



# Town of Aurora Joint Operations Centre

## Building Our Future

The Town of Aurora's new Joint Operations Centre consolidates existing Parks and Public Works operations into a single, environmentally-friendly, 66,000 square-foot facility, which will substantially improve operational effectiveness.

### The new centre will:

- Provide service to our growing community, which is estimated to reach a population of more than 70,000 by 2031
- Maintain and support more than \$450 million in Town-owned assets
- Combine Public Works and Parks services, including drinking water, wastewater, parks and trees, road maintenance and snow removal

With a growing number of residential developments, roads, sidewalks and parks, this facility is a pivotal project required for the Town to continue to provide the high level of services that Aurora residents expect and deserve.

*The Town of Aurora is a champion of environmental protection and preservation. The Joint Operations Centre serves as a benchmark for environmental excellence and a model of sustainability.*

## Achieving a Gold Standard of Environmental Excellence



Aurora's Joint Operations Centre is planned to be built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold standards and will meet the Canada Green Building Council's energy efficient targets.

Some of the facility's environmental features include:

- A green roof with native grasses, plants and trees to improve biodiversity
- Storm water collection for irrigation
- Use of natural light and passive ventilation to reduce energy needs
- Potential for solar panels
- Recharge stations for electric vehicles and bicycle storage to support the use of alternative transportation
- Interior and exterior LED lighting systems
- Water conservation low-flow hands-free plumbing fixtures
- High efficiency heating and cooling systems
- Motion sensor lighting control

# Why Aurora Needs This Facility

The Town of Aurora's Public Works and Operations services have been operating out of 9 Scanlon Court and several scattered satellite properties.

The Scanlon Court facility was constructed more than 40 years ago, servicing a community of 15,000 residents. It was designed to accommodate an increase in population to 30,000 residents.

With an aging facility, growing population and ever greater service requirements, the need for a modern, centralized facility has never been greater.

Merging multiple locations will create a number of efficiencies, including:

- **Eliminating duplication** – Including operational and staff resources
- **Improve emergency readiness** – The new facility will have full back-up power to ensure operations continue during inclement weather or emergencies
- **Adding additional capacity** – Including outdoor storage for snow and ice removal operations, indoor storage of vehicles, greenhouse facilities, accommodations for female staff and changing environmental and accessibility regulations.

## CURRENT FACILITY CONDITIONS



*Poor site access and public entrance, which does not meet accessibility requirements.*



*Lack of indoor vehicle and equipment storage. Shortage of parking for staff and visitors.*



*Poor outdoor and indoor material storage space.*



*Inadequate staff change rooms and work spaces.*



## WHAT WE DO

The Town of Aurora provides a wide range of municipal services. The new facility will provide much-needed training space, while providing an Operations Centre, works yard, greenhouse and salt-and-sand shed. These are essential services that contribute to the safety and success of our community.

### The new Operations Centre plays a crucial role in the majority of community services, including:

- Parks and property maintenance
- Pedestrian trails
- Playing field maintenance
- Recreation facility maintenance
- Natural heritage areas protection
- Winter road, sidewalk maintenance
- Road and boulevard maintenance
- Traffic management maintenance
- Water distribution system maintenance
- Solid waste management
- Snow storage
- Greenhouse operations



## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR RESIDENTS

The new Joint Operations Centre will serve the needs of our community to our estimated build-out in 2031.

It will allow the Town to continue to provide the necessary services that contribute to the high quality of life Aurora residents enjoy, which includes maintaining:

- Nearly 60 kilometres of trails
- More than 700 acres of parks and open spaces
- Approximately 400 kilometres of paved lanes and 180 kilometres of sidewalks
- 35 parks
- 18 baseball diamonds
- 69 soccer fields
- 13 tennis courts
- 35 playground structures
- Safe, clean water tested 17 times per week, 884 times per year
- More than 500,000 square feet of facility space including five arenas, pools, Seniors' Centre, Town Hall, Cultural Centre, community theatre, meeting spaces, library, fire halls and Operations Centre



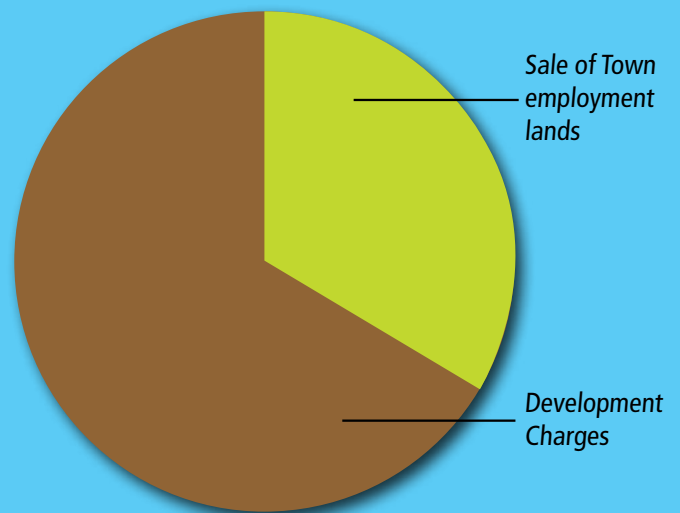
## Funding

The estimated construction budget for the Joint Operations Centre is \$19.8 million.

**The facility will NOT be funded by municipal property taxes.**

Debt financing will be used to fund construction, with full cost recovery (including interest) over the next five to 10 years, from the following sources:

- 2/3 from Development Charges (Levies applied to new construction)
- 1/3 from the sale of Town employment lands



*The land purchase for the Joint Operations Centre is \$4 million. This will also be funded from development charges and by the sale of the existing facility at 9 Scanlon Court.*



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