



Town of Aurora Council Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Attendance

Council Members Mayor Dawe in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Gaertner (departed at 10:26 p.m.), Humfryes, Kim, Mrakas, Pirri, Thom and Thompson

Members Absent None

Other Attendees Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services, Dan Elliott, Director of Financial Services, Marco Ramunno, Director of Planning and Development Services, Al Downey, Director of Operations, Robin McDougall, Director of Community 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 p.m.

Council consented to recess the meeting at 8:52 p.m. and reconvened at 9:02 p.m.

Mayor Dawe relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Abel at 9:18 p.m., during the consideration of Motion (c), and resumed the Chair at 9:27 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Service, be approved:

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) Superintendent Michael Slack #756, York Region Police, 1 District Re: Policing Operations Update

Superintendent Slack presented an overview of the police operations in 1 District, and provided details on the staffing, patrol requirements, call priority breakdown, and the reporting tools available for residents.

**Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

That the comments of the presentation be received.

Carried

4. Delegations

(a) Tyler Barker, Chair of Accessibility Advisory Committee Re: General Committee Item R9 – Summary of Committee Recommendations Report No. 2018-03

Mr. Barker expressed concerns regarding the accessibility deficiencies in the Council Chambers, and provided clarifications on the Committee's recommendations to Council, including the Town's Accessibility Plan, Inclusivity Award, and development of recruitment strategy for the Committee.

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

That the comments of the delegation be received.

Carried

**(b) Stephen Kimmerer and Reg Chappell representing Sport Aurora
Re: Motion (b) Councillor Mrakas, Re: Centre of Excellence, and
Motion (c) Mayor Dawe, Re: Future Vision with York Region District
School Board**

Mr. Kimmerer spoke in support of Motions (b) and (c) and emphasized the need for more recreational space within the Town due to the growing demands of the community.

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

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Motion (a).

Carried

5. Consent Agenda

Council consented to consider Item C1 (sub-items R1, R7 and R9) under Section 6, Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda) as Items R3, R4, and R5 respectively.

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

That the following Consent Agenda items—C1 (with the exception of sub-items R1, R7 and R9) to C5 inclusive—be approved:

C1. General Committee Meeting Report of March 20, 2018

1. That the General Committee meeting report of March 20, 2018, be received and the following recommendations carried by the Committee approved:

(C1) OPS18-002 – Purchase Order Increase for Road Lining and Zone Painting

1. That Report No. OPS18-002 be received; and

2. That the contract between the Town of Aurora and Guild Electric Ltd., as established through RFQ IES2016-66, be extended to include the 2018 option year; and
3. That Purchase Order No. 901 to Guild Electric Ltd. be increased by \$45,000 to \$128,101, excluding taxes, for the contract term of 2018.

(C2) OPS18-003 – Purchase Order Increase for Supply and Delivery of Trees

1. That Report No. OPS18-003 be received; and
2. That the contract between the Town of Aurora and Dutchmaster Nurseries Ltd., as established through RFQ 2017-30-PRCS, be extended to include the 2018 option year; and
3. That Purchase Order No.1096 to Dutchmaster Nurseries Ltd. be increased by \$80,000 to \$160,000, excluding taxes, for the contract term of 2018.

(C3) OPS18-004 – Purchase Order Increase for Landscape Maintenance

1. That Report No. OPS18-004 be received; and
2. That the contract between the Town of Aurora and Municipal Maintenance Inc., as established through RFQ 2017-19-PRCS, be extended to include the 2018 option year; and
3. That Purchase Order No.1101 to Municipal Maintenance Ltd. be increased by \$65,000 to \$139,176, excluding taxes, for the contract term of 2018.

(C4) OPS18-007 – Purchase Order Increase to Priestly Demolition Inc. for Interior Works at 89 Mosley Street

1. That Report No. OPS18-007 be received; and
2. That Purchase Order No.1203 to Priestly Demolition Inc. be increased by \$36,169.75 to \$245,309.75, excluding taxes, for the contract term of 2018.

(C5) FS18-012 – Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for Members of Council, Committees and Local Boards

1. That Report No. FS18-012 be received for information.

(C6) CMS18-007 – Dasher Board System in the Arena of the Aurora Family Leisure Complex Capital Project No. 72171

1. That Report No. CMS18-007 be received; and
2. That Tender No. 2018-39-CMS for the supply and installation of the dasher board system in the arena of the Aurora Family Leisure Complex (AFLC) building be awarded to Welmar Recreational Products in the amount of \$216,496.00, 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.

(C7) Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2018

1. That the Finance Advisory Committee meeting minutes of January 24, 2018, be received for information.

(C8) Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2018

1. That the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting minutes of February 1, 2018, be received for information.

(C9) Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2018

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of February 7, 2018, be received for information.

(C10) Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2018

1. That the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Committee meeting minutes of February 15, 2018, be received for information.

(R2) CMS18-005 – Requests for Proposals for Vending and Concession Operations

1. That Report No. CMS18-005 be received; and
2. That the Director of Community Services be authorized to issue a Request for Proposal for the operation of vending machines and concession stands in Town facilities; and
3. That the Request for Proposal include mandatory requirements for a minimum of 55% healthy food and beverage options, as described herein; and
4. That the Request for Proposal include the following requirements:
 - (a) Vending machines to be included at all locations currently identified for the RFP; and
 - (b) No change to current practice of requiring the concession operator to provide all marketing and promotion in a neat and professional manner; and
 - (c) Eliminate plain bottled water, but continue to allow the sale of flavoured and/or carbonated water; and
 - (d) Staff to work within existing resources to promote the inclusion of healthy choices by working with facility user groups and York Region Public Health.

(R3) FS18-013 – 2018 Water, Wastewater, Stormwater Budgets and Rates

1. That Report No. FS18-013 be received; and
2. That the 2018 combined Water, Wastewater and Stormwater budget of \$23,637,600, be approved; and

3. That the 2018 retail water rate of \$2.01 per cubic metre and the retail wastewater rate of \$2.72 per cubic metre of water, be approved; and
4. That the 2018 flat rate stormwater charges of \$5.28 per unit per month for residential and condominium properties and \$67.07 per unit per month for metered non-residential commercial/industrial and multi-residential properties, be approved; and
5. 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, 2018, and be retroactive for all consumption newly billed on such billings; and
6. That the 2018 bulk water purchase rate of \$4.73 per cubic metre dispensed effective May 1, 2018, be approved; and
7. That the Town's full time staff complement for all work areas except Library and Central York Fire be increased by 2 to 223 to reflect the operational requirements of the water, wastewater and stormwater areas; and
8. That the necessary By-law to implement the 2018 retail water rate, retail wastewater rate, stormwater charge and bulk water purchase rate, be enacted.

(R4) CS18-005 – Amendments to the Use of Corporate Resources for Election Campaign Purposes Policy

1. That Report No. CS18-005 be received; and
2. That amendments to the Use of Corporate Resources for Election Campaign Purposes Policy regarding Third Party Advertisers and Nomination Day, be approved.

(R5) FS18-004 – 2019 Budget Development Direction

1. That Report No. FS18-004 be received; and

2. That the key principals for the 2019 operating budget development, be endorsed.

(R6) PDS18-023 – Application for Draft Plan of Condominium, Navelli Dwellings Inc., 15278 Yonge Street, File Number: CDM-2017-04, Related File Numbers: SP-2015-08, OPA-2015-04 and ZBA-2015-10

1. That Report No. PDS18-023 be received; and
2. That the Application for Draft Plan of Condominium (Standard Condominium) CDM-2017-04 (Navelli Dwellings Inc.), be approved, subject to the conditions outlined in Appendix “A” of this report; and
3. That the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute any Agreement(s) referenced in the Conditions of Approval, including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same.

(R8) PDS18-028 – Application for Zoning By-law Amendment, Canadian Tire Real Estate Limited, 14700 Yonge Street, Part of Lots 76 and 77, Concession 1, File Number: ZBA-2016-05

1. That Report No. PDS18-028 be referred to staff.

**(R10) Memorandum from Mayor
Re: Celebration of Spring Fashion Show – Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation**

1. That the memorandum regarding Celebration of Spring Fashion Show – Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation be received; and
2. That the Celebration of Spring Fashion Show be declared as an “event of Town significance”.

C2. Council Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2018

1. That the Council meeting minutes of February 27, 2018, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C3. Council Closed Session February 27, 2018

1. That the Council Closed Session minutes of February 27, 2018, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C4. Council Closed Session Public Minutes of February 27, 2018

1. That the Council Closed Session Public minutes of February 27, 2018, be adopted as printed and circulated.

Carried

6. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

R1. CMS18-009 – Vending Machine Sales

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

1. That Report No. CMS18-009 be received for information

Carried

R2. PDS18-045 – Additional Information for the Implementation of Train Whistle Cessation for GO Train Crossings Design and Peer Review Budget

**Moved by Councillor Humfries
Seconded by Councillor Kim**

1. That That Report No. PDS18-045 be received for information.

Carried

R3. CS18-001 – Pending List

(Formerly Item C1(R1))

Main motion

Moved by Councillor Abel

Seconded by Councillor Pirri

1. That Report No. CS18-001 be received for information.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Abel

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the main motion be amended by adding the following clauses:

“That staff be directed to conduct a Request for Proposal (RFP) to engage a design firm to establish vision and conceptual plan for the Temperance Street Cultural Precinct Area; and

That upon completion of the RFP process, staff report back on the outcomes and any required budget consideration”

Defeated

Main motion

Carried

**R4. PDS18-026 – Implementation of Train Whistle Cessation for GO Train
Crossings Design and Peer Review Budget**

(Formerly Item C1(R7))

Main motion

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Thom

1. That Report No. PDS18-026 be received.

Motion to refer

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

That Report No. PDS18-026 be referred to staff for further information.

**Motion to refer
Carried**

R5. Summary of Committee Recommendations Report No. 2018-03
(Formerly Item C1(R9))

**Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by Councillor Thom**

1. That Summary of Committee Recommendations Report No. 2018-03 be received; and
2. That the Committee recommendations of the February 1, 2018 Environmental Advisory Committee meeting, be approved; and
3. That the Committee recommendations of the January 10, 2018 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be referred to staff for further information.

Carried

7. Notices of Motion

None

8. Motions

On a motion by Councillor Thompson seconded by Councillor Abel, Council consented to consider Motions (b) and (c) after Item R4 and prior to Item R5.

**(a) Councillor Mrakas
Re: Complete Streets**

**Moved by Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

Whereas municipalities are moving towards becoming complete communities;
and

Whereas the Town's Official Plan establishes the vision, corresponding principles and supporting policies to guide the Town's evolution and development, for all lands in the Town of Aurora; and

Whereas the Official Plan is written to direct change in accordance with Provincial and York Region policy, with a new emphasis on the development of a complete community, environmental responsibility, support for transit and the efficient use of infrastructure; and

Whereas residents and businesses, current and future, have a right to complete streets, streets that are "designed for all ages, abilities, and modes of travel, with safe and comfortable access for pedestrians, bicycles, transit users and the mobility-impaired as an integral planning feature; and

Whereas a Complete Streets policy ensures that transportation planners and engineers consistently design and operate the entire street network for all road users, not only motorists; and

Whereas Complete Streets offer wide-ranging benefits, are cost effective, sustainable, and safe;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff add a Complete Streets policy as part of the Official Plan update, so that a "complete streets" philosophy be applied to the future development of the Town's road network; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That a focus on "Designing, constructing and integrating new streets and retrofitting existing streets, where appropriate, to focus on the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and persons with disabilities and ensuring safety, accessibility, convenience, and comfort of all street users be considered".

Carried

(b) Councillor Mrakas

Re: Centre of Excellence

Moved by Councillor Mrakas

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

Whereas the York Region District School Board has announced the relocation of Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School from Dunning Avenue to Bayview Avenue; and

Whereas the Dunning Avenue property is located in the middle of the downtown core; and

Whereas the relocation of the school will have an impact on businesses in the downtown area; and

Whereas one of the pillars of success identified in the Town Strategic Plan is to actively promote and support the plan to revitalize the downtown; and

Whereas the Strategic Plan identifies that the Town continue to pursue partnerships/initiatives to drive efficiency and potential cost savings; and

Whereas the relocation of Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School provides an opportunity for the Town and York Region District School Board to collaborate and partner on community initiatives; and

Whereas this site would be an ideal location of a new sport facility, that would be another anchor to the downtown core;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff contact the York Region District School Board and begin conversations about a possible partnership in developing the Dunning Ave property into a Centre of Excellence (Sport Facility).

Carried

(c) Mayor Dawe

Re: Future Vision with York Region District School Board

Moved by Mayor Dawe

Seconded by Councillor Mrakas

Whereas the Ministry of Education and the York Region District School Board (YRDSB) recently announced a new high school will be built in east Aurora replacing Dr. G. W. Williams by 2023; and

Whereas discussions have commenced between the Town of Aurora and the newly appointed York Region District School Board Director of Education with respect to the proposed new high school; and

Whereas the YRDSB is open to receiving comments from the Town of Aurora on what is envisioned for the new high school to best serve our residents and school community at large; and

Whereas the YRDSB is commencing their visioning process for the proposed new high school; and

Whereas there may be an opportunity to develop a “shared space” agreement with YRDSB when planning the development of the new high school;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff initiate discussions with YRDSB and prepare a report that outlines a vision for the new proposed high school in east Aurora that includes a “shared space” opportunity and meets the needs of students, parents, faculty and residents of Aurora.

Carried

**(d) Councillor Gaertner
Re: Flood Preparation**

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

Whereas the Insurance Bureau of Canada now expects a severe flood event somewhere in Canada every two to three weeks between April and November; and

Whereas Aurora needs to be prepared for flood events by ensuring that our storm water drainage systems are functioning at an optimum level; and

Whereas the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's Flood Plain Map shows many Aurora homes currently sitting within the flood plain;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff ask the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority to present to Council about whether they

are revising any of their assumptions about flood plain boundaries based on the realities of climate change; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That staff be directed to prepare a report on the following:
 - (a) The condition of the dams and flood control measures located in the old part of Aurora, including when they were last inspected and updated;
 - (b) What challenges the new development in this area will present for our old infrastructure;
 - (c) Identify infrastructure throughout the Town that is in need of remedial capital work to be ready to safely and efficiently cope with heavy rains, and identify the requirement for any additional infrastructure;
 - (d) The budget that will be required for these capital works and the maintenance of the system.

Carried

9. Regional Report

None

10. New Business

Councillor Abel referred to the email response from staff regarding his inquiry on the cost of the reception with Niagara College, and staff provided clarification.

Councillor Mrakas expressed concerns regarding the location of the median on St. John's Street, east of Bayview Avenue, and expressed the need of a left turn from the plaza located at the south east corner of the intersection. Staff agreed to investigate the matter.

Councillor Mrakas expressed concerns regarding the location of a garbage receptacle outside Petsmart, which is obstructing driver sightlines, and staff agreed to investigate.

Councillor Mrakas noted that the Aurora Arboretum Annual General Meeting is upcoming, and extended the invitation to the new Director of Community Services, Robin McDougall to attend.

Councillor Mrakas referred to the Metrolinx traffic study of the Wellington Street area, and suggested the possibility of including the Centre Street chicane as part of the study.

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the efforts to mitigate invasive species in the Arboretum lands, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Gaertner referred to resident's concern regarding airplanes flying at low altitude, and Mayor Dawe provided a response, noting that a response from Buttonville Airport is pending.

Councillor Thompson inquired about the Town's Municipal Alcohol Policy, and staff provided clarification.

Councillor Kim inquired about the parameters of the procurement process, and staff provided clarification.

Councillor Humfries noted her attendance and extended her regards to Ms. Moffitt's Grade 6/7 class at the Regency Acres Public School for their initiative on suggesting the possibility of a new dog park at Highland Gate Lands, as part of their persuasive writing class project.

11. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Gaertner noted that the Bereaved Families of York Region will be holding their annual fundraiser, Purse Party Auction: Ladies Night Out! at the Newmarket Community Centre on April 11, 2018 from 6:30 p.m.

Councillor Gaertner noted that One Brave Night for Mental Health 2018 will be ongoing until Friday, April 6, 2018, and more information can be found at **onebravenight.ca**

Councillor Thompson extended a reminder that the 2018 Run or Walk for Southlake will be held on Sunday, April 29, 2018, and encouraged staff and Members of Council to participate.

Councillor Abel extended a reminder that the Aurora Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Councillor Kim extended his regards to Mayor Dawe on becoming a grandfather.

Mayor Dawe announced that the Flag raising for Autism Awareness Day will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 9 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Mayor Dawe announced that the CHATS Walk for Wellness will take place on Saturday, April 7th, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex (AFLC).

Councillor Mrakas extended his regards to Aurora Resident, Vivian Bridgeford, for receiving the Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL) Volunteer of the Year award.

Councillor Abel noted that the 5th Annual Beer Tasting event will be held on Friday, April 13, 2018 at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex (SARC) from 3 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Councillor Abel noted that the Aurora Chamber Home and Living Show will be held on April 22, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex (SARC).

12. By-laws

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the following by-laws be enacted:

(a) By-law Number 6054-18 Being a By-law to appoint Building Inspectors for The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

(b) By-law Number 6055-18 Being a By-law to appoint Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers and Property Standards Officers for The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

(c) By-law Number 6056-18 Being a By-law to exempt Blocks 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, and 137 on Plan 65M-4519 from Part-Lot Control (Shimvest Investments Limited)

(d) By-law Number 6057-18 Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 6000-17, as amended (304 Kennedy Street West – Joe Stewart)

(e) By-law Number 6058-18 Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 5840-16, respecting signs within the Town of Aurora

Carried

13. Closed Session

None

14. Confirming By-law

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Thom

That the following confirming by-law be enacted:

By-law Number 6059-18 Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from a Council Meeting on March 27, 2018.

Carried

15. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Mrakas

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Carried

Geoffrey Dawe, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk