



Town of Aurora
General Committee Meeting Report

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Attendance

Council Members Councillor Gallo in the Chair; Councillors Gaertner (departed 7:53 p.m.), Gilliland, Humfryes, Kim, Thompson, and Mayor Mrakas

Members Absent None

Other Attendees Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services, Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services, Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director of Finance, Allan Downey, Director of Operations, David Waters, Director of Planning and Development Services, Stephanie Mackenzie-Smith, Manager of Corporate Communications, Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor, Michael de Rond, Town Clerk, and Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

General Committee consented to recess the meeting at 8:58 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

General Committee approved the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, including the following additional items:

- Delegation (b) Bruce Gorman, Chief Executive Officer, Aurora Public Library; Re: Item R1 – CMS19-020 – Library Square – Library Corridor Extension
- Item A3 – Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2019

- Item R1 – CMS19-020 – Library Square – Library Corridor Extension
- Notice of Motion (b) Councillor Gaertner; Re: Stormwater Infrastructure Review

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50*.

3. Community Presentations

General Committee consented to allow an extension of up to five minutes for the presentation.

(a) Sandra Manherz, President, Sport Aurora Re: Sport Aurora School Athletes of the Year 2019

Ms. Manherz presented the Sport Aurora School Athletes of the Year 2019, recognizing the outstanding achievements and excellence of Aurora students.

Mr. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill, extended his congratulations to the School Athletes of the Year 2019, their families, Sport Aurora, and the Town.

General Committee received the presentation for information.

4. Delegations

(a) Andrea Kariotis, Resident Re: Potential hydro lines in greenspace behind Pinnacle Trail

Ms. Kariotis, representing her neighbours on Pinnacle Trail whose properties back onto the Hydro Corridor, spoke about the potential installation of hydro lines 18 feet from their property lines to support the Metrolinx GO rail expansion program. She expressed concerns about the lack of communication and the impact of additional hydro lines on residents' health and property values, as well as the greenspace and wildlife. Ms. Kariotis advised of a

signed petition from the Pinnacle Trail neighbours and requested Council's support in urging Metrolinx and Hydro One to explore alternative, non-residential locations.

General Committee received the comments of the delegation for information.

(b) Bruce Gorman, Chief Executive Officer, Aurora Public Library
Re: Item R1 – CMS19-020 – Library Square – Library Corridor Extension

Mr. Gorman, on behalf of the Library Board, spoke in support of the staff recommendation respecting Option C – Library Corridor Extension, New Yonge Street Entrance and Multi-Purpose Rooms.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to Item R1.

5. Consent Agenda

General Committee recommends:

That the following Consent Agenda items, C1 to C4 inclusive, be approved:

C1. CS19-023 – Election Wrap-up

1. That Report No. CS19-023 be received for information.

C2. PDS19-058 – Request to Remove a Property from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest 84 Mosley Street East

1. That Report No. PDS19-058 be received; and
2. That the property located at 84 Mosley Street be removed from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest; and
3. That prior to the issuance of a Building Permit, future building elevations be subject to review by Planning staff and/or the Design Review Panel to ensure the sympathetic design of any replacement building.

**C3. PDS19-059 – Request to Remove a Property from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest
11 Irwin Avenue**

1. That Report No. PDS19-059 be received; and
2. That the property located at 11 Irwin Avenue be removed from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.

C4. PDS19-061 – Approval for Capital Project No. 34533 – Traffic Calming Measures in School Zones

1. That Report No. PDS19-061 be received; and
2. That this report satisfy Council's conditional budget approval for Capital Project No. 34533 – Traffic Calming Measures in School Zones in the amount of \$20,000.

Carried

6. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

General Committee recommends:

That the following Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes items, A1 to A3 inclusive, be received:

A1. Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2019

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 5, 2019, be received for information.

A2. Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2019

1. That the Community Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 20, 2019, be received for information.

A3. Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2019

1. That the Finance Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 26, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

7. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

R1. CMS19-020 – Library Square – Library Corridor Extension

Mr. Roland Rom Colthoff, Director, Architect, RAW Design Inc., presented an overview and illustrations of the three options for the Library Corridor Extension.

General Committee received the presentation for information.

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CMS19-020 be received; and
2. That Library Corridor Extension, new Yonge Street Entrance and Multi-purpose rooms - Option C, be approved and the total Library Square project budget be increased by \$5,465,300 to be funded as per the recommended funding strategy.

Carried

R2. CMS19-019 – Library Square Project – Next Steps

General Committee consented to waive the provisions of the Procedure By-law to permit the consultants from RAW Design Inc. to respond to questions from Council.

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CMS19-019 be received for information.

Carried

R3. FS19-025 – Library Square – Financial Update

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. FS19-025 be received for information.

Carried

R4. PDS19-063 – Library Square – Church Street Parking – Design Options Recommendation Report

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS19-063 be received; and
2. That staff be directed to proceed with Design Option 2B for the Church Street right-of-way; and
3. That Town staff continue to liaise with York Region Transit and the consultants to ensure there are no conflicts with the existing bus route.

Carried

R5. PDS19-015 – Municipal Stormwater Funding Approach

Mr. John Murphy, Municipal Finance Specialist, DFA Infrastructure International Inc., presented an overview of the Town's Stormwater Financing Study and current funding approach, stormwater funding options and incentive programs, and recommendations.

General Committee received the presentation for information.

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS19-015 be received; and
2. That this report satisfy Council's conditional budget approval for Capital Project No. 42059 – Storm Sewer Reserve Fund and Rates Study in the amount of \$100,000.

Carried

R6. PDS19-057 – Yonge Street Rail Bridge (Metrolinx) Architectural Cladding Concepts

Mr. Mark Langridge, Partner, Architect, DTAH, presented an overview and illustrations of the four architectural cladding options for the Yonge Street Rail Bridge, including context and local history, and urban design considerations.

General Committee received the presentation for information.

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS19-057 be received; and
2. That Metrolinx be advised that Concept 4: Double Fin Curve with Aurora identity signage is the preferred architectural cladding option for the Yonge Street Rail Bridge.

Carried

R7. OPS19-018 – Improvements to Fleury Park Washroom Facility

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. OPS19-018 be received; and
2. That this report satisfy Council's conditional approval of Capital Project No. 73242 – Improvements to Fleury Park Washroom Facility in the amount of \$250,000.

Carried

R8. PDS19-036 – Approval of Capital Project No. 81023 – Urban Design Guidelines for Stable Neighbourhoods Study Area

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS19-036 be received; and
2. That the Urban Design Guidelines be presented to a future Council meeting; and
3. That this report satisfy Council's conditional budget approval in the amount of \$75,000 for work undertaken for Capital Project No. 81023 – Urban Design Guidelines for Stable Neighbourhoods Study Area.

Carried

8. Notices of Motion

(a) Councillor Thompson

Re: Advisory Committee Chair Rotation

Whereas the Town's Procedure By-Law and Policy for Ad/Hoc Advisory Committees and Local Boards govern all meetings; and

Whereas in the interest of good governance there is value in rotating the Committee Chair; and

Whereas the rotation of roles and responsibilities can develop/enhance a committee member's skillset, create additional engagement, and help build a stronger 'team' environment; and

Whereas some committees/boards, such as Aurora Public Library Board, Joint Council Committee, and Finance Advisory Committee, already rotate the Chair;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town's Policy for Ad Hoc/Advisory Committees and Local Boards be amended so that the position of Chair and Vice Chair of each Advisory Committee be for a one-year term; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That at the start of each calendar year elections be held for the Chair and Vice Chair positions, and that no citizen member may act as Chair or Vice Chair for more that two years in a single term of Council; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That members of Council may serve as Chair should no citizen member put their name forward, and that members of Council not be subject to any term restrictions.

(b) Councillor Gaertner

Re: Stormwater Infrastructure Review

Whereas Council passed a Motion in 2018 to investigate the condition of Aurora's stormwater infrastructure, including required maintenance and enhancements; and

Whereas the purpose of the Motion was to ensure that the municipality is prepared to cope with climate change's predicted intense rains and resulting stormwater in order to protect our residents against flooding; and

Whereas PSD was retained and submitted a report to the Town in December 2018; and

Whereas this report was included as an index item in our 2019 Capital Budget, but has not been put on a General Committee report for discussion and action; and

Whereas this Report “provides an audit of the existing asset management capacity within the following key competencies:

1. Organizational Cognisance
2. Organizational Capacity
3. Infrastructure Data and Information
4. Levels of Service Framework
5. Asset Management Strategies
 - a. Condition Assessment Protocols
 - b. Risk and Criticality Models
 - c. Lifecycle Management
6. Financial Strategies”; and

Whereas some of the key requirements in achieving optimal asset management include the degree to which asset management is understood by both senior management and Council, and the evaluation of Town infrastructure with respect to: Roads and the three Water Networks, Bridges and Culverts, Buildings and Facilities; and Parks and Recreation; and

Whereas all of these have been investigated by PSD and the results provided as Index 1 in Council’s Capital Budget Binder; and

Whereas the research on the stormwater network fulfills the intent of the Motion passed by Council;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the “State of Maturity Report “ be placed on a General Committee Agenda in September 2019 for study and action; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That staff begin with the research relating to the Town’s stormwater network to prepare for the flooding that is predicted to come with climate change.

9. New Business

Councillor Gilliland inquired about staff's response to the concerns of residents regarding tow trucks causing parking issues on Berczy Street and Edward Street. Staff provided a response noting that a future report respecting tow truck licensing requirements would be submitted for Council's consideration.

Councillor Gilliland inquired about the responsibility for tree pruning in the leash-free dog park—Canine Commons—on Industrial Parkway North. Staff provided a response noting that the user group is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the dog park, and staff agreed to follow up with the main contact of the user group.

10. Closed Session

None

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.