

Council Highlights



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Highlights of the Meeting of Council on Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Sport Tourism Strategy 2022 – 2026

Council endorsed the Town's first Sport Tourism Strategy. The Strategy has been developed to provide an intentional and collaborative approach to making Aurora a destination for new and repeat sport participants and their families and focuses on enhancing the experience for those visitors. More information about Sport Tourism in Aurora can be found at aurora.ca/en/recreation-arts-and-culture/sport-tourism.aspx

Home on Berczy Street designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act

Council approved 34 Berczy Street to be designated as a property of Cultural Heritage Value of Interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. Council further directed that 26, 32, and 38 Berczy Street be removed from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Value or Interest conditional upon the submission of a detailed Site and Building Documentation and a fulsome Historical Report inclusive of properties both north and south of Mosley Street, and a detailed Commemorative Plan.

Third Party Events in Outdoor Town Facilities: Aurorapalooza and Community Craft Beer Festival

Council directed staff to review and approve both the Aurorapalooza and Community Craft Beer Festival applications in accordance with the Third-Party Events in Outdoor Town Facilities Policy. These two events will be designated as events of Town significance and will be able to attain a Special Occasion Permit in accordance with the Municipal Alcohol Policy and proceed with the planning of their events.

Updates to the Proclamation Policy

Council approved updates to the Proclamation Policy which include adding clearer language around criteria for a proclamation and having the Mayor proclaim on behalf of the municipality. For more information on Town of Aurora proclamations, visit aurora.ca/proclamations.

Anti-Idling Policy Update

Council approved revisions to the Anti-Idling Policy including reducing the permitted idling time from five minutes to two minutes to align with surrounding municipalities. Town staff, including By-Law Services will continue with an education-based approach to idling offences, and investigating any idling complaints received by the Town. For more information on anti-idling in Aurora, visit aurora.ca/idlefreeaurora.



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Motion to Add Sunset Clause to Site-Specific Zoning By-law Amendments

Council approved a motion presented by Mayor Mrakas regarding adding a sunset clause to site-specific zoning by-law amendment. If, following the approval of a site-specific zoning by-law amendment, a building permit has not been issued under the Building Code within a specified time frame, then the by-law will automatically repeal, and revert to the original zoning. In addition, the motion directs staff to include existing Official Plan Servicing Allocation “Use it or Redistribute It” policies in all future residential draft plan of subdivision and site plan application approvals that will stipulate the applicant shall proceed to register the appropriate development agreement within a given time frame or receive an extension from Council and obtain a building permit within a specified time frame for said project. If the applicant does not satisfy the time frame requirements or receive an extension from Council, the development approvals and servicing allocation may be revoked.

Motion to Support and Promote a Program for Black History Month, February 2023

Council approved a motion presented by Councillor Gaertner to direct staff to come together in consultation with local community organizations to support and promote a program for Black History Month in February 2023. The motion was amended to add a request that staff report back in July with a summary of past activities related to Black History Month and proposed plans for the future.

Motion Regarding Invasive Plant Phragmites in Aurora and Remediation Recommendations

Council approved a motion presented by Councillor Gilliland to direct staff to report back with information identifying phragmites areas of concern and recommendations on remediation. Phragmites has been recognized as one of Canada’s worst invasive plants that threaten the existence of meaningful wetlands and ecosystems.

The next meetings of Council are as follows:

- General Committee Meeting - Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 7 p.m.
- General Committee Meeting – Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 7 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 7 p.m.

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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