



Town of Aurora  
General Committee Meeting Report

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall  
Tuesday, October 1, 2019

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**Attendance**

**Council Members** Councillor Kim in the Chair; Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland, Humfries, 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 Ishita Soneji, Council/Committee Coordinator

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

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

- Delegation (a) LCol Ferguson Mobbs, Rtd. representing Never Forgotten National Memorial Foundation; Re: Notice of Motion (a) Mayor Mrakas, Re: The Never Forgotten National Memorial
- Delegation (b) Matthew Kinsella representing the Charter Family Re: Interim Control By-law Exemption for 126 Wells Street
- Replacement Item R6 – Report No. PDS19-053 – Approval of Capital Project No. 81016 – Aurora Promenade Streetscape Design & Implementation
- Notice of Motion (b) Councillor Gaertner, Re: Helping Urban Pollinators

## **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**

None

## **4. Delegations**

### **(a) LCol Ferguson Mobbs, Rtd, representing Never Forgotten National Memorial Foundation**

#### **Re: Notice of Motion (a) Mayor Mrakas, Re: The Never Forgotten National Memorial**

Mr. Mobbs provided a brief history of the Never Forgotten Memorial Foundation and presented a video highlighting the foundation's intent to build a memorial in Green Cove, Cape Bretton, Nova Scotia to commemorate all Canadian soldiers fallen at war; which would be modeled after the statue of Canada Bereft in Vimy, France. He spoke in support of the notice of motion and requested Members of Council to support the efforts to develop the Never Forgotten National Memorial.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to Notice of Motion (a).

### **(b) Matthew Kinsella representing the Charter Family**

#### **Re: Interim Control By-law Exemption for 126 Wells Street**

Mr. Kinsella, representing the owners at 126 Wells Street, requested Members of Council to grant an exemption from the Interim Control By-law for the subject property in order to submit an application to the Committee of Adjustment to propose the construction of an attached single car garage, which would require a variance to the side yard setback. He provided details on the proposed attached garage structure and associated architectural renderings.

General Committee received the comments of the delegation and requested staff to bring back a report to the General Committee meeting of October 15, 2019 regarding a proposed exemption to the Interim Control By-law No. 6148-19 to permit an attached garage at 126 Wells Street.

## **5. Consent Agenda**

None

## **6. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

### **General Committee recommends:**

That the following Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes item, A1, be received:

### **A1. Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2019**

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 4, 2019, be received for information.

**Carried**

## **7. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)**

### **R1. CS19-024 – Delegation to Staff of Certain Powers, Duties and Functions**

#### **General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. CS19-024 be received; and
2. That a by-law that delegates powers, duties and functions to staff be enacted.

**Carried**

### **R2. FS19-028 – 2020 to 2022 Fees and Charges Update**

#### **General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. FS19-028 be received; and

2. That a by-law be enacted to set the 2020, 2021 and 2022 Fees and Charges for applications, permits, use of Town property, the sale of documents and for the prescribed service charges for administrative matters as itemized on the attached schedules.

**Carried**

**R3. FS19-029 – Prudent Investor Standard for Multiple Investments**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. FS19-029 be received; and
2. That staff undertake further due diligence to determine the best approach to move to the prudent investor standard and report back to Council with a final recommendation.

**Carried**

**R4. OPS19-021 – Backflow Prevention Bylaw and Request for Budget to Install Backflow Preventers**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. OPS19-021 be received; and
2. That a by-law to repeal and replace By-law No. 5645-14 – Being a by-law to regulate cross connections and backflow prevention in private plumbing systems – be enacted at a future Council meeting; and
3. That Capital Project No. 43057 – Installation of Backflow Prevention Meters in Town Facilities be approved; and
4. That a total budget of \$125,000 be approved for Capital Project No. 43057 to be funded from the Water Reserve.

**Carried**

**R5. OPS19-022 – Award of Sole Source Contract to Wamco Municipal Products Inc.**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. OPS19-022 be received; and

2. That a sole source contract in the amount of \$750,000, excluding taxes, be approved for the supply of water meters from Wamco Municipal Products Inc. for a five (5) year period; and
3. That Director of Operations be authorized to renew the contract, at the same rate, for three (3) additional one (1)-year terms, pending an annual analysis and performance review by the Director.

**Carried**

**R6. PDS19-053 – Approval of Capital Project No. 81016 – Aurora Promenade Streetscape Design & Implementation**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. PDS19-053 be received; and
2. That this report satisfies Council's conditional budget approval for Capital Project No.81016 – Aurora Promenade Streetscape Design & Implementation in the amount of \$570,000.

**Carried**

**R7. PDS19-084 – Proposed Amendments to the Town's Parking By-law for Industry Street and Catherine Avenue**

General Committee consented to vote on the clauses of the motion separately.

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. PDS19-084 be received.

**Carried**

**General Committee recommends:**

2. That a by-law to amend Parking By-law No. 4574-04.T be enacted to:
  - (a) Prohibit parking at any time on the west side of Industry Street from Mary Street to the south limit of Industry Street.

**Defeated**

**General Committee recommends:**

2. That a by-law to amend Parking By-law No. 4574-04.T be enacted to:
  - (b) Prohibit parking at any time on the north side of Catherine Avenue from Spruce Street to Walton Drive.

**Defeated**

**R8. PDS19-090 – The State of Maturity Report**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. PDS19-090 be received for information.

**Carried**

**8. Notices of Motion**

**(a) Mayor Mrakas**

**Re: The Never Forgotten National Memorial**

Whereas The Town of Aurora has a proud tradition of honouring those who made the supreme sacrifice on behalf of Canada in armed conflicts across the world; and

Whereas the Never Forgotten National Memorial Foundation has been established to develop commemorative programming, exhibits and monuments at a site on Cape Breton Island as a place of remembrance and thanks for those brave individuals who lost their lives so far from home; and

Whereas the foundation is seeking the support of businesses, agencies, government organizations, and individuals across Canada to bring life to this important national memorial;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That that the Town of Aurora supports efforts to develop the Never Forgotten National Memorial.

**(b) Councillor Gaertner**  
**Re: Helping Urban Pollinators**

Whereas all plants require pollination in order to produce seed and fruit; and

Whereas insects are the most common pollinators, especially bees and butterflies; and

Whereas their natural habitat of meadows, grasslands and rural roadside design is diminishing due to urbanization, pesticides and the increasing effects of severe weather; and

Whereas this, and in particular the plight of the monarch butterfly, has caught the attention of our youth; and

Whereas Ms. Shillolo's class from Hartman Public School, in their current investigation of the Role of Government and Responsible Citizenship, is using the plight of the Monarch as an example of how citizens could work with their municipal government to make a difference; and

Whereas they have asked our Council to help make a welcoming garden "filled with milkweed and flowers"; and

Whereas this would be an wonderful example of political/public co-operation and environmental protection;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to locate a space for this dedicated garden, to be planted this Fall or next Spring, in one of our parks or around one of our storm water ponds, preferably near Hartman Public School; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the children be involved by the providing staff with their research from this education unit.

## **9. New Business**

Mayor Mrakas referred to the process regarding submitting public comments regarding retail sale of cannabis within Town and noted that the Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) has received no applications for retail store authorization from patrons in Aurora. He noted that once an application is

received, a two-week notice period will follow as per the AGCO process to allow for written submissions to the Registrar, and staff would provide an update accordingly.

Councillor Gilliland requested an update on ongoing concerns regarding the Highland Gate construction site, and staff provided a response noting that a request to meet and conduct a walkabout of the site with the ratepayer association members is underway.

Councillor Gilliland referred to residents concerns regarding increase in prohibited parking at Yonge Street and Wellington Street between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and requested staff to patrol the area.

Mayor Mrakas noted that students from Hartman Public School were in attendance earlier today to discuss their intent to make a welcoming garden filled with milkweed and flowers, and noted that they would be in attendance at the Council meeting of October 8, 2019 in support of Councillor Gaertner's motion regarding helping urban pollinators.

Mayor Mrakas noted his attendance at the meeting with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and other Greater Toronto Area Mayors in Richmond Hill regarding gun control reform and noted that possibilities of implementing stricter penalties were discussed.

Councillor Gilliland sought clarification on the removal of the speed posts on streets around school zones during the winter months, and staff provided a response noting that the posts would be removed from November 15, 2019 to April 15, 2020 to accommodate winter maintenance operations.

## **10. Closed Session**

None

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.