Council Highlights



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Highlights of Aurora Town Council Meeting of Tuesday, June 25

Entry onto Private Property Protocol

Aurora Town Council received a report providing an update on the one-year pilot project for protocols relating to entry onto private property. Council approved the enacting of a notification process and immediate access protocol where entry to private property is required to determine compliance with municipal bylaws. A full copy of the revised Entry onto Private Property can be found online.

2020 to 2022 Operating and 2020 Capital Budget Development Direction

Council approved updated Budget Principles and Process documents which form the foundation upon which the Town's operating and capital budgets are built. Additionally, Council provided budget development directions and guidance to staff as they prepare the draft 2020 to 2022 multi-year operating budget for presentation to the Budget Committee during the fall of 2019.

2019 Dance in the Park

Aurora Town Council authorized the Town to provide the Rotary Club of Aurora with financial and in-kind support for the Dance in the Park event on June 30, 2019 to a maximum of \$5,000 to be funded from the Council Operating Contingency Budget. The event will take place at Town Park from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and will feature a beer tent and live musical entertainment. Information can be found on the Town website at aurora.ca/canadaday.

Replacement of the Aurora Family Leisure Complex Skate Park

Aurora Town Council approved a report satisfying the conditional approval of repairs to the Aurora Family Leisure Complex Skate Park. The repairs are expected to take place during the fall of 2019.

Council approves Stable Neighbourhood Bylaw

Council amended By-law Number 6000-17, as amended, to implement the recommendations of the Stable Neighbourhood Study. The bylaw includes the following:

- Maximum building height of 9.0 metres measured as per the existing bylaw, or 9.9 metres to the peak of the roof, whichever is less;
- Maximum height for a detached garage of 3.5 metres measured as per the existing bylaw, or 4.5 metres to the peak of the roof, whichever is less;
- Maximum lot coverage of 35% or 235m2 for a dwelling with an incorporated garage, whichever is less;
- Maximum lot coverage of 40% or 215m2 for a dwelling with a detached garage;
- Maximum Gross Floor Area of 370m2
- Rear vard setback of 7.5 metres or 25% of the total lot depth, whichever is greater:
- Integral garages flush with, or set back from, the Main Front Wall of the dwelling;
- Sideyard setback of 3.0 metres beyond the rear main wall of the adjacent dwelling.



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Outdoor Field Development Strategy

Council approved moving forward with an Outdoor Field Development Strategy at a cost of \$55,000. A comprehensive field development strategy will help ensure that the Town is properly positioned to meet the existing and future outdoor sports field needs for the community. It will help maximize opportunities with existing assets and provide informed recommendations for the acquisition/development of new assets.

Corporate Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan

Aurora Town Council endorsed an update on the Corporate Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan (ECDM) for 2019 to 2023. The Town's overall goal for its facilities and fleet vehicles combined is to reduce energy consumption by 10.5 per cent, natural gas consumption by 9.7 per cent and GHG emissions by 15.9 per cent from the 2018 baseline by the end of 2023. The ECDM Plan presents a road map, which will determine priorities, technologies, projects and opportunities for the Town in order to meet corporate energy and GHG goals. The plan can be found online here.

Aurora Food and Culture Festival

Council approved a motion put forward by Councillor Harold Kim for the Aurora Food and Culture Festival. Council also approved funding to an upset limit of \$5,000 from the Council Contingency Fund to Sports Horizons Inc to operate the event. The festival will take place on the Friday, September 6, 2019 at the Town Park and the Aurora Armoury.

Town Response to Regional Governance Review

Aurora Town Council approved a motion put forward by Mayor Tom Mrakas resolving that Council endorse the effectiveness of the current two-tier municipal governance structure. The Provincial Government is currently undertaking a Regional Governance Review that aims to suggest more efficient service delivery models. Council affirmed their support for the status quo, and committed to always being open to partnerships that provide efficiencies to the taxpayer. In addition, Council reiterated that the Town's actively engaged citizens value the distinct identity of their community. The motion will be forwarded to all municipalities of York Region, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all local MPPs and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Next meeting of Aurora Town Council

The next meeting of Aurora Town Council is scheduled to take place on **July 23, 2019** at 7 p.m. in Aurora Town Hall, Council Chambers, located at 100 John West Way. Please check the Town's website for any cancellations or date changes.

Additional Council Information

Comprehensive Minutes of Aurora Town Council Meetings, which detail the full list of Council decisions, are available under **Agendas and Minutes** on the Town of Aurora website. Minutes are available on the Friday afternoon following Council.

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