

For immediate release
Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Highlights of the Meeting of Council on Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Revised Noise By-law

Council approved the creation of a revised noise by-law for the Town. The former by-law was outdated and did not address community expectations or changing legislative requirements. The revisions to the noise by-law were established based on best practice review, analysis of legislation, and resident feedback provided during public consultation opportunities. The changes made to the bylaw aim to strike a balance between respecting property rights and providing flexibility for events like birthday parties, weddings, and religious holidays. The new by-law will go into force and effect when it is passed by Council at a later date.

Climate Lens in Town Governance and Operations

Council approved the inclusion of climate change considerations in staff reports, beginning in 2022, as well as the incorporation of those considerations in the 2023 budget approval process. This decision was made in support of sustainable environmental practices to combat climate change, streamline climate change as a municipal priority into programming and decisions, facilitate interdepartmental engagement, and increase transparency of municipal decision-making. This decision is directly in line with the Town's ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability.

Canadian Achievements Diversity and Inclusion Mural

Council approved the artist and location for a new Canadian Achievements Diversity and Inclusion Mural. A total of five artists submitted designs in response to the call for artists which closed on August 1, with one additional submission being received after the deadline. The location selected by the artists – comprised of three Iranian-born female artists – is the northern wall of 15242 Yonge Street. Staff will work with the artist to determine the final mural design which will then come back to Council for final approval.



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National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Council approved a motion brought forward by Councillor Humfryes to recognize September 30 as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day). The Day will be commemorated for the first time on September 30, 2021, with a raising of the Every Child Matters flag at Town Hall, and a community gathering and sacred fire at Town Park.

Outdoor Fitness Park

Council approved a motion brought forward by Councillor Gilliland directing staff to report back with possible new fitness park locations, or potential upgrades to current parks, including information on costing. The motion was introduced to enhance opportunities for residents to participate in physical activities even in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The next meetings of Council and Committee are as follows:

- General Committee – Tuesday, October 5, 7 p.m.
- Public Planning – Tuesday, October 12, 7 p.m.
- General Committee – Tuesday, October 19, 7 p.m.
- Council – Tuesday, October 26, 7 p.m.

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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