

# Council Highlights



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## Highlights of the Meeting of Council on Tuesday, December 13, 2022

### Tabling of the 2023 Municipal Budget

On Tuesday evening, staff tabled the proposed 2023 Budget and 10-year Capital Plan, with a proposed tax increase of 3.5 per cent. The accompanying report by staff noted that inflationary pressure was a main driver for the tax increase, with overall inflation for goods and services in Canada year-over-year continuing to average between six to seven per cent. The Town's growing rehabilitation and replacement costs for its aging infrastructure were also a key contributor to this tax pressure. The total proposed Operating Budget in 2023 for the Town of Aurora is \$112.5 million.

The Capital Budget for 2023 is part of the Town's 10-year Capital Plan, which totals \$347.1 million in spending over the next decade. The focus in 2023 continues to be on investments in asset management, including maintenance of facilities, fleet, roads, storm sewers, and a newly proposed program for the Information Technology division. The Capital Budget for 2023 also allocates funds for the completion of Aurora Town Square and a 7,500 square-foot addition to the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex.

Budget deliberations will begin in the new year, with Council expected to pass the budget in February. As part of the development of the 2023 Budget, the Town of Aurora engaged with community members, businesses, and organizations to get their feedback on budget priorities, both through an online survey and a public consultation meeting.

To read the proposed budget, visit [Budget 2023 - Town of Aurora](#).

### Motion on feasibility of proactive rental regulations, safety, and inspections

Council passed a motion presented by Councillor Gilliland to direct staff to bring forward a report on the feasibility and implications of implementing a proactive property inspection program for rental apartment buildings and rental residential units, as well as a residential rental unit licensing system. The motion says that the number of rental properties in Aurora is expected to grow in the coming years, and Aurora is already experiencing an increase in concerns around safety and property standards. The motion notes that the current process to alert the Town of safety and property standard issues is complaint driven, and that implementing proactive inspections and a licensing program could help ensure the safety of tenants and increase respect for municipal property standard by-laws.

The next meeting of Council will be General Committee on **January 17, 2023**.

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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