

Council Highlights



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Highlights of Aurora Town Council Meeting of Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Council approves Aurora Promenade Streetscape Design and Implementation

Aurora Town Council approved moving forward with a capital project to initiate streetscape improvements within the historic downtown of the Aurora Promenade. Council approved \$570,000 in funding for streetscape improvements, including upgrades to the concrete sidewalks with patterned concrete pavers, year-round hanging baskets on light poles, long narrow planters along sidewalks, heritage-style furniture throughout the street, promotional banners and the landscaping of mid-block connections. The project is expected to be completed for the 2020 summer season.

Backflow Prevention Bylaw and Installation of Backflow Preventers at Town Facilities

Council approved a new bylaw to regulate cross connections and backflow prevention in private plumbing systems. The Backflow Prevention Program applies to all existing and future industrial, commercial, institutional and multi-residential properties. The installation of backflow preventer devices minimizes the probability of water flowing in the reverse direction and contaminating the municipal drinking water supply. Council also approved the installation of backflow prevention devices in Town facilities with a total approved budget of \$125,000.

Fees and Charges Update

Aurora Town Council approved the enactment of the 2020 to 2022 Fees and Charges Bylaw for user pay services. Many of the fees are calculated on a full cost-recovery basis, allowing the Town to fully recover the costs of providing a specific service or use of property. The changes in the Town's fees and charges predominately relate to an adjustment for inflation. Changes to the Fees and Charges Bylaw can be found [online](#).

Delegation to Staff of Certain Powers, Duties and Functions

Aurora Town Council enacted a bylaw to update and define the delegation policies and procedures that were approved by Council in 2007. A delegated authority bylaw identifies the powers and authorities given to staff in order to improve accountability and transparency. The *Municipal Act, 2001* requires that all municipalities adopt and maintain a policy with respect to the delegation of Council's legislative and administrative authority. Delegating authority to staff on certain matters allows for efficiencies and improved customer service. A full list of delegated authorities can be found in the attachment to the report [online](#).

Never Forgotten National Memorial in Cape Breton

Council approved a motion put forward by Mayor Tom Mrakas resolving that the Town support efforts to develop the Never Forgotten National Memorial. A memorial foundation has been created to establish programming, exhibits and monuments in Cape Breton Island as a place of remembrance and thanks for Canadians who have made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of Canada in armed conflicts around the world.



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The next meeting of Aurora Town Council is scheduled to take place on **October 22, 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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