

# Council Highlights



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## Highlights of the Meeting of Council on Tuesday, January 26, 2021

### Community Energy Plan

Council endorsed the new Community Energy Plan (CEP), which is a guiding document that provides strategic direction to move towards a sustainable energy future. It takes a long-term view to 2050 and aims to improve energy efficiency, reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, and foster a culture of conservation. It considers the impact of future growth and options for local clean energy generation. Supporting economic development by better meeting local energy needs is a key element within the Plan. The Community Energy Plan provides a pathway towards the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80% from 2018 levels by 2050.

### Hartwell Way Non-Programmed Park

Council approved construction on a non-programmed park on Hartwell Way, in response to a report from staff outlining significant community support for the project. Residents were not supportive of an off-leash dog area in the park, however, Council directed staff to come back with a report on potentially establishing a dog park in a non-residential location.

### Anti-Black Racism and Anti-Racism Task Force

Council approved the terms of reference of the new Anti-Black Racism and Anti-Racism Task Force. Members of the Task Force were appointed in September 2020, and the first two meetings occurred in November 2020 and January 2021. The Task Force will work with community groups within Aurora and York Region to identify and develop priorities for the Task Force; identify opportunities to increase engagement with people of colour and ensure that diversity is not only accepted in the Town but recognized as crucial to the community moving forward; foster increased public awareness of anti-racism; and identify real and actionable ways to improve the Town of Aurora through helping to remove systematic racism in the community and the organization.

### Sinkhole Mitigation at Yonge Street

York Region provided an update concerning their ongoing sinkhole construction at Yonge and Industrial Parkway. After several unavoidable and unexpected delays, work to repair this ongoing issue, which is due to a natural low point in the road and a high water table, is now proceeding. Work is expected to be complete by fall 2021.



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The next meetings of Council are as follows:

- General Committee Meeting – Tuesday, February 3, 2021, 7 p.m.
- Council Public Planning – Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 7 p.m.
- General Committee Meeting – Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 7 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 7 p.m.

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