

Public Release
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Town of Aurora
Additional Items No. 2 to
General Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, June 5, 2018
7 p.m., Council Chambers

- **Notice of Motion (b) Councillor Abel; Re: Greenbelt Protection**
- **Notice of Motion (c) Councillor Abel; Re: Outdoor Sports Field Strategy**
- **Notice of Motion (d) Councillor Gaertner; Re: Actions for Environmental Protection**



Notice of Motion	Councillor John Abel
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Date: June 5, 2018

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Councillor Abel

Re: **Greenbelt Protection**

Whereas the Town of Oakville has passed a similar resolution; and

Whereas the Greenbelt is an integral component of land use planning that complements the Growth Plan to encourage smart planning, the reduction of sprawl, protection of natural and hydrological features and agricultural lands; and

Whereas the Greenbelt has protected 1.8 million acres of farmland, local food supplies, the headwaters of our rivers and important forests and wildlife habitat for more than 12 years; and

Whereas a permanent Greenbelt is an important part of the planning for sustainable communities; and

Whereas there is a tremendous amount of land already planned and available in excess of the development needs of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) without weakening the protections provided by the Greenbelt; and

Whereas efforts to open the Greenbelt to create the opportunity for land speculators to build expansive homes, at immense profits, in remote areas; and

Whereas opening the Greenbelt would move the urban boundary thus creating more sprawl and increased traffic; and

Whereas the costs of sprawl result in increased taxes, because 25% of the costs of sprawl are downloaded to existing property tax payers; and

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Whereas programs like the proposed inclusionary zoning regulations will assist municipalities in advancing the supply of affordable housing stock without the need to expand the built boundary;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora stands with its municipal neighbours to undertake continued action to maintain and grow the current Greenbelt, of which the Oak Ridges Moraine is a part; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the Province be strongly urged to extend Greenbelt protection to include the appropriate white belt lands within the inner ring, lands that are the most immediately vulnerable to development in the province; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That this resolution be distributed to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, all Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Environmental Defence, Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation, STORM Coalition (Save The Oak Ridges Moraine), Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation, The Regional Municipality of York, and members of Municipal Leaders for the Greenbelt, and leaders of the various Ontario political parties.



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To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Councillor Abel

Re: **Outdoor Sports Field Strategy**

Whereas the 2016 Parks and Recreation Master Plan identified facility pressures, namely outdoor sports fields, in both soccer and baseball; and

Whereas staff suggested that managing the needs may be accommodated through land acquisition and partnership opportunities; and

Whereas staff also suggested that there may be opportunities of repurposing fields that are under-utilized; and

Whereas it is in the Town's best interest to encourage outdoor field sport participation opportunities for all Town of Aurora residents; and

Whereas a Sports Field Strategy would ensure public awareness and access of the Town's outdoor sport facilities for its residents; and

Whereas a Sports Field Strategy would provide high quality sports surfaces for sports field user groups in the community, and ensure guidelines are developed that promote and support field sport that is integrated with the Town's economic and tourism plans; and

Whereas a Sports Field Strategy would encourage and facilitate innovative and cooperative partnerships for the delivery of outdoor field sports programs in the community; and

Whereas a Sports Field Strategy would provide opportunities for community field sport groups to provide input into future field sport strategies, policies, procedures and budget priorities;

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1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to report back to Council in the Fall 2018 with terms of reference for an Outdoor Sports Field Strategy that addresses the future needs of the community as well as prioritizes the repurposing of existing fields and identifies opportunities for corporate and neighbouring municipality partnerships.



Notice of Motion	Councillor Wendy Gaertner
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Date: June 5, 2018

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Councillor Gaertner

Re: **Actions for Environmental Protection**

Whereas recent severe weather conditions have underlined the need to take action to protect our environment; and

Whereas the Town's Community Energy Plan is not ready as yet; and

Whereas it is responsible and appropriate to put as many protective measures in place as soon as possible;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff investigate and report back on the following actions:
 - (a) A plan to diminish the use of lights in our buildings and facilities during the night hours;
 - (b) Raise the temperature setting in Town buildings by one degree in the summer months, and lower the temperature by one degree in the winter months;
 - (c) Decrease kitchen and bathroom hot water temperature settings;
 - (d) Mitigate the summer sun effect from the Town Hall Atrium and main floor south-facing front windows; and
 - (e) Install automatic room timers on a five-minute empty room shut-off.