

Council Highlights



Town of Aurora Corporate Communications

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Highlights of Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2020

COVID-19 Financial Impact Forecast

Aurora Town Council received a report about the financial impact on the Town of the COVID-19 pandemic and broader economic shut-down impacts. The report described the Town's financial relief measures such as the deferral of the second tax levy installment payment due date by approximately two months for residential tax payers. A similar offer is available to commercial tax payers on an application basis. Late payment penalties have also been waived on any unpaid water bill amounts owing until June 30, 2020. A copy of the report will also be sent to the Aurora Public Library, the Aurora Historical Society, the Aurora Cultural Centre, the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame and the Joint Council Committee for Central York Fire Services to see if these organizations can lower their expenditures and assist in balancing the Town's projected 2020 operating deficit.

Hartwell Way – Non Programmed Park Design

Aurora Town Council received a report for a new neighbourhood park located at 276 and 310 Hartwell Way. Preliminary designs include features such as a dog park, open space, a wildlife park information centre, community gardens, future trail connections and more. The two designs will proceed to public consultation before a final decision on the design is made by Council.

Request for Information re: Construction and Operation of an Indoor Baseball Training Facility on the Hallmark Lands

Aurora Town Council received a report to issue a Request For Information (RFI) in accordance with the Town's Procurement By-law to obtain expressions of interest for the construction and operation of an indoor multipurpose training facility on the Hallmark Lands. Further consultation with impacted user groups will also be done to verify their interest in an indoor baseball facility.

Administrative Changes to the Calculation and Collection of Development Charges under Bill 108 and Bill 138

Aurora Town Council received a report with an overview of the impact on administrative changes to the Town arising from the Bill 108 and Bill 138 legislative changes. Staff recommend that the Town proceed with the development of a policy to establish a clear and consistent framework for the application and administration of all new provisions. The policy will also define how the Town will administer interest on its frozen and phased DC amounts owing; as well as introducing a new DC Administration Fee to partially recover the Town's decreased DC cash flows and overall reduced DC revenues that will result from the frozen and phased in DC changes.

Financial Support of the Aurora Cares Community Action Team

Aurora Town Council approved a motion put forward by Mayor Tom Mrakas transferring \$25,000 from the Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic Fund to the Aurora Cares Community Action Team to support the needs of the most vulnerable and at risk in our community as a result of the current COVID-19 crisis.



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Additional Council Information

On March 31, the Town of Aurora held its first virtual special council meeting to discuss matters relating to Town operations during the state of emergency. Based on the success of the meeting, Aurora Town Council will continue to meet virtually to move forward critical municipal business during the COVID-19 pandemic. The next virtual meetings of Council are as follows:

- General Committee Meeting, Tuesday, May 5, 2020, at 7 p.m.
- General Committee Meeting, Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at 7 p.m.
- Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 7 p.m.

Delegations will be allowed by video conference and by phone. To delegate at a meeting, please visit aurora.ca/participation for further information. To view a live meeting, visit aurora.ca/livecouncilmeeting.

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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