



TOWN OF AURORA GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, January 14, 2014

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS	Councillor Buck in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Ballard, Gaertner, Gallo, Humfryes, Pirri, Thompson and Mayor Dawe
MEMBERS ABSENT	None
OTHER ATTENDEES	Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Customer and Legislative Services/Town Clerk, Director of Building and By-law Services, Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services, Director of Legal Services/Town Solicitor, Director of Planning and Development Services, Manager of Accounting and Revenues/Deputy Treasurer, Council & Committee Coordinator/Deputy Clerk, and Council/Committee Secretary

Mayor Dawe called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

General Committee recommends:

THAT the agenda as circulated by the Customer and Legislative Services Department, **with the following addition**, be approved:

- Item 18 – Release of Closed Session Material
Re: 215 Industrial Parkway South (Old Hydro Building)

CARRIED

3. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 15, and 16 were identified as items requiring separate discussion.

4. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, and 17 were identified as items not requiring separate discussion.

General Committee recommends:

THAT the following recommendations respecting the matters listed as "Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion" be adopted as submitted to the General Committee and staff be authorized to take all necessary action required to give effect to same:

**2. BBS14-002 – Request for Sign Variance to Sign By-law No. 4898-07.P
2 Orchard Heights Blvd.**

THAT report BBS14-002 be received; and

THAT Council approve a request for a variance to Sign By-law 4898-07.P to permit the installation of a canopy sign that extends beyond the limits of the canopy fascia.

5. IES14-005 – Facility Projects Status Report

THAT report IES14-005 be received for information.

7. PL14-001 – Planning Applications Status List

THAT report PL14-001 be received for information.

**9. PR14-002 – Licence to Utilize Lands Owned by Ontario Infrastructure
and Lands Corporation (OILC) Municipally Known as 100
Bloomington Road**

THAT report PR14-002 be received; and

THAT Council not proceed with the signing of an Agreement with the Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC).

12. AAC14-01 – Accessibility Advisory Committee Report, December 2, 2013

THAT Council receive report AAC14-01; and

THAT Council adopt the following recommendations from the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of December 2, 2013:

**2. Memorandum from the Planner
Re: Application for Site Plan Approval (Submission #1)
York Region Christian Seniors Homes Inc.
15600 Leslie Street, File No.: D11-10-13**

THAT each entrance be barrier-free; and

THAT there be an increase in accessible parking spots that have acceptable connectivity with delineated, contrasting identification marks; and

THAT the parking spots be closer to the building for easier access for each phase.

3. **Memorandum from the Planner**
Re: Application for Site Plan Approval (Submission #1)
TACC Developments (Aurora) Inc.
Part of Lot 25, Concession 2
1335 St. John's Sideroad East
File No.: D11-11-13

THAT each entrance be barrier-free; and

THAT an additional parking spot be added closer to the building; and

THAT the historical house be outfitted with a ramp feature to ensure accessibility.

4. **Memorandum from the Accessibility Advisor**
Re: Accessibility Items for the 2014-2021 Accessibility Plan

THAT the Items in Appendix B be adopted and recommended to Council for inclusion in the 2014-2021 Accessibility Plan.

13. EAC14-01 – Environmental Advisory Committee Report, December 5, 2013

THAT Council receive report EAC14-01; and

THAT Council adopt the following recommendations from the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of December 5, 2013:

2. **Memorandum from the Programs Manager, Environmental Initiatives**
Re: Water Bottle Fill Stations

THAT this item be referred back to staff for clarification on the location of existing hydration stations; and

THAT the 2014 budget line regarding this item be deferred to the 2015 budget.

New Business

THAT staff be directed to report back on a dedicated environmental section on the Town website to assist users in readily locating Town of Aurora environmental information.

New Business

THAT the January 2014 meeting be cancelled.

14. HAC14-01 – Heritage Advisory Committee Report, December 9, 2013

THAT Council receive report HAC14-01; and

THAT Council adopt the following recommendation from the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of December 9, 2013:

1. **HAC13-034 – Architectural Salvage Program**

THAT staff report back with an inventory of items belonging to the Aurora Collection; and

THAT staff report back on items salvaged from homes demolished since 2005; and

THAT staff investigate regarding potential liability issues; and

THAT staff report back regarding delegating authority for considering requests for items under this Program; and

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee direct staff to provide revised Program guidelines to the Heritage Advisory Committee in the future.

17. AAC14-02 – Accessibility Advisory Committee Report, January 8, 2014

THAT Council receive report AAC14-02; and

THAT Council adopt the following recommendations from the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of January 8, 2014:

1. Memorandum from the Planner
Re: Application for Site Plan Review
213-229 Industrial Parkway North
Plan 65M-2718 Block 7, File No.: D11-01-13

THAT the memorandum regarding Application for Site Plan Review, 213-229 Industrial Parkway North, Plan 65M-2718 Block 7, File No.: D11-01-13 be received; and

THAT consideration be given for all entrance and/or exit doors to be barrier-free; and

THAT consideration be given for all washrooms to be barrier-free; and

THAT consideration be given to men's and women's locker rooms, lunchroom and washrooms maintaining accessible width and clearance and to be barrier-free; and

THAT consideration be given to both visual and audible alarm systems being incorporated throughout the building; and

THAT consideration be given for proper way-finding contrasting signage throughout the building; and

THAT consideration be given to installing levered hardware on all doors within the building.

3. Town of Aurora 2014-2021 Accessibility Plan

THAT the memorandum regarding the Town of Aurora 2014-2021 Accessibility Plan be received; and

THAT the 2014-2021 Accessibility Plan be adopted and recommended to Council for approval.

4. Memorandum from the Accessibility Advisor
Re: Town of Aurora Integrated Accessibility Standards
Regulation Policy

THAT the memorandum regarding the Town of Aurora Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation Policy be received; and

THAT the Town of Aurora Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation Policy be endorsed by Council.

New Business

THAT the Accessibility Advisor consult with appropriate staff to ensure that the accessible doors are operating correctly at the Aurora Public Library.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS

None

6. PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

None

7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

1. CAO14-001 – Hillary-McIntyre Park

General Committee recommends:

THAT report CAO14-001 be received; and

THAT report CAO14-001 be forwarded to the February 4, 2014 General Committee meeting for consideration; **and**

THAT Council provide direction.

CARRIED

3. BBS14-003 – The Noise By-law and Outdoor Playing of Music

General Committee recommends:

THAT report BBS14-003 be received; and

THAT Noise Bylaw No. 4787-06.P not be amended for reasons outlined within Report No. BBS14-003.

CARRIED

General Committee recommends:

THAT Item 8 be moved forward for consideration.

CARRIED

**8. PL14-002 – Proposed Bell Mobility Telecommunications Tower
15320 Bayview Ave. Holdings
650-676 Wellington Street East
File Number D11-(EX)04-13**

General Committee recommends:

THAT report PL14-002 be referred back to staff to investigate the feasibility of co-location of services on telecommunication towers.

CARRIED

General Committee recommends:

THAT Item 10 be moved forward for consideration.

CARRIED

10. PR14-004 – Tree Protection By-law

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report PR14-004 be received; and

THAT Council approve the Private Tree Protection By-law with the following amendments:

- **Trees in the Heritage District – Section 4.(1)(c): Option 1; and**
- **Trees on Larger Residential Private Property – Section 4.(1)(a): Option 2 as amended to reduce the size of properties from .25 ha to .2 ha; and**
- **Trees on Golf Courses – Section 4.(3)(d): Option 2.**

CARRIED

4. BBS14-004 – Petch House – Change of Use Permit

General Committee recommends:

THAT report BBS14-004 be received for information.

CARRIED

**15. PRAC14-01 – Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Report
December 19, 2013**

General Committee recommends:

THAT Council receive report PRAC14-01 for information; and

THAT Council adopt the following recommendations from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting of December 19, 2013:

- 1. Memorandum from the Director of Parks and Recreation Services
Re: Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Treatment for Ash Trees in Town
Parks**

THAT staff be directed to prepare a report regarding a treatment program for park trees that would identify the trees to be treated including the financial impact.

New Business

The following motion was received for information only:

THAT a joint meeting for an update on the Stronach Eco-Park be organized, that would include the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, the Trails and Active Transportation Committee, and the Environmental Advisory Committee to be held in February; and

THAT the proponents be prepared to discuss how their project would seek synergies with other Town ecological programs and Trails and Active Transportation Committee initiatives.

New Business

THAT staff report back with statistical information regarding memberships and renewals.

CARRIED

6. IES14-006 – Implementation of a Clear Bag Waste Program

General Committee recommends:

THAT report IES14-006 be received; and

THAT Council endorse the replacement of black garbage bags with clear garbage bags as the acceptable means to set out waste for collection; and

THAT Council endorse the work plan for roll out of the clear bag program with soft launch starting July 1, 2014 and compliance to come into force January 1, 2015.

CARRIED

11. PR14-005 – Aurora Historical Society – Final Report “Aurora Collects: Revealing Our Shared History”

General Committee recommends:

THAT report PR14-005 be received for information.

CARRIED

**16. TATC14-01 – Trails and Active Transportation Committee Report
December 20, 2013**

General Committee recommends:

THAT Council receive report TATC14-01; and

THAT Council adopt the following recommendations from the Trails and Active Transportation Committee meeting of December 20, 2013:

2. Measuring Success of the Implementation of the Trails Master Plan Discussion

THAT staff provide a report back to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee *reflecting the implementation status* of the Trails Master Plan.

New Business

THAT all Council decisions regarding Advisory Committee recommendations be reported back to the relevant Advisory Committee.

New Business

THAT staff provide a report back to the Committee on the implementation and progress of the Trails Reserve Fund.

New Business

THAT *staff report back to Council regarding the establishment of* a practice of clearing snow from those trail elements which have been paved and illuminated (i.e. Summit Park, Copeland Park) and give consideration to snow removal from boardwalk elements.

New Business

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THAT the proponents be prepared to discuss how their project would seek synergies with other Town ecological programs and Trails and Active Transportation Committee initiatives.

New Business

THAT staff report back to the next Committee meeting with an update on the draft signage strategy.

CARRIED

18. Release of Closed Session Material
Re: 215 Industrial Parkway South (Old Hydro Building)
(Added Item)

General Committee Recommends:

THAT staff investigate and report back to Council regarding whether portions of previous closed session reports about the Old Hydro Building can be publicly released.

CARRIED

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Councillor Pirri
Re: Introduction of Municipal Recall Election Legislation

WHEREAS there are few means to remove an elected official from office other than through the election process; and

WHEREAS the time between municipal election periods has grown to four years; and

WHEREAS significant damage can be caused in a four-year period should an elected official act to the detriment of the municipality; and

WHEREAS it is not the most effective use of time for municipal representatives to police one another through Codes of Conduct and Integrity Commissioners; and

WHEREAS the penalties that can be imposed through Codes of Conduct are relatively minor; and

WHEREAS there is a problem with Codes of Conduct and Integrity Commissioners being used for political purposes; and

WHEREAS Codes of Conduct have proven ineffective in curtailing detrimental behaviour; and

WHEREAS establishing Codes of Conduct and employing Integrity Commissioners can be an expensive endeavour; and

WHEREAS the detrimental behaviour of some elected officials reflects poorly upon all elected officials, especially if they are not held accountable for this behaviour; and

WHEREAS it is incumbent upon all elected representatives to maintain a high standard of integrity; and

WHEREAS Progressive Conservative MPP Randy Hillier has introduced a Private Member's Bill to introduce recall elections for provincially-elected officials but omits municipally-elected officials.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Town of Aurora formally requests that the Government of Ontario consider the implementation of recall legislation for municipally-elected officials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to every municipality in the province of Ontario for endorsement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to every Member of Provincial Parliament in the province of Ontario.

(b) Mayor Dawe
Re: Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and Greenbelt Plan

WHEREAS in 1990 the Province of Ontario declared an interest in the Oak Ridges Moraine (ORM); and

WHEREAS the Oak Ridges Moraine Act and Conservation Plan came into effect in 2001; and

WHEREAS a Tri-Region Strategy developed between 1998 – 2001 mapped a vision for the Oak Ridges Moraine, renewed a focus on growth management across the Greater Toronto Area, and allowed for a stronger coordinated policy in Regional Plans and the Provincial Policy Statement; and

WHEREAS in 2005 the Provincial Policy Statement included revisions that complimented the New Provincial Plans (Greenbelt Plan and Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe); and

WHEREAS the Oak Ridges Moraine Act and Greenbelt Act require coordinated reviews in 2015; and

WHEREAS municipalities and community stakeholders will have an opportunity to assess the effectiveness of these plans, determine revisions and provide comments on greenbelt boundaries.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff commence a review of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and Greenbelt Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT comments from the review are forwarded to the Region of York to be consolidated and presented to the Province of Ontario on behalf of the Regional Municipality of York.

(c) Mayor Dawe
Re: Video Conferencing for Advisory Committee Members

WHEREAS there are occasions when Advisory Committee members are unable to attend scheduled committee meetings; and

WHEREAS such was the case for an Advisory Committee member in light of the recent ice storm and extreme cold weather; and

WHEREAS one of the goals in the Town of Aurora's Strategic Plan is supporting an exceptional quality of life for all community members; and

WHEREAS one of the objectives is improving transportation, mobility and connectivity; and

WHEREAS currently the Town of Aurora streams General Committee and Council meetings; and

WHEREAS consideration should be given to allowing community members volunteering their time on Advisory committees to participate via video conferencing, such as Skype, and/or FaceTime or by any other means available, regardless of their physical location.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff prepare a report on the feasibility of Advisory Committee members participating in meetings via video conferencing.

9. NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL INFORMATION

None

10. CLOSED SESSION

General Committee recommends:

THAT Council resolve into a General Committee Closed Session to consider:

1. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee; Re: CLS14-001 – Heritage Advisory Committee Awards of Excellence – Award Nominations
2. Litigation or potential litigation including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the Town or a Local Board; Re: PL14-004 Appeal to the

Ontario Municipal Board, Committee of Adjustment Minor Variance Application (Community Living York South), 19 Wethersfield Court

3. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Town or Local Board; Re: CAO14-001 – Hillary-McIntyre Park – Attachment 2 – Hillary-McIntyre Park Cost Benefits Study – Schedule A

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

General Committee recommends:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

CARRIED

EVELYN BUCK, COUNCILLOR

JOHN D. LEACH, TOWN CLERK

THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2014 RECEIVED FINAL APPROVAL BY COUNCIL ON JANUARY 21, 2014 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 4 WHICH WAS ADOPTED AS AMENDED, ITEM 6 WHICH WAS REFERRED TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ITEM 10 WHICH WAS REFERRED BACK TO STAFF AND ITEMS 9, 14, 15, 16 AND 18 WHICH WERE DEFERRED TO THE FEBRUARY 11, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING.