



Town of Aurora  
Special Meeting of Council  
Minutes

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall  
Monday, January 21, 2019

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**Attendance**

**Council Members** Mayor Mrakas in the Chair; Councillors Gaertner (arrived 7:01 p.m.), Gallo, Gilliland, Humfryes, Kim (arrived 7:01 p.m.), and Thompson

**Members Absent** None

**Other Attendees** Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services, Jason Gaertner, Acting Director of Financial Services, Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor, Michael de Rond, Town Clerk, and Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

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

Council consented to recess the meeting at 8:39 p.m. and reconvened at 8:49 p.m.

Council consented to recess the meeting at 9:17 p.m. and reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved by Councillor Gilliland**

**Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

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

- Item 2 – CS19-004 – Proposed Private Cannabis Retail Stores in Aurora – Additional Information

**Carried**

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

Councillor Thompson declared a pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50* respecting Items 1 and 2, as he is employed in the retail pharmacy industry. Councillor Thompson did not participate in the discussion or voting of these items.

## **3. Public Consultation**

Aurora residents, including Alana Edgington, Emil Simon, Richard Helbig, Greg Simon, Sandra Ferri (on behalf of Aurora Chamber of Commerce), David Heard, and Laura Schaffer, spoke in support of the opt-in option to permit cannabis retail stores within the Town of Aurora.

Aurora residents, including Edmund Yeung, Shanteng Zhao, David Huang, Sean Zhang, Stephen Xu, Alvin Leung, Nancy Lai, Ling Wang, Jie Yin, Paul Chau, Lea Seymour, Corrie Clark, Ricky Cheong, Erclan Ma, John Xue, Rong Zhang, Roger Dong, Frances Guan, and Linda Gao, spoke in support of the opt-out option to prohibit cannabis retail stores within the Town of Aurora.

Aurora resident Da Hai commented on both options and the decision-making responsibility of Council.

## **4. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion**

- 1. CS19-001 – Proposed Private Cannabis Retail Stores in Aurora**
- 2. CS19-004 – Proposed Private Cannabis Retail Stores in Aurora – Additional Information**

**Moved by Councillor Humfryes  
Seconded by Councillor Gilliland**

1. That Report No. CS19-001 and Report No. CS19-004 be received; and
2. That Council of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora opts-in and permits cannabis retail stores within the Town of Aurora; and
3. That staff be authorized to review the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario's ("AGCO") proposed retail store authorization applications for cannabis stores located in Aurora and provide submissions within 15 days of notice of the application; and
4. That Council request the AGCO to consider the following restrictions as a matter of public interest when reviewing retail store authorization applications for proposed stores within the Town of Aurora:
  - (a) That private cannabis retail stores not be permitted within 150 metres from daycares, nurseries, parks, group homes or addiction and counselling facilities, the Aurora Community Centre, the Aurora Family Leisure Complex, the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex, the Aurora Public Library and Town Hall and any other similar public gathering uses;
  - (b) That private cannabis retail stores not be permitted within 150 metres of each other; and
5. That the Town Clerk provide written notice and a copy of this resolution to the Registrar of the AGCO, in accordance with section 41(5) of the *Cannabis Licence Act, 2018*; and
6. That the Chief Administrative Officer and the Treasurer, or their designates, be authorized to enter into any agreements in regard to intergovernmental funding relating to the implementation of cannabis; and
7. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Regional Municipality of York and all lower-tier municipalities within York Region for their information.

**Carried**

## **5. Confirming By-law**

**Moved by Councillor Gallo**

**Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

That the following confirming by-law be enacted:

**6145-19** Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from a  
Special Meeting of Council on January 21, 2019.

**Carried**

## **6. Adjournment**

**Moved by Councillor Gilliland**

**Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

**Carried**