided an update.

Councillor Abel inquired about the status of the Pending List, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Mrakas inquired about the lot coverage of the rebuild at 32 Wells Street and access to the neighbouring property, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Mrakas inquired about the Treasure Hill development in the Yonge and Wellington area in relation to the street parking concerns of residents on Irwin Avenue and Machell Avenue, and staff agreed to investigate this matter.

Councillor Mrakas referred to the truck traffic on Bathurst Street, in relation to the Highland Gate development, and inquired about whether temporary traffic lights could be installed to improve safety in the area. Staff provided an update and agreed to discuss this matter with York Region.

Councillor Kim requested an update on the park lighting concerns of the Highland Gate Ratepayers Association and local residents, and staff indicated that a report is forthcoming.

## **11. Public Service Announcements**

Councillor Gaertner noted her attendance at the Queen's York Rangers Army Cadet Corps' 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion event held on September 23, 2017, and expressed her appreciation to all those who have served our country.

Councillor Gaertner extended best wishes to those celebrating the Jewish New Year, and noted that Yom Kippur will be observed from sundown on September 29 to sundown on September 30, 2017.

Councillor Abel noted his attendance, on behalf of the Mayor, at an event on September 25, 2017, in honour of Franco-Ontarian Day, officially recognized by proclamation, where he accepted a piece of artwork created by a student. He expressed appreciation to the schools and staff who participated in the event.

Councillor Humfries extended a reminder about the Aurora Farmers' Market and Artisan Fair held every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Town Park, until October 7, 2017.

Councillor Humfries advised that her father sustained injuries as the vehicle crash victim of an impaired driver during the past weekend, and she extended a reminder to everyone to not drink and drive.

Councillor Thom extended a reminder that the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Hillary House Ball will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2017, at the King Valley Golf Club with doors opening at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. He noted that tickets and more information is available by calling 905-727-8991 or by email to [community@aurorahs.com](mailto:community@aurorahs.com).

Mayor Dawe announced that the Colours of Fall Concert will be held in Town Park from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 5, 2017.

Mayor Dawe noted that the Access Aurora hours are now 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday through Friday, with extended hours from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Mayor Dawe announced that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Fall 2017 Program Guide is available and program information may be accessed at [aurora.ca/recguide](http://aurora.ca/recguide).

Mayor Dawe encouraged residents to participate in the 2018 Citizen Budget at [aurora.citizenbudget.com](http://aurora.citizenbudget.com) by October 31, 2017.

Mayor Dawe extended a reminder that Culture Days events will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2017, at Town Park, including a web-based mobile scavenger hunt from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., followed by the Trailblazer Music Festival at the Armoury with open mic from noon to 2 p.m. and live bands from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

## **12. By-laws**

None

## **13. Closed Session**

None

## **14. Confirming By-law**

**Moved by Councillor Thompson**

**Seconded by Councillor Abel**

That the following confirming by-law be enacted:

**By-law Number 6010-17** Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from a Council Meeting on September 26, 2017.

**Carried**

## **15. Adjournment**

**Moved by Councillor Kim**

**Seconded by Councillor Thom**

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

**Carried**

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**Geoffrey Dawe, Mayor**

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**Michael de Rond, Town Clerk**

The minutes of the Council meeting of September 26, 2017, received final approval by Council on October 10, 2017.