



TOWN OF AURORA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, February 11, 2014

ATTENDANCE

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| COUNCIL MEMBERS | Mayor Dawe in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Ballard, Buck (arrived 6:12 p.m.), Gaertner (arrived 6:08 p.m.), Gallo (arrived 6:09 p.m.), Humfryes, Pirri, and Thompson (arrived 6:08 p.m.) |
| MEMBERS ABSENT | None |
| OTHER ATTENDEES | Chief Administrative Officer, Deputy Clerk/Manager of Administration, Director of Building and By-law Services, Manager of Revenue and Accounting/Deputy Treasurer, Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services, Director of Legal and Legislative Services/Town Solicitor, Director of Parks and Recreation Services, Director of Planning and Development Services, and Council/Committee Secretary |

Mayor Dawe called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. following Open Forum.

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Pirri declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Motion for Which Notice Has Been Given (a) Councillor Buck, Re: 2014 Premier's Awards for Excellence in the Arts, as he or a member of his family does, from time to time, work with the organization referred to in the motion.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Abel

Seconded by Councillor Pirri

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

- Delegation (a) Svetoslava Topouzova, Resident
Re: Item 1(1) – CAO14-001 – Hillary-McIntyre Park
- Delegation (b) David Heard, Resident
Re: Item 1(1) – CAO14-001 – Hillary-McIntyre Park
- Additional Information: Re: Item 1(1) – CAO14-001 – Hillary-McIntyre Park
Memorandum from Chief Administrative Officer; Re: Hillary-McIntyre Park
- Memorandum from Director of Corporate and Financial Services/Treasurer
Re: Amended Recommendation: Agenda Item 8 – CFS14-007 – Development Charges Study – Requirement for Public Meeting

- Item 11 – LLS14-003 – Recent Developments and Several Liability – AMO Request
- Item 12 – Memorandum from Director of Legal and Legislative Services/Town Solicitor
Re: By-law Numbers 5587-14 and 5588-14

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

**Council Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2014
Special Council – Public Planning Meeting Minutes of January 29, 2014
Special Council Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2014**

Moved by Councillor Abel

Seconded by Councillor Pirri

THAT the Council meeting minutes of January 21, 2014, the Special Council – Public Planning meeting minutes of January 29, 2014, and the Special Council Meeting minutes of February 4, 2014 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Abel

Seconded by Councillor Ballard

THAT Notices of Motion/Motions for Which Notice Has Been Given be moved forward for consideration.

CARRIED

10. NOTICES OF MOTION/MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

(ii) Motions for Which Notice Has Been Given

- (f) Councillor Pirri**
Re: Introduction of Municipal Recall Election Legislation

Moved by Councillor Pirri

Seconded by Councillor Abel

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.

On a recorded vote the motion CARRIED.

YEAS: 5 NAYS: 4

VOTING YEAS: Councillors Abel, Humfryes, Pirri, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe

VOTING NAYS: Councillors Ballard, Buck, Gaertner, and Gallo

(a) Councillor Buck
Re: 2014 Premier's Awards for Excellence in the Arts

Main Motion

Moved by Councillor Buck

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

WHEREAS an invitation has been issued to submit nominations to the Premier's Awards for Excellence in the Arts; and

WHEREAS the Town and the Aurora community have a powerful history of fostering the Arts; and

WHEREAS the Pine Tree Potters' Guild, with support from the Town, has been active for almost 35 years, has participated in the Town's Annual Juried Art Show and Sale, and has grown in excellence; and

WHEREAS the Town's Art show is a Class "A" Art show due to the commitment to excellence of its participants; and

WHEREAS in its semi-annual Show and Sale, the Pine Tree Potters' Guild dedicates its work to caring for those in need.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Town of Aurora is proud to nominate the Pine Tree Potters' Guild to receive the 2014 Premier's Award for Excellence in the Arts.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Buck

Seconded by Councillor Humfries

THAT the last clause in the main motion be amended from "2014" to "next".

CARRIED

Main motion as amended

Moved by Councillor Buck

Seconded by Councillor Humfries

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WHEREAS in its semi-annual Show and Sale, the Pine Tree Potters' Guild dedicates its work to caring for those in need.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Town of Aurora is proud to nominate the Pine Tree Potters' Guild to receive the *next* Premier's Award for Excellence in the Arts.

CARRIED

(b) Councillor Buck

Re: Development of a New Long-Term Federal Plan to Fix Canada's Housing Crunch

Moved by Councillor Buck

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

WHEREAS a stable and secure housing system that creates and maintains jobs and allows for a range of living options is essential to attracting new workers, meeting the needs of young families and supporting seniors and our most vulnerable citizens; and

WHEREAS the high cost of housing is the most urgent financial issue facing Canadians with one in four people paying more than they can afford for housing, and mortgage debt held by Canadians now standing at just over \$1.1 trillion; and

WHEREAS housing costs and, as the Bank of Canada notes, household debt, are undermining Canadians' personal financial security, while putting our national economy at risk; and

WHEREAS those who cannot afford to purchase a home rely on the short supply of rental units, which is driving up rental costs and making it hard to house workers in regions experiencing strong economic activity; and

WHEREAS an inadequate supply of subsidized housing for those in need is pushing some of the most vulnerable Canadians on to the street, while \$1.7 billion annually in federal investments in social housing have begun to expire; and

WHEREAS the stakes are especially high for Ontario's municipal governments as housing responsibilities have already been downloaded (unlike other provinces and territories) and this is not sustainable on the property tax base; and

WHEREAS, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has launched a housing campaign, "Fixing Canada's Housing Crunch," calling on the federal government to increase housing options for Canadians and to work with all orders of government to develop a long-term plan for Canada's housing future; and

WHEREAS FCM has asked its member municipalities to pass a council resolution supporting the campaign; and

WHEREAS, our community has continuing housing needs that can only be met through the kind of long-term planning and investment made possible by federal leadership.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council endorses the FCM housing campaign and urges the Minister of Employment and Social Development to develop a long-term plan for housing that puts core investments on solid ground, increases predictability, protects Canadians from the planned expiry of \$1.7 billion in social housing agreements and ensures a healthy stock of affordable rental housing for Canadians; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the minister noted above, to Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to Lois Brown, MP Newmarket-Aurora, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

- (c) Councillor Buck
Re: Community Park**

Moved by Councillor Buck

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

THAT Motion for Which Notice Has Been Given (c) regarding Community Park be withdrawn.

CARRIED

- (d) Councillor Buck
Re: Policies 28 and 57**

Moved by Councillor Buck

Seconded by Councillor Ballard

WHEREAS due to the expense scandal in Ottawa, the Ontario government plans to review provincial expense policies; and

WHEREAS the public is acutely conscious of the opportunity for abuse of expense allowances.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Policies 28 and 57, governing expense allowances for staff and Councillors, be reviewed to determine if they are satisfactory and publicly acceptable.

DEFEATED

(e) Councillor Buck
Re: Director Expenses

Main Motion

Moved by Councillor Buck

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

WHEREAS due to the expense scandal in Ottawa and public awareness of potential for abuse; and

WHEREAS all levels of government need to provide assurance to the public; and

WHEREAS Councillors' expense claims are published annually along with salaries; and

WHEREAS Directors of the Corporation also file expense claims.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Directors expense allowances be published annually at the same time as remuneration under the sunshine law.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Buck

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

THAT the first clause in the main motion be removed.

CARRIED

Main motion as amended

Moved by Councillor Buck

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

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WHEREAS Councillors' expense claims are published annually along with salaries; and

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CARRIED

Mayor Dawe passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Abel at 6:59 p.m.

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

Main Motion

Moved by Mayor Dawe

Seconded by Councillor Pirri

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 Regional Municipality of York to be consolidated and presented to the Province of Ontario on behalf of the Regional Municipality of York.

Amendment

Moved by Mayor Dawe

Seconded by Councillor Pirri

THAT staff commence a review of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and Greenbelt Plan for presentation to Council.

CARRIED

Main motion as amended

Moved by Mayor Dawe

Seconded by Councillor Pirri

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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 ***for presentation to Council***; and

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

CARRIED

Mayor Dawe resumed the Chair at 7:06 p.m.

4. PRESENTATIONS

- (a) Fire Chief Ian Laing, Central York Fire Services
Re: Emergency Management – “To Go Bags”**

Fire Chief Laing presented Council with the York Region Emergency Preparedness Guide book and discussed what citizens can do to help themselves during a power outage or other unplanned emergency including putting together a “To Go Bag”.

Moved by Councillor Pirri

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

THAT the presentation be received for information.

CARRIED

- (b) Steve Hinder, Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation
Re: Nature’s Emporium Run or Walk for Southlake 2014**

Cortney Cassidy attended on behalf of Steve Hinder and provided information on the Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation and the Run or Walk for Southlake fundraiser being held on April 27. Ms. Cassidy encouraged the Town to put together a team to compete for the trophy again this year.

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

THAT the presentation be received for information.

CARRIED

- (c) Chris Catania, Accessibility Advisor
Re: Accessibility Highlights 2013**

Chris Catania presented the Town of Aurora Accessibility Highlights from 2013.

Moved by Councillor Pirri

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

THAT the presentation be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Ballard

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

THAT the Procedural By-law be waived to allow for an additional delegation.

CARRIED (two-thirds vote)

8. DELEGATIONS

- (a) Svetoslava Topouzova, Resident
Re: Item 1(1) – CAO14-001 – Hillary-McIntyre Park
(Added Item)**

Ms. Topouzova presented her views on Hillary-McIntyre Park as a resident of Aurora and a member of the Aurora Historical Society. She also requested that the Town present their vision, goals and plans for the future of the Hillary House and surrounding area to the Aurora Historical Society Board of Directors.

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

THAT the comments of the delegate be received and referred to Item 1(1).

CARRIED

(b) David Heard, Resident

Re: Item 1(1) – CAO14-001 – Hillary-McIntyre Park

(Added Item)

Mr. Heard provided his views on Hillary-McIntyre Park, the proposed purchase of property, and the lack of public involvement. He advised that he would like this item to be included on the ballot.

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Pirri

THAT the comments of the delegate be received and referred to Item 1(1).

CARRIED

(c) Jim Edwards, Resident

Re: Gospel Music Festival – June 22, 2014

(Added Item)

Mr. Edwards provided information on the Gospel Music Festival to be held at Aurora Town Park on June 22, 2014 to fundraise for the Regional Cancer Program at Southlake Regional Health Centre and the Aurora Food Pantry.

Moved by Councillor Abel

Seconded by Councillor Ballard

THAT the comments of the delegate be received for information.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Abel announced that Derrick Livingstone, a resident of Aurora, participated as part of Canada's Olympic Team and performed admirably in the snowboarding half-pipe event and congratulated him on making it to the Olympics.

Councillor Abel also advised that the second annual fundraising event for the Newmarket-Aurora Special Olympians was held recently and raised approximately \$3,500. He expressed appreciation to the Thursday Night Jam Band for donating their time to this and other worthy events within the community.

Councillor Humfryes advised that Mardi Gras would be held on March 1 at Aw Shucks with tickets costing \$125 per person and advised that all funds raised would go to Southlake Regional Health Centre. She also requested that everyone sign up for the Town of Aurora Municipal Team for the Run or Walk for Southlake to be held on April 27.

Councillor Pirri advised that the Arctic Adventure was taking place on Family Day on February 17 at the Town Park. Mayor Dawe advised that volunteers are still required for this event.

Mayor Dawe extended thanks to the staff in Infrastructure and Environmental Services and Corporate Communications for their work in preparing last Saturday's Joint Operations Centre Open House. He advised that he, along with Councillors Abel, Thompson, and Humfryes, had the chance to speak with more than 50 residents who attended to learn more about the Town's existing operations facility and proposed new

facility. He also advised that there was a great information brochure available for download and a video on YouTube that could be accessed from the home page of www.aurora.ca.

Mayor Dawe announced that the 2014 Spring and Summer Parks and Recreation Guide was distributed in *The Banner* on Sunday and that copies were available at various Town facilities and on the Town's website at www.aurora.ca/programguide.

He also announced that the 2014 Aurora Living Resident's Guide would be distributed in *The Banner* on Sunday, February 16 and that copies were available at www.aurora.ca/residentsguide or at Town facilities the week of February 24.

Mayor Dawe reminded residents that Council added a further Special General Committee on Monday, February 24 to discuss the Operating Budget before it is considered for final approval.

He also reminded residents that nominations were open for the Community Recognition Awards and Citizen of the Year Award and that nomination forms could be found on the home page of the Town's website at www.aurora.ca.

Mayor Dawe advised that the Town is looking for venues for 2014 Doors Open Aurora and requested that anyone interested in participating contact the Town's Planning Department.

He also reminded residents that the Aurora Winter Blues Fest would take place on Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8 at Theatre Aurora, noting that tickets are \$42 per show and more information was available at www.aurorawinterbluesfestival.ca.

Mayor Dawe offered congratulations to Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School, which won a Provincial Environmental Award for the Annual Waste-Free Lunch Challenge, which encourages students to reduce waste produced at school.

He also congratulated Hospice King and the Aurora Cultural Centre, which were winners of Voluntary Sector Reporting Awards.

Mayor Dawe requested residents to fly their Canadian Flags on February 15 to mark the 49th anniversary of the introduction of the Canada Flag.

Council recessed at 8:26 p.m. and reconvened at 8:31 p.m.

6. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 1(sub-items 1, 3, 4, and 5) 2, 3, 6 (sub-items 3 and 4), 8 and 9 were identified for discussion.

7. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 1(with the exception of sub-items 1, 3, 4, and 5), 4, 5, 6 (with the exception of sub-items 3 and 4), 7, 10, 11, and 12 were identified as items not requiring separate discussion.

Moved by Councillor Ballard

Seconded by Councillor Abel

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

1. General Committee Meeting Report of February 4, 2014

THAT the General Committee meeting report of February 4, 2014 be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee, *with the exception of sub-items 1, 3, 4, and 5*, be approved.

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

THAT Council receive report PRAC14-01; 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.

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

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

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 to the next Committee meeting with an update on the draft signage strategy.

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

THAT Council receive report AAC14-02; and

THAT Council adopt the following recommendation 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.

**7. Release of Closed Session Material
Re: 215 Industrial Parkway South (Old Hydro Building)**

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.

**10. LLS14-002 – General Committee Closed Session Report
Dated February 4, 2014**

THAT report LLS14-002 be received; and

THAT Council adopt the confidential recommendation of the General Committee Closed Session meeting of February 4, 2014; Re: 1. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Town or Local Board; Re: PL14-008 – Offer to Purchase for 9-10 Scanlon Court.

**11. LLS14-003 – Recent Developments and Several Liability – AMO Request
(Added Item)**

THAT report LLS14-003 be received; and

THAT the Mayor, and any Councillor who so wishes, sign a copy of the attached form letter from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and send such letter to The Hon. John Gerretsen, Attorney General of Ontario, urging the provincial government to make legislative changes to joint and several liability in Ontario; and

THAT Council supports AMO in its efforts to seek joint and several liability reform in Ontario and calls on the provincial government to pursue much needed changes to the *Negligence Act*; and

THAT Council supports the resolution of Randy Pettapiece, Member of Provincial Parliament for Perth-Wellington calling upon the provincial government to reform joint and several liability in Ontario.

**12. Memorandum from Director of Legal and Legislative Services/Town
Solicitor
Re: By-law Numbers 5587-14 and 5588-14
(Added Item)**

THAT By-law Numbers 5587-14 and 5588-14 be removed from the agenda, and the amended By-law Number 5587-14 be added to the agenda for adoption.

CARRIED

9. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

**1. General Committee Meeting Report of February 4, 2014
(1) CAO14-001 – Hillary-McIntyre Park**

Moved by Councillor Abel

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

THAT Council receive the attached “Hillary-McIntyre Park Cost Benefits Study” completed by Sierra Planning and Management and Carl Bray and Associates Limited; and

THAT staff be authorized to negotiate the terms of agreements of purchase and sale for the Horton Place (15342 Yonge Street), Readman House (15356 Yonge Street) and Hillary House (15372 Yonge Street) properties for Council approval; and

THAT staff report back to Council pertaining to: a) the details of the process of developing a master plan for the properties that will guide the long-term development and operation of the three properties; and b) the outcome of the

negotiations to purchase the three properties and to obtain authority to execute any such agreements.

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

THAT Council defer this matter for up to 90 days so that staff can continue the discussions with property owners and stakeholders to conduct the due diligence of the proposal and to explore alternative methods to preserve the properties and report back to Council.

On a recorded vote the motion CARRIED.

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 4

VOTING YEAS: Councillors Abel, Buck, Pirri, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe

VOTING NAYS: Councillors Ballard, Gaertner, Gallo, and Humfryes

1. **General Committee Meeting Report of February 4, 2014**
- (3) **PL14-006 – Employment Area Analysis**

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Ballard

THAT report PL14-006 be received for information.

CARRIED

1. **General Committee Meeting Report of February 4, 2014**
- (4) **PL14-010 – Aurora Promenade Streetscape Design and Implementation Plan**

Main Motion

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That report PL14-010 be received; and

THAT Council endorse the attached Aurora Promenade Streetscape Design & Implementation Plan; and

THAT the proposed Multi-year Capital Plan for the Aurora Promenade Streetscape Design and Implementation Plan be incorporated into the Town's 10 Year Capital Plan for Council consideration.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

THAT the Aurora Promenade Streetscape Design & Implementation Plan be forwarded to the appropriate committees for further comment by June; and

THAT staff address the issues raised with the sidewalks in a further report to come back before Council.

CARRIED

Main motion as amended

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That report PL14-010 be received; and

THAT the Aurora Promenade Streetscape Design & Implementation Plan be forwarded to the appropriate committees for further comment by June; and

THAT staff address the issues raised with the sidewalks in a further report to come back before Council.

CARRIED

1. **General Committee Meeting Report of February 4, 2014**
- (5) **BBS14-005 – Proposed Sign Variance Evaluation Criteria and Process**

Moved by Councillor Buck

Seconded by Councillor Pirri

THAT report BBS14-005 be received; and

THAT Council direct staff to continue with the Sign By-law project plan, including the delegation of authority to staff for sign variances in accordance with the evaluation criteria and process outlined in this report and bring forward an amended Sign By-law to a future Council meeting.

On a recorded vote the motion was DEFEATED.

YEAS: 4 NAYS: 4

VOTING YEAS: Councillors Buck, Pirri, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe

VOTING NAYS: Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Gallo, and Humfries

Councillor Ballard was not present for the vote.

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Abel

THAT report BBS14-005 be received; and

THAT Council direct staff to continue with the Sign By-law project plan, including maintaining the status quo with Council being the approval body for sign variances and bring forward an amended Sign By-law to a future Council meeting.

On a recorded vote the motion was CARRIED.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 3

VOTING YEAS: Councillors Abel, Ballard, Gaertner, Gallo, Humfries, and Mayor Dawe

VOTING NAYS: Councillors Buck, Pirri, and Thompson

8. **CFS14-007 – Development Charges Study – Requirement for Public Meeting**

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Ballard

THAT report CFS14-007 be received; and

THAT the draft development charges study and related draft by-law be received and reviewed, with feedback and input heard from any member of the public at the Special Council – Public Planning Meeting scheduled for March 26, 2014 at 7 p.m.; and

THAT staff publish the necessary statutory notice required by the *Development Charges Act*.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Pirri

THAT the Procedural By-law be waived to extend the hour beyond 10:30 p.m.

CARRIED

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

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Humfries

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).

CARRIED (unanimously)

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

THAT Council direct staff to seek the assistance of our Member of Provincial Parliament to intervene in the matter in an effort to reduce the annual lease fees to the amount outlined in the original lease agreement.

CARRIED

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

Moved by Councillor Pirri

Seconded by Councillor Humfries

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.

CARRIED

6. AAC14-02 – Accessibility Advisory Committee Report of January 8, 2014
(3) Town of Aurora 2014-2021 Accessibility Plan

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Pirri

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.

AND

- (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.

CARRIED

9. Memorandum from the Chief Administrative Officer
Re: Negotiation Strategy for the Purchase of Properties Associated with the Hillary-McIntyre Park

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Ballard

THAT the memorandum regarding Negotiation Strategy for the Purchase of Properties Associated with the Hillary-McIntyre Park be received for information.

CARRIED

11. **REGIONAL REPORT**

Moved by Councillor Pirri

Seconded by Councillor Buck

THAT the Regional Reports of December 19, 2013 and January 23, 2014 be received for information.

CARRIED

12. **NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL INFORMATION**

Councillor Abel discussed his desire to clarify a common plan that speaks to downtown revitalization in relation to Item 1(1) – CAO14-001 – Hillary-McIntyre Park.

Moved by Councillor Abel

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

THAT Council direct staff to bring back a set of guiding principles on downtown and the Hillary-McIntyre project.

CARRIED

Councillor Gallo inquired about the information that has been obtained on the property known as 100 Bloomington Road.

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Ballard

THAT staff explore options for the purchase of 100 Bloomington Road and obtain an appraisal on the land and report back to Council.

CARRIED

13. READING OF BY-LAWS

Moved by Councillor Ballard

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

THAT the following by-law be given first, second, and third readings and enacted:

5587-14 BEING A BY-LAW to appoint a Clerk (Acting) and to delegate certain authority to the Clerk (Acting) on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Aurora.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Buck

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

THAT the following confirming by-law be given first, second, and third readings and enacted:

5589-14 BEING A BY-LAW to Confirm Actions by Council resulting from Council Meeting on February 11, 2014

CARRIED

14. CLOSED SESSION

None

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Buck

Seconded by Councillor Abel

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

CARRIED

GEOFFREY DAWE, MAYOR

CINDY MAHER, DEPUTY CLERK

THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2014 RECEIVED FINAL APPROVAL BY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 25, 2014.