

Council Highlights



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Highlights of the Meeting of Council on Tuesday, June 22, 2021

New Name: Aurora Town Square

Council approved a new name for the Library Square project. The centerpiece of the Town's ambitious downtown revitalization plan, will now be known as Aurora Town Square. The new name, approved following a public engagement process, was carefully chosen to reflect an age-old desire for communities to share a space of belonging and celebration. Since 2018, Town staff have taken numerous steps to find a new name for the facility as the name Library Square no longer captures the full extent of the cross-sectoral and collaborative nature of this project. Visit the [Aurora Town Square](#) webpage for more information.

Annual Reports to the Community 2019 and 2020

Council endorsed the 2019 and 2020 Annual Reports to the Community, highlighting the Town's accomplishments over those two years. The reports are organized around the Town's 2011-2031 Strategic Plan, where the following three themes are identified as overarching: environment, economy and community. The Report to the Community provides an overview of the Town's performance through the sharing of information, facts, and figures related to the municipality's strategic objectives. View the [2019 and 2020 Reports](#).

Long-term Plan for Financial Sustainability

Council adopted a new fiscal strategy for the Town of Aurora, which will establish a path to long-term financial strength and stability for the municipality. The fiscal strategy includes four pillars that must work together over the long-term to achieve financial sustainability. These pillars are capital planning, reserve management, debt management and revenue management. The strategy balances the objectives of all four pillars and lays in the centre where the four pillars meet.



In practice the fiscal strategy will:

- Provide a long-term view to financial stewardship and financial management
- Ensure the Town maintains desired service levels and adapts to growth
- Manage and moderate the fiscal impacts from year-to-year
- Enable the Town to effectively maintain and replace assets
- Prepare the Town to adapt to changing economic circumstances
- Assess financial impacts between current and future tax and rate payers to reduce fiscal shocks and share financial burden fairly across multiple generations

View the [fiscal strategy](#) for more information.

Motion on Food Insecurity

Council approved a motion from Councillor Humfries directing staff to report back on how the municipality can better address the issue of food insecurity in Aurora. Staff will pursue a number of avenues, including:

- Investigating the possibility of creating a Food Charter for Aurora; and
- Investigating the creation of a volunteer Food Security Advisory Committee to explore a food strategy and foster support for local food security initiatives.

Motion on Invasive Species

Council approved a motion from Councillor Gilliland directing staff to work with the Aurora Arboretum to pursue additional opportunities for educating residents about the existence, mitigation, handling and safe removal of invasive species such as garlic mustard and *Lymantria dispar dispar* (LDD) caterpillars. It is expected that the campaign will begin in late 2021.

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The next meetings of Council are as follows:

- General Committee Meeting – Tuesday, July 6, 2021, 7 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 7 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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