



Town of Aurora Council Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Attendance

Council Members Mayor Dawe in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Humfryes, Kim (arrived at 7:38 p.m.), Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, and Thompson

Members Absent None

Other Attendees Marco Ramunno, Director of Planning and Building Services (and Acting Chief Administrative Officer), Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services, Dan Elliott, Director of Financial 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, and Ishita Soneji, Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Council consented to recess at 8:48 p.m. and reconvene the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Mrakas

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

- Item C5 – Memorandum from Councillor Mrakas; Re: Correspondence from Jack Dougan regarding Item R2 (c) of General Committee Meeting of November

7, 2017, Request for Approval to Submit a Zoning Amendment Application – 103, 107 and 111 Metcalfe Street

- Item R4 – Report No. IES17-041 – Additional Information to General Committee Item R8 – IES17-037 – Award of Request for Proposal 2017-81-IES – For Consulting Services to Develop the Town of Aurora’s Community Energy Plan
- Item R5 – Report No. IES17-042 – Implementation of Train Whistle Cessation for GO Train Crossings Design and Peer Review Budget

Carried

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Councillor Humfryes declared a pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* with respect to Item R6 (formerly item C1(R1)) regarding the 2018 Central York Fire Services Budget for Aurora Comment, as a family member is employed by Central York Fire Services.

3. Presentations

On a motion by Councillor Pirri and seconded by Councillor Humfryes, Council consented to allow an extension of five minutes for Presentation (b).

(a) Laurie Mueller, Executive Director, Sport Aurora Re: Official Launch of Activate Aurora’s Take the Pledge Campaign

Mr. Ron Weese and Mr. Ken Turriff, of Sport Aurora, presented background information regarding the Activate Aurora campaign, and presented a short video about taking the pledge to become more physically active.

**Moved by Councillor Abel
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

That the presentation be received for information.

Carried

**(b) Paul McIntosh, Architect, and Chris Kubbinga, Architect, Thomas Brown Architects
Re: Item R3 – PRCS17-041 – Central York Fire Services Headquarters
Station 4-5**

Mr. McIntosh and Mr. Kubbinga presented an overview of the site plans and detailed renderings of the proposed fire station, and provided a walk-through of the 3D model of the fire station.

**Moved by Councillor Pirri
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

That the comments of the presentation be received and referred to Item R3.

Carried

4. Delegations

None

5. Consent Agenda

Council consented to consider Items C1(R1), C1(R4), and C1(R8) under Section 6, Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda) as Items R6, R7, and R8 respectively.

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

That the following Consent Agenda items—C1 (with the exception of sub-items R1, R2, R4 and R8) to C5 inclusive—be approved:

C1. General Committee Meeting Report of November 7, 2017

1. That the General Committee meeting report of November 7, 2017, be received and the following recommendations carried by the Committee be approved:

**(C1) PRCS17-034 – Culture and Recreation Grant Semi-Annual
Allocation for September 2017**

1. That Report No. PRCS17-034 be received for information.

(C2) Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2017

1. That the Finance Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 27, 2017, be received for information.

(C3) Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2017

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of October 4, 2017, be received for information.

(C4) Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2017

1. That the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting minutes of October 5, 2017, be received for information.

(C5) Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2017

1. That the Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of October 10, 2017, be received for information.

(C6) Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2017

1. That the Finance Advisory Committee meeting minutes of October 12, 2017, be received for information.

(C7) Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2017

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of October 16, 2017, be received for information.

(C8) IES17-038 – Award of Tender IES 2017-102 – Supply and Delivery of One 2018 Single Axle Dump Truck and One 2018 Dual Axle Dump Truck

1. That Report No. IES17-038 be received; and

2. That Tender IES 2017-102 for the supply and delivery of one single axle dump truck and one dual axle dump truck be awarded to Currie Truck Centre, in the amount of \$413,747, excluding taxes; and
3. 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.

(R3) PRCS17-037 – Aurora Outdoor Christmas Market

1. That Report No. PRCS17-037 be received; and
2. That the framework presented in this report be endorsed; and
3. That staff report back to Council on the need for additional staff for Special Events/Communications in Q1 of 2018; and
4. That the Aurora Outdoor Christmas Market be included as an option in the 2018 Budget; and
5. That the Aurora Christmas Outdoor Market not be approved in 2017; and
6. That a mini Christmas Market be held at the Town's 2017 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, funded in the amount of \$3,000 from the Council Operating Contingency Fund, if feasible as determined by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

(R5) PBS17-078 – Town of Aurora Official Plan Workplan Update

1. That Report No. PBS17-078 be received for information.

(R6) CS17-036 – Pre-Budget Approval for the Hiring of an Elections Coordinator

1. That Report No. CS17-036 be received; and
2. That pre-budget approval for a full-time Elections Coordinator, for a one-year contract position in advance of the final approval of the 2018 Operating Budget, be provided.

(R7) IES17-035 – Winter Sand/Salt Storage Facility Door

1. That Report No. IES17-035 be received; and
2. That 2017 Capital Project No. 72311 – Installation of Sand/Salt Facility Door be approved; and
3. That a total budget of \$25,000 be approved for Capital Project No. 72311 to be funded from the Growth and New Reserve Fund; and
4. That staff be authorized to proceed with Capital Project No. 72311 – Installation of Sand/Salt Facility Door prior to the 2017/18 winter season.

(R9) Summary of Committee Recommendations Report No. 2017-10

1. That Summary of Committee Recommendations Report No. 2017-10 be received; and
2. That the Committee recommendations contained within this report be approved.

(R10) PRCS17-038 – Use of 14700 Yonge Street (Old Canadian Tire) for Santa Claus Parade

1. That Report No. PRCS17-038 be received; and
2. That the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services be authorized to execute an agreement with Canadian Tire Real Estate Limited for the use of 14700 Yonge Street during the Santa Claus parade on Saturday, November 25, 2017.

(R11) FS17-054 – 2018 Draft Capital Budget Remaining Items

1. That Report No. FS17-054 be received; and
2. That 2018 Capital Project No. 72285 – JOC – Additional Work be given conditional approval – additional information required; and
3. That 2018 Capital Project No. 72310 – 22 Church St – Exterior Sign be given conditional approval – additional information required; and

4. That 2018 Capital Project No. 34525 – Yonge St Parking Plan not be approved

C2. Council Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2017

1. That the Council meeting minutes of October 24, 2017, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C3. Council Closed Session Minutes of October 17, 2017

1. That the Council Closed session minutes of October 17, 2017, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C4. Council Closed Session Public Minutes of October 17, 2017

1. That the Council Closed Session Public minutes of October 17, 2017 be adopted as printed and circulated.

C5. Memorandum from Councillor Mrakas

Re: Correspondence from Jack Dougan regarding Item R2 (c) of General Committee Meeting of November 7, 2017, Request for Approval to Submit a Zoning Amendment Application – 103, 107 and 111 Metcalfe Street

1. That the memorandum regarding the correspondence from Jack Dougan regarding Item R2 (c) of General Committee Meeting of November 7, 2017, Request for Approval to Submit a Zoning Amendment Application – 103, 107 and 111 Metcalfe Street, be received for information.

Carried

On a motion by Councillor Humfryes seconded by Councillor Pirri, Council consented on a two-thirds vote to permit the reconsideration of Item C1(R2) under Section 6, Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda) as Item R9.

6. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

Items were considered in the following order: R4 and R8 together, R6, R9, R7, R1, R2, R3, and R5.

R1. FS17-048 – 2018 Final Capital Budget Report

**Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Mrakas**

1. That Report No. FS17-048 be received; and
2. That the updated 2017 Asset Management Plan be received; and
3. That the updated 2017 Ten Year Capital Investment Plan be received;
and
4. That the 2018 Capital Budget for Repair and Replacement of existing infrastructure totaling \$13,406,329 as listed in Attachment 3, be approved; and
5. That the 2018 Capital Budget for Growth and New Capital totaling \$16,029,611 as listed in Attachment 4, be approved; and
6. That the 2018 Capital Budget for Studies and Other Projects totaling \$605,000 as listed in Attachment 5, be approved; and
7. That the funding sources for each capital project included in this report, as those reviewed and recommended by Budget Committee on October 14 and November 7, 2017, be approved.

Carried

R2. FS17-056 – Appointment of Deputy Treasurer

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

1. That Report No. FS17-056 be received; and
2. That the necessary By-law to appoint a replacement Deputy Treasurer be adopted.

Carried

R3. PRCS17-041 – Central York Fire Services Headquarters Station 4-5

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

1. That Report No. PRCS17-041 be received; and
2. That the design for the Central York Fire Services Station 4-5 presented by Thomas Brown Architects Inc. be approved; and
3. That staff be authorized to proceed with Phase 2 of the RFP submitted by Thomas Brown Architects Inc. for the preparation of detailed drawings, specifications and tender documents in the amount of \$165,000, excluding disbursements and taxes.

Carried

**R4. IES17-041 – Additional Information to General Committee Item R8 –
IES17-037 – Award of Request for Proposal 2017-81-IES –
For Consulting Services to Develop the Town of Aurora’s
Community Energy Plan Moved by Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

Council consented to consider Items R4 and R8 together.

**Motion to refer
Moved by Councillor Pirri
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

1. That Report Nos. IES17-041 and IES17-037 be referred to the General Committee meeting of November 21, 2017.

**Motion to refer
Carried**

**R5. IES17-042 – Implementation of Train Whistle Cessation for GO Train
Crossings Design and Peer Review Budget**

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

1. That Report No. IES17-042 be received; and
2. That the Implementation of Train Whistle Cessation for GO Train Crossings be given conditional approval, pending a further staff report.

Carried

R6. FS17-053 – 2018 Central York Fire Services Budget for Aurora Comment
(Formerly Consent Agenda Item C1(R1))

Moved by Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by Councillor Pirri

1. That Report No. FS17-053 be received; and
2. That the draft 2018 Central York Fire Services budgets as recommended for approval by the Joint Council Committee be supported.

Carried

R7. FS17-046 – 2018 Operating Budget
(Formerly Consent Agenda Item C1(R4))

Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by Councillor Mrakas

1. That Report No. FS17-046 be received; and
2. That the 2018 draft Operating Budget be referred to Budget Committee for review at its scheduled meetings commencing November 18, 2017; and
3. That following the completion of the Budget Committee reviews, the Treasurer bring forward a final budget approval report reflecting all adjustments recommended by the Committee.

Carried

**R8. IES17-037 – Award of Request for Proposal 2017-81-IES – For
Consulting Services to Develop the Town of Aurora’s
Community Energy Plan**

(Formerly Consent Agenda Item C1(R8))

Item R8 was considered together with Item R4.

R9. PBS17-079 – Proposal for Zoning By-law Amendment Application
(Formerly Consent Agenda Item C1(R2))

Main motion

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Pirri

1. That Report No. PBS17-079 be received; and
2. That the Zoning By-law Amendment Application related to the Zoning By-law Proposal (a) L&B Aurora Inc. (Northeast Corner of Wellington Street East and John West Way) be accepted.

Amendment No. 1

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Pirri

1. That the Zoning By-law Amendment Application related to the Zoning By-law Proposal (b) 2567086 Ontario Inc. (100 Tyler Street and 34-46 George Street) be accepted.

Defeated

Amendment No. 2

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Pirri

1. That the Zoning By-law Amendment Application related to the Zoning By-law Proposal (c) 2419059 Ontario Inc. (103, 107 and 111 Metcalfe Street) be accepted.

Defeated

**Main motion
Carried**

7. Notices of Motion

None

8. Motions

(a) Councillor Abel

Re: Affordable Housing Plan

Moved by Councillor Abel

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

Whereas the province has legislated the *Affordable Housing Act 2016*, an Act that allows for a Strategy to meet demands for affordable units; and

Whereas the Act does provide the framework, however there is further direction required from municipalities in order to meet the demand in affordable rental stock; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora has approved Secondary Suites; and

Whereas the Act, works best where there is urban growth; and

Whereas, the York Region Local Municipal Housing Working Group has been exploring options to address housing supply and affordability issues and to develop an affordable ownership and rental housing incentives framework; and

Whereas the Ministry of Municipal Affairs with the Ministry of Housing have signalled they will include Inclusionary Zoning, which is a discretionary tool for Municipalities to employ, to require private-market development to include below-market-rate rental and/or ownership housing; and

Whereas planning and thinking before funding programs become available is a sound strategic investment of resources, and creates clarity and certainty for Municipalities; and

Whereas Rental Stock allows for all ranges of incomes aging in a familiar community and revenue opportunities;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff report back with municipal guidelines for affordable housing, for our Official Plan policies and Zoning By-laws; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That the report refer to and incorporate guidelines, funding and policies from the three (3) upper tier governments, being the Region, Provincial and Federal governments.

Motion to defer

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

1. That Motion (a) Councillor Abel Re: Affordable Housing Plan be deferred to the Council meeting of December 12, 2017.

**Motion to defer
Carried**

(b) Councillor Abel

Re: Aurora Pow-Wow 2018

Moved by Councillor Abel

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

Whereas the Town of Aurora in June 2017 hosted an event for the Canada 150 Celebration, called the New Beginnings Pow-Wow in Aurora; and

Whereas this event was well attended, and drew a significant percentage of attendees from out of town; and

Whereas the 2017 New Beginnings Pow-Wow in Aurora event was funded through the federal government grant application process; and

Whereas this was an inaugural event, and worth considering expanding this initiative to an annual Pow-Wow event as per the Town's Cultural Master Plan;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to prepare information in the form of a budget option to hold the Aurora Pow-Wow 2018 for consideration by Budget Committee during the 2018 Budget review.

Carried

(c) Councillor Abel

Re: Pedestrian Traffic Calming

Moved by Councillor Abel

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

Whereas the Town of Aurora supports active transportation, safe traffic calming measures and safe pedestrian crossings; and

Whereas an Icelandic town has employed ingenious painted crossing patterns for pedestrians to be safer at crossings and more heavily pedestrian traffic areas like school zones and parks; and

Whereas the crossing intersections are 3-D and appear to be raised concrete pads that would raise vehicle operators' attention to slow down;

1. Now Therefore Be it Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to prepare an information report regarding the suitability and advisability of installing raised pedestrian crossings, and the estimated cost for up to five installations with an identified capital funding source.

Carried

9. Regional Report

None

10. New Business

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the efforts to mitigate damage to streams caused by ongoing construction.

Councillor Thompson inquired about the status of the demolition of 52 and 56 Victoria Street and the timeline of the construction, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Thom requested that the information Report No. IES17-038 – Update on the Regional Road Projects in Aurora, be included in the December General Committee meeting agenda.

Councillor Pirri extended his regrets for the November 21, 2017 General Committee meeting, as he will be attending a Federation of Canadian Municipalities event.

11. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Thom extended congratulations to staff and all those involved in the installation of Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV) at the War Memorial Peace Park.

Councillor Abel extended a reminder that the Making Peace international photo exhibition at Town Park is in its last week, and noted that there will be tours running all week long until Sunday, November 19, 2017.

Councillor Gaertner extended a reminder regarding the Budget Committee meeting on Saturday, November 18, 2017, which will be held at the Town Hall at 9 a.m.

Councillor Gaertner extended a reminder that the unveiling event for the Milestone Mural Community Art installation will be held on Sunday, November 19, 2017, between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m at the Aurora Cultural Centre.

Councillor Gaertner noted her attendance at the Holocaust Education Week Event held on Thursday, November 9, 2017, at the Aurora United Church.

Councillor Mrakas noted that Aurora resident and swimmer Lauren Hemburrow will be attending the New Mexico State University in 2018 on an NCAA scholarship, and extended best wishes for her success.

Mayor Dawe extended a reminder that Aurora's first Youth Innovation Fair will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2017, at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Mayor Dawe congratulated the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame on a successful Induction Night 2017 event, held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017.

Mayor Dawe announced that the 2017 Toys for Tickets campaign, will run from November 15, 2017, to December 11, 2017.

Mayor Dawe extended a reminder that the Aurora Chambers of Commerce Business Excellence Awards will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2017, at the King's Riding Golf Club at 5.30 p.m.

Mayor Dawe announced that the Santa Under the Stars Parade will be held on Saturday, November 25, 2017, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

12. By-laws

On a motion by Councillor Thompson, seconded by Councillor Pirri, Council consented to consider the By-laws prior to Section 8, Motions and after Section 6, Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda).

Moved by Councillor Pirri
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the following by-law be enacted:

(a) By-law Number 6019-17 Being a By-law to change the composition of Council for The Corporation of the Town of Aurora.

**On a recorded vote the motion
Carried**

Yeas: 7	Nays: 2
Voting Yeas:	Councillors Abel, Humfryes, Kim, Mrakas, Pirri, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe
Voting Nays:	Councillors Gaertner and Thom

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the following by-laws be enacted:

(b) By-law Number 6020-17 Being a By-law to establish lands as highways (St. John's Road Development Corp.).

(c) By-law Number 6021-17 Being a By-law to establish a schedule of fees and charges for municipal services, activities and the use of property within the Town of Aurora (Fees and Charges By-law).

(d) By-law Number 6022-17 Being a By-law to appoint two (2) Deputy Treasurers for The Corporation of the Town of Aurora.

(e) **By-law Number 6023-17** Being a By-law to amend Zoning By-law Number 2213-78, as amended (1289 Wellington Street East – Leslie-Wellington Developments Inc.).

(f) **By-law Number 6024-17** Being a By-law to amend Zoning By-law Number 2213-78, as amended (222 Ridge Road & 14222, 14314 & 14378 Yonge Street – BG Properties (Aurora) Inc. – Phase 2).

Carried

13. Closed Session

None

14. Confirming By-law

Moved by Councillor Thom

Seconded by Councillor Pirri

That the following confirming by-law be enacted:

By-law Number 6025-17 Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from a Council Meeting on November 14, 2017.

Carried

15. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Thom

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

Carried

Geoff Dawe, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk

The minutes of the Council meeting of November 14, 2017, are subject to final approval by Council on November 28, 2017.