

Council Highlights



Town of Aurora Corporate Communications

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Highlights of the Meeting of Council on Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS)

Council approved the implementation of the Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS). The proposed AMPS will provide a customer focused dispute resolution process for prosecution matters to be heard by the Town and in an expedited timeline in comparison to the existing Provincial Offences Act (POA) process. Although AMPS can involve a variety of municipal by-law violations, staff are proposing to commence the AMPS program with parking violations, which represents the single largest volume of Court activity for Aurora. By implementing the AMPS process, staff will be able to conduct penalty notice dispute screenings and hearings internally while also ensuring procedural fairness for the appellant. This will allow residents to dispute their concerns at a local level and remove the lengthy delays experienced in the Court system.

2023 Budget Timeline and Process

Council approved the timeline and budget process for the 2023 Budget. The Town hosted a 2023 Budget Public Session on Tuesday, June 7 and the 2023 Pre-budget community engagement survey is open until June 30. All feedback received will be reviewed by staff and will be shared with Council ahead of the tabling of the budget at Council on December 13, 2022. Should Budget Committee complete their review of the budget by Monday, January 23, 2023, a final budget approval at the January 31, 2023 Council Meeting is possible. For more information visit, engageaurora.ca/budget2023.

SARC Gymnasium Update

Council approved the final design and budget for the SARC gymnasium addition. Further consultation with the project team and consultants refined the detailed design for this project and a value engineering exercise resulted in savings of approximately \$250,000 bringing the total budget for the project to \$11,125,000. The renovation will include a standard single gymnasium, dry changerooms, gymnasium storage, an administration and customer service space, a new multipurpose room and a renovation of the existing preschool/toddler room to make it more of a multi purpose space. Tender documents will be issued in November with a contract award anticipated in March, 2023 and substantial completion anticipated by March, 2024.

Town of Aurora Official Plan Review

Council approved the release of the Draft Official Plan on engageaurora.ca/OPR for public review and comment. The Official Plan sets out the goals, objectives and policies to manage and direct physical change and the effects on the social, economic, built and natural environment of the municipality. Public consultation is a key component of a successful Official Plan Review Process. Following this public engagement, and based on all feedback received, the project team will revise the Draft amendment before holding a statutory public meeting and then formally presenting them for Council's consideration in 2023.



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Aurora Town Square Governance – Town Staffing

Council approved a staff report regarding additional staffing requirements for Aurora Town Square as the construction project prepares for opening in 2023. The approved positions include a Full Time Facility Crew Lead, Customer Service Representative, and an interim Technical Specialist.

Diversity and Inclusion Mural

Council approved the location and design for a new Diversity and Inclusion Mural in Aurora's downtown area, funded by sponsors. The mural design is by Moonlight Murals Collective and portrays the idea of Canadians of all backgrounds coming together to create a beautiful quilt that represents diversity and unity. Staff are working towards a mural installation date of Summer/Fall 2022 on the Northern wall of 15105 Yonge Street, Lind Realty Building.

Motion to Support Natural Capital Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure

Council approved a motion presented by Councillor Rachel Gilliland to request a study to establish the economic value of the Town owned natural capital assets be included in the 2023 Capital Budget for Council discussion and consideration. Natural capital assets are specific elements within nature that provide goods and services to the community such as clean water supply, natural filtration of contaminants, water flow stabilization, greenhouse gas mitigation, erosion control, recreation, health benefits and more. The motion further recommends the study aligns with the Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure with recommended stewardship plans and maintenance best practices to enhance and protect these features.

Motion for Traffic Safety Measures on Wells Street

Council approved a motion presented by Councillor Sandra Humfryes to install four-way stops at both Wells Street and Connaught Avenue and Wells Street and Harrison Avenue once the threshold of 80 per cent of community support has been confirmed and that the residents are provided with a survey requesting preference for one, both or none of the stop signs.

The next meetings of Council are as follows:

- General Committee Meeting - Tuesday, July 5, 2022, 7 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, July 12, 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.

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