

For immediate release
Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Highlights of the Meeting of Council on Tuesday, October 27, 2020

Anti-Idling Policy

Council approved the implementation of a new anti-idling policy which aims to limit unnecessary idling within the Town limits. The idling limit is currently set to five minutes. The primary implementation strategy involves public education, and enforcement can occur when necessary through the provisions of the Noise By-law. The Town will develop a webpage dedicated to idling education, with facts, statistics and tips for reducing vehicle idling. The policy will be brought forward to Council in 12 months for review and any necessary refinement.

Tabling of 2021 Municipal Budget

The proposed municipal budget for 2021 was tabled at tonight's meeting of Council, setting the stage for a series of discussions around priorities and opportunities in 2021. In 2020, Council approved the Town of Aurora's first three-year multi-year operating budget; the proposed budget tabled tonight is the second one included in the multi-year budget and includes both the 2021 and the 2022 operating and capital budgets, as well as the Town's ten-year capital plan.

The proposed 2021 budget maintains all current levels of service, as well as providing for a responsible number of initiatives designed to improve the quality of Aurorans' lives and the sustainability of the Town's infrastructure. It also accounts for the continuing impact of COVID-19 on municipal operations across the country and incorporates savings in a number of areas.

All told, the proposed budget would see approximately a \$70 increase in residential tax bills per year, representing an increase of 2.9%. This increase is inclusive of a 1% increase to contribute to financial reserves, highlighting the Town's focus on fiscal sustainability.

Great Canadian Achievements Mural

Council approved a motion from Councillor Harold Kim that directs staff to investigate locations for a second wall to celebrate the diversity in "Greater Canadian Achievements." The motion refers to the Greater Canadian Achievements mural that was unveiled in 2001, highlighting thirty great moments in Canadian history. Councillor Kim's motion speaks to the desire for a potential second wall to be more inclusive of Canadians of racialized background who contributed to the building of Canada. Staff will report back to Council in the new year.



Council Highlights



The next meetings of Council are as follows:

- General Committee Meeting – Tuesday, November 3, 2020, 7 p.m.
- Budget Committee Meeting – Monday, November 9, 2020, 6 p.m.
- Finance Advisory Committee - Tuesday, November 10, 2020, 5:45 p.m.

All meetings are being held virtually in accordance with health guidelines. 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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