



**TOWN OF AURORA
INAUGURAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, December 2, 2014

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS	Mayor Dawe in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Humfryes, Kim, Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, and Thompson
MEMBERS ABSENT	None
OTHER ATTENDEES	Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Building and By-law Services, Director of Corporate and Financial Services/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, Chief Executive Officer Aurora Public Library, Town Clerk, and Council/Committee Secretary

1. PROCESSIONAL

Town Crier John Webster announced the commencement of the new Council session of the 2014-2018 Term of Council for the Town of Aurora. The Mayor and Members of Council were escorted into the Council Chambers by Piper Jim McGillivray, Lieutenant-Colonel Phillip Halton, Commanding Officer, The Queen's York Rangers (1st American Regiment), RCAC, and The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 385 Colour Guard led by Ontario Command Sergeant-at-Arms Ken White.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Town Clerk Stephen Huycke called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

3. O CANADA

Singer Joseph Likuski led the assembly in the singing of the National Anthem.

4. PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Prayers of dedication were offered by: Reverend Andy Comar, Minister, Aurora United Church; Terry Weller, Interfaith Leader, Trinity Anglican Church; Debby Wojtka, Member of the Aurora Bahá'í Community; and Rabbi Michal Shekel, Or Hadash Synagogue.

5. ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE MAYOR AND PRESENTATION OF MAYOR'S CHAIN OF OFFICE

His Worship Douglas W. Clark administered the Declaration of Office to Mayor Geoffrey Dawe. The Town Clerk then presented the Chain of Office to Mayor Dawe.

6. ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE COUNCILLORS

His Worship Douglas W. Clark administered the Declaration of Office collectively to the Members of Council.

7. INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mayor Dawe assumed the Chair and introduced the new Members of Council.

8. INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES AND EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Mayor Dawe recognized and expressed thanks to a number of dignitaries including John Webster, Jim McGillivray, Josph Likuski, His Worship Douglas Clark, Reverend Andy Comar, Terry Weller, Debby Wojtka, Rabbi Michal Shekel, the Colour Guard led by Ken White, Lieutenant-Colonel Phillip Halton, Captain Phil Lusk, The Queen's York Rangers Army Cadets, York Regional Police Inspector Henry Deruiter, Town of Newmarket Mayor Tony Van Bynen, former Town of Aurora Mayor Tim Jones and former Councillors Steve Hinder, Bill Hogg, Alison Collins-Mrakas, and Martin Paivio. Mayor Dawe expressed appreciation to MP Lois Brown and MPP Chris Ballard for their greetings. The Mayor then introduced the members of the Town of Aurora Executive Leadership Team and Deputy Chief Robert Comeau of Central York Fire Services.

9. INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Dawe welcomed everyone present and expressed appreciation for their commitment and support of the Town. He offered his gratitude to the many friends, family and volunteers who have assisted him. Mayor Dawe then gave his Inaugural Address in which he outlined the vision and challenges for this new Term of Council.

10. GREETINGS FROM COUNCILLORS

Each of the Members of Council briefly addressed the assembly, acknowledging their families, friends and supporters, and expressed their gratitude to the residents of Aurora for entrusting them with a position on Council in serving the community.

11. RETURN OF THE "FREEDOM OF THE TOWN"

Mayor Dawe presented Lieutenant-Colonel Phillip Halton, Commanding Officer, The Queen's York Rangers (1st American Regiment), RCAC, with a reaffirmation of the "Freedom of the Town". Lieutenant-Colonel Halton, on behalf of the Regiment, expressed their honour and appreciation for this expression of the community's trust and support.

12. CLOSING REMARKS AND INVITATION TO ATTEND THE RECEPTION

Mayor Dawe provided brief closing remarks together with an invitation to those in attendance to enjoy some refreshments at a reception on the second floor of the Town Hall. He acknowledged and offered appreciation to the staff who assisted in the preparations of the Inaugural Council Meeting and reception.

13. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Mrakas

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

5675-14 BEING A BY-LAW to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from Inaugural Council Meeting on December 2, 2014

CARRIED

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Pirri

Seconded by Councillor Thom

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8 p.m.

CARRIED

GEOFFREY DAWE, MAYOR

STEPHEN M. A. HUYCKE, TOWN CLERK

THE MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 2, 2014
RECEIVED FINAL APPROVAL BY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 16, 2014.