



## **TOWN OF AURORA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Council Chambers  
Aurora Town Hall  
Tuesday, December 16, 2014

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### **ATTENDANCE**

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| <b>COUNCIL MEMBERS</b> | Mayor Dawe in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Humfryes, Kim, Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, and Thompson                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>  | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>OTHER ATTENDEES</b> | 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, Town Clerk, and Council/Committee Secretary |

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Mayor Dawe called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. following Open Forum.

### **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**

**Moved by Councillor Humfryes**

**Seconded by Councillor Pirri**

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

- Item 10 – Memorandum from the Director of Building and By-law Services  
Re: 14476 Yonge Street – Prosecution Update
- Notice of Motion (b) Councillor Mrakas  
Re: Sign By-law Enforcement

**CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**Council Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2014  
Inaugural Council Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2014**

***Moved by Councillor Mrakas***

***Seconded by Councillor Thompson***

THAT the Council meeting minutes of November 25, 2014 and the Inaugural Council meeting minutes of December 2, 2014 be adopted as printed and circulated.

**CARRIED**

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**(a) Anna Kroeplin, Chair, Aurora Farmers' Market & Artisan Fair  
Re: History and Benefits of Aurora Farmers' Market & Artisan Fair**

Ms. Kroeplin presented an overview of the mission, vision, and history of the Aurora Farmers' Market & Artisan Fair, and highlighted the ways in which the Market has contributed to various aspects of the community. She expressed appreciation to the Town for its contributions to the Market.

***Moved by Councillor Humfryes***

***Seconded by Councillor Kim***

THAT the presentation of Anna Kroeplin regarding History and Benefits of Aurora Farmers' Market & Artisan Fair be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**(b) Adrian Kawun, Manager, Service Planning York Region Transit (YRT/Viva),  
Transportation Services  
Re: York Region Transit (YRT/Viva) 2015 Annual Service Plan for the Town  
of Aurora**

Mr. Kawun presented the York Region Transit (YRT/Viva) 2015 Annual Service Plan for the Town of Aurora including an overview of the services, transit system cycle, goals, customer service, 2015 projects, and AODA compliance.

***Moved by Councillor Gaertner***

***Seconded by Councillor Thom***

THAT the presentation of Adrian Kawun regarding York Region Transit (YRT/Viva) 2015 Annual Service Plan for the Town of Aurora be received for information.

**CARRIED**

## **5. PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Mrakas noted that he recently had the pleasure of sitting for the “Local Colour” group of artists and he encouraged everyone to explore their excellent work by contacting the group’s organizer, Judy Sherman.

Councillor Thompson encouraged everyone to enter a team and participate in the 2015 Run or Walk for Southlake to be held on April 26, 2015 in support of the Health Centre.

Councillor Abel noted that volunteers are needed to assist with the Salvation Army Kettle Drive which is currently underway.

Councillor Humfries extended a reminder that the next indoor Aurora Farmers’ Market & Artisan Fair would be held on January 17, 2015 at the Aurora Cultural Centre.

Mayor Dawe expressed appreciation to staff for another successful Tree Lighting Ceremony and activities on December 3, 2014.

Mayor Dawe extended congratulations to the Aurora Cultural Centre for being named as a finalist for the Voluntary Sector Reporting Awards.

Mayor Dawe encouraged everyone to view Aurora’s Borealis display at Town Park until February 16, 2015.

Mayor Dawe announced that the Family First Night would take place on December 31, 2014 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex.

Mayor Dawe advised that the Winterfest Camp would be running from December 22, 2014 to January 2, 2015 and anyone interested may call the Town to register.

Mayor Dawe announced that a new *Where’s My Snow Plow* application is available on the Town’s website at [www.aurora.ca](http://www.aurora.ca).

Mayor Dawe advised that Central York Fire Services would be hosting a Public Information Centre to receive input on the new Master Fire Plan at 7 p.m. on January 8, 2015 at the Art Ferguson Club House, 16195 Bayview Avenue, Newmarket.

Mayor Dawe noted that there would be changes to the Town’s curbside waste collection effective January 1, 2015.

Councillor Gaertner announced that a Hanukkah Menorah Lighting Ceremony would be held on December 17, 2014 at the York Regional Police Headquarters at 47 Don Hillock Drive, Aurora.

## **6. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

Items 1(sub-items 5, 12, 13, and 14), 3, and 4 were identified for discussion.

**7. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

Items 1 (with the exception of sub-items 5, 12, 13, and 14), 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 were identified as items not requiring separate discussion.

**Moved by Councillor Abel**

**Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

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 December 9, 2014**

THAT the General Committee meeting report of December 9, 2014 be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee be approved (**with the exception of sub-items 5, 12, 13, and 14**).

**2. LLS14-042 – General Committee Closed Session Report of December 9, 2014**

THAT report LLS14-042 be received; and

THAT Council adopt the following recommendations from the Closed Session meeting of December 9, 2014:

**1. Litigation or potential litigation including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the Town or a Local Board; Re: PL14-069 – Appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board re Newell Committee of Adjustment Variance Application – D13-(25A-B)-14, 8 Kennedy Street East**

THAT report PL14-069 be received; and

THAT the confidential recommendations of General Committee on December 9, 2014 in respect of an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board (Newell) be approved.

**2. Litigation or potential litigation including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the Town or a Local Board; Re: LLS14-041 – Litigation Status Update – Bondfield/NORR Settlement**

THAT report LLS14-041 be received; and

THAT the confidential recommendations of General Committee on December 9, 2014 in respect of Litigation Status Update regarding Bondfield/NORR Settlement be approved.

**5. Memorandum from the Director of Infrastructure & Environmental Services  
Re: Additional Information to Item 1(10) – IES14-057 – Facility Projects  
Status Report**

THAT the memorandum regarding Additional Information to Item 1(10) – IES14-057 – Facility Projects Status Report be received for information.

- 6. Memorandum from the Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Town Solicitor**  
**Re: Additional Information to Item 1(12) – LLS14-037 – 2015 Council and Committee Meeting Calendar**

THAT the memorandum regarding Additional Information to Item 1(12) – LLS14-037 – 2015 Council and Committee Meeting Calendar be received for information.

- 7. Memorandum from the Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Town Solicitor**  
**Re: Additional Information to Item 1(14) – LLS14-040 – Discretionary Advisory Committees for the 2014-2018 Term of Council**

THAT the memorandum regarding Additional Information to Item 1(14) – LLS14-040 – Discretionary Advisory Committees for the 2014-2018 Term of Council be received for information.

- 8. Memorandum from Mayor Geoffrey Dawe**  
**Re: Correspondence from the Office of the Prime Minister – Buy American**

THAT the memorandum regarding Correspondence from the Office of the Prime Minister – Buy American be received for information.

- 9. Memorandum from Mayor Geoffrey Dawe**  
**Re: Correspondence from the Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure – Buy American**

THAT the memorandum regarding Correspondence from the Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure – Buy American be received for information.

- 10. Memorandum from the Director of Building & By-law Services**  
**Re: 14476 Yonge Street – Prosecution Update**  
(Added Item)

THAT the memorandum regarding 14476 Yonge Street – Prosecution Update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**8. DELEGATIONS**

None

**9. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

- 1. General Committee Meeting Report of December 9, 2014**
- (5) CFS14-034 – 2015 Fees and Charges Update**

**Main motion**

***Moved by Councillor Gaertner***

***Seconded by Councillor Humfryes***

THAT report CFS14-034 be received; and

THAT the 2015 Fees and Charges for applications, permits, use of Town property, the sale of Town publications and for the prescribed service charges for administrative matters as itemized on the attached schedules be approved:

- Schedule A – General Fees and Charges
- Schedule B – Building and Bylaw Services
- Schedule C – Legal and Legislative Services
- Schedule D – Planning and Development Services
- Schedule E – Infrastructure and Environmental Services
- Schedule F – Corporate and Financial Services
- Schedule G – Parks and Recreation Services; and

THAT the necessary bylaw be enacted at the January 20, 2015 Council meeting in accordance with the Town's Notice Provision Policy.

**Amendment**

***Moved by Councillor Gaertner***

***Seconded by Councillor Mrakas***

THAT the main motion be amended by adding the following clause:

“THAT any increase in the Senior Daily User Fees for the services of the Fitness Centre, as referenced in Schedule G, be phased in over the year 2015.”

**CARRIED**

**Amendment**

***Moved by Councillor Gaertner***

***Seconded by Councillor Mrakas***

THAT the main motion be amended by adding the following clause:

“THAT any increase in the Senior Daily User Fees for the services of Squash, as referenced in Schedule G, be phased in over the year 2015.”

**DEFEATED**

**Main motion as amended**

***Moved by Councillor Gaertner***

***Seconded by Councillor Humfryes***

THAT report CFS14-034 be received; and

THAT the 2015 Fees and Charges for applications, permits, use of Town property, the sale of Town publications and for the prescribed service charges for administrative matters as itemized on the attached schedules be approved:

- Schedule A – General Fees and Charges
- Schedule B – Building and Bylaw Services
- Schedule C – Legal and Legislative Services
- Schedule D – Planning and Development Services
- Schedule E – Infrastructure and Environmental Services
- Schedule F – Corporate and Financial Services
- Schedule G – Parks and Recreation Services; and

***THAT any increase in the Senior Daily User Fees for the services of the Fitness Centre, as referenced in Schedule G, be phased in over the year 2015; and***

THAT the necessary bylaw be enacted at the January 20, 2015 Council meeting in accordance with the Town's Notice Provision Policy.

**CARRIED**

- 1. General Committee Meeting Report of December 9, 2014**
- (12) LLS14-037 – 2015 Council and Committee Meeting Calendar**

***Moved by Councillor Pirri***

***Seconded by Councillor Abel***

THAT report LLS14-037 be received; and

THAT the requirements of sections 2.3 and 2.6 of the Procedural By-law be waived to permit the adoption of the 2015 Council and Committee meeting schedule attached to this report as Attachment #1; and

THAT the 2015 Council and Committee Meeting Calendar, attached to this report as Attachment #1, be approved with the following amendments:

THAT additional regular Council meetings be scheduled for July 28, 2015 and August 25, 2015; and

THAT the November 9, 2015 Special General Committee Capital Budget meeting be moved to November 7, 2015; and

THAT the Town Clerk be authorized to make amendments to the Council and Committee Meeting Calendar as required.

**On a recorded vote the motion CARRIED.**

YEAS: 8

NAYS: 1

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

VOTING NAYS: Councillor Gaertner

**1. General Committee Meeting Report of December 9, 2014  
(13) LLS14-038 – Statutory and Mandatory Advisory Committees/Local Boards  
for the 2014-2018 Term of Council**

**Main motion as amended  
Moved by Councillor Pirri**

**Seconded by Councillor Thom**

THAT report LLS14-038 be received; and

THAT Council appoint **Councillors John Abel, Tom Mrakas, and Michael Thompson** to sit on the Joint Council Committee, which oversees the operation of the Central York Fire Services, as the Town of Aurora's representatives on the Committee; and

THAT staff be directed to advertise, in accordance with the provisions of the "Policy for Ad Hoc/Advisory Committees and Local Boards", for applications from members of the public for appointment to statutory boards and committees, namely the Aurora Public Library Board, Committee of Adjustment/Property Standards Committee, Aurora Appeal Tribunal, and the Accessibility Advisory Committee; and

THAT the Terms of Reference for the Accessibility Advisory Committee be amended to change the Committee composition from five (5) Members to seven (7) Members, encompassing such persons as required by the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*.

**CARRIED**

**1. General Committee Meeting Report of December 9, 2014  
(14) LLS14-040 – Discretionary Advisory Committees for the 2014-2018 Term of  
Council**

**Main motion**

***Moved by Councillor Pirri***

***Seconded by Councillor Abel***

THAT report LLS14-040 be received; and

THAT the following discretionary advisory committees be reconstituted for the 2014-2018 Term of Office:

1. Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)
2. Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC)
3. Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC)
4. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC)
5. Trails and Active Transportation Committee (TATC); and

THAT the revised "Policy for Ad Hoc/Advisory Committees and Local Boards" (Attachment 2) be approved.

**Amendment**

***Moved by Councillor Pirri***

***Seconded by Councillor Humfries***

THAT the third clause of the main motion be amended by replacing "(Attachment 2)" with "(Revised – Version 2)"; and

THAT the main motion be further amended by adding the following clauses:

"THAT meetings of all discretionary Advisory Committees, other than the Heritage Advisory Committee, be scheduled to occur every other month (except in July and August where no such discretionary Advisory Committee meetings shall occur other than for the Heritage Advisory Committee); and

THAT the Chair of a discretionary Advisory Committee be authorized to call additional meetings of a Committee to address urgent matters as required; and

THAT the Clerk be authorized to make amendments to the Terms of Reference for the discretionary Advisory Committees required to give effect to this resolution."

**CARRIED**

**Main motion as amended**

***Moved by Councillor Pirri***

***Seconded by Councillor Abel***

THAT report LLS14-040 be received; and

THAT the following discretionary advisory committees be reconstituted for the 2014-2018 Term of Office:

1. Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)
2. Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC)
3. Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC)
4. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC)
5. Trails and Active Transportation Committee (TATC); and

THAT the revised "Policy for Ad Hoc/Advisory Committees and Local Boards" (***Revised – Version 2***) be approved; **and**

***THAT meetings of all discretionary Advisory Committees, other than the Heritage Advisory Committee, be scheduled to occur every other month (except in July and August where no such discretionary Advisory Committee meetings shall occur other than for the Heritage Advisory Committee); and***

***THAT the Chair of a discretionary Advisory Committee be authorized to call additional meetings of a Committee to address urgent matters as required; and***

***THAT the Clerk be authorized to make amendments to the Terms of Reference for the discretionary Advisory Committees required to give effect to this resolution.***

**CARRIED**

3. **Memorandum from the Director of Corporate & Financial Services/Treasurer  
Re: Additional Information to Item 1(6) – CFS14-035 – Interim Operating  
Budget Forecast – as at October 31, 2014**

***Moved by Councillor Thompson***

***Seconded by Councillor Thom***

THAT the memorandum regarding Additional Information to Item 1(6) – CFS14-035 – Interim Operating Budget Forecast – as at October 31, 2014 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

4. **Memorandum from the Director of Corporate & Financial Services/Treasurer  
Re: Status of Ice Storm Damages Claim**

***Moved by Councillor Abel***

***Seconded by Councillor Humfryes***

THAT the memorandum regarding Status of Ice Storm Damages Claim be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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

**(i) Notices of Motion**

**(a) Councillor Thompson  
Re: Finance Advisory Committee**

This item was considered under subsection (ii) Motions for Which Notice Has Been Given as Motion (f).

**(b) Councillor Mrakas  
Re: Sign By-law Enforcement**

(Added Item)

WHEREAS the placement, number, sizes, installation and removal dates of municipal election signs are subject to the provisions of the Temporary Sign By-law; and

WHEREAS compliance with the Temporary Sign By-law is enforced by Town of Aurora By-law Services; and

WHEREAS By-law Services' complements are increased periodically and temporarily to address increased demands due to specific enforcement issues such as winter parking restrictions; and

WHEREAS additional By-law Services are required during municipal elections so as to ensure compliance with and enforcement of the Temporary Sign By-law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to bring forward a request during the 2018 Budget discussions to hire additional By-law enforcement officer(s), on a temporary contractual basis, for the purposes of enforcing the provisions of the Temporary Sign By-law pertaining to municipal election signs.

**(ii) Motions for Which Notice Has Been Given**

**(a) Councillor Abel  
Re: Town Acquisition of Downtown Real Estate Properties**

**Main motion**

**Moved by Councillor Abel**

**Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

WHEREAS the Town of Aurora's Strategic Plan Study identifies revitalizing the downtown core; and

WHEREAS acquiring key properties in bulk maximizes the development opportunities for the purpose of revitalization; and

WHEREAS when such a listing occurs Council should consider giving staff direction to negotiate a purchase price and to report back for Council's consideration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to negotiate a purchase price regarding the McIntyre property (Horton Place) on Yonge Street, in combination with the Spragg property to the north (Readman House), and report back to Council.

**Amendment**

***Moved by Councillor Humfryes      Seconded by Councillor Abel***

THAT the main motion be amended by adding the following clause:

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff be authorized to engage the services of a real estate agent if required.”

**CARRIED**

**Amendment**

***Moved by Councillor Mrakas      Seconded by Councillor Pirri***

THAT the main motion be amended by adding the following clause:

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to include information about the liability and risks associated with any acquisition related to those properties in the report back to Council.”

**CARRIED**

**Amendment**

***Moved by Councillor Abel      Seconded by Councillor Humfryes***

THAT the first clause of the main motion be amended by adding the words “and the vacant lot on Yonge Street at Irwin Avenue, immediately south of the Horton Place and Readman House properties” following “(Readman House)”.

**CARRIED**

**Main motion as amended**  
**Moved by Councillor Abel**

**Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

WHEREAS the Town of Aurora's Strategic Plan Study identifies revitalizing the downtown core; and

WHEREAS acquiring key properties in bulk maximizes the development opportunities for the purpose of revitalization; and

WHEREAS when such a listing occurs Council should consider giving staff direction to negotiate a purchase price and to report back for Council's consideration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to **investigate** a purchase price regarding the McIntyre property (Horton Place) on Yonge Street, in combination with the Spragg property to the north (Readman House) **and the vacant lot on Yonge Street at Irwin Avenue, immediately south of the Horton Place and Readman House properties**, and report back to Council; **and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to include information about the liability and risks associated with any acquisition related to those properties in the report back to Council; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff be authorized to engage the services of a real estate agent if required.**

**On a recorded vote the motion CARRIED.**

YEAS: 8

NAYS: 1

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

VOTING NAYS: Councillor Gaertner

**(b) Councillor Abel**  
**Re: Snow Plowing of Machell Park Pathway**

**Moved by Councillor Abel**

**Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

WHEREAS the Town of Aurora clears sidewalks of snow and ice and sands sidewalks during the Winter Maintenance program period; and

WHEREAS the Town of Aurora encourages pedestrian traffic to enhance health and mitigate vehicular traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS certain pathways with significant pedestrian traffic are not assigned to any snow plowing route, thus causing difficulty for walking.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Machell Park pathway, between Orchard Heights Boulevard and Aurora Heights Drive, which is paved and lighted, and is in constant use by walkers, commuters, and shoppers, be added to the Winter Maintenance program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, if there are other pathways that fit the same criteria, they too be brought before Council for consideration for addition to the Winter Maintenance program.

**CARRIED**

**(c) Councillor Abel  
Re: Speed Cushions on Roads Prone to Speeders**

***Moved by Councillor Abel***

***Seconded by Councillor Kim***

WHEREAS a number of roads within residential areas in the Town of Aurora have certain criteria in common that put pedestrians at risk with vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS the overriding concern is the excessive and dangerous speed of some vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS the York Regional Police do not have adequate resources to patrol all local streets all of the time; and

WHEREAS speed cushions, which are gentler and softer to navigate in all vehicles including buses and fire trucks, but are also highly effective in reducing speed in long, straight roads that are prone to commuters speeding through our neighbourhoods; and

WHEREAS residents have identified a number of roads that have long, straight stretches and high volumes of traffic, such as Laurentide Avenue, Conover Avenue, Mavrillac Boulevard, and Kennedy Street West, that could benefit from such an installation to reduce speeders who disregard posted limits and endanger families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to report back to Council on providing for the installation of speed cushions at five (5) locations and to provide a one (1) year follow-up evaluation.

**CARRIED**

- (d) **Councillor Abel**  
**Re: Strategy to Remove Excessive Road Signage**

*Moved by Councillor Abel*

*Seconded by Councillor Mrakas*

WHEREAS road signs are an essential communication tool for vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS road signs identify streets and parking, direct tourists, create pedestrian awareness, identify school zones, and serve many other purposes; and

WHEREAS some signs pose an imposition to property owners; and

WHEREAS signs in some areas tend to clutter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to formulate a strategy to combine signs on posts, and report back to Council with options to mitigate the number of signs posted, to give our neighbourhoods a cleaner look.

**CARRIED**

- (e) **Councillor Mrakas**  
**Re: Amendment(s) to the Temporary Sign By-law**

*Moved by Councillor Mrakas*

*Seconded by Councillor Kim*

WHEREAS residents of, and business owners within, the Town of Aurora have expressed significant concerns with regards to the placement, number, sizes, installation and removal dates of municipal election signs and enforcement of regulations which speak to same; and

WHEREAS the current Town of Aurora By-law to regulate Temporary Signs ("Temporary Sign By-law") as it speaks to municipal election signs is silent on and/or is unclear in regards to when, where or how candidates for municipal office may erect municipal election signs and any limits thereto; and

WHEREAS the provisions of the current Town of Aurora Temporary Sign By-law as it speaks to municipal election signs are not in line with those of the "Signs on Regional Roads Bylaw", a by-law regulating signs on Regional roads; and

WHEREAS the provisions of the current Town of Aurora Temporary Sign By-law as it speaks to municipal election signs are not in line with those of other municipalities within York Region; and

WHEREAS the creation and adoption of a municipal election sign by-law is within the purview of a municipal Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to place a By-law to amend By-law number 4897-07.P, being a By-law to regulate Temporary Signs, on a future Council Agenda that:

- (a) Reduces the amount of time for which elections signs can be erected, affixed or otherwise displayed on private property and/or on municipal public property to thirty days immediately preceding an election;
- (b) Prohibits an election sign from being placed on municipal property except for that municipal property that is within 50 meters of a road intersection;
- (c) Prohibits a candidate from placing more than one (1) election sign on any corner of a road intersection; and
- (d) Prohibits a candidate from placing more than one (1) election sign on each private property;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to provide future candidates for municipal office with fact sheets, information sessions and sign pre-placement tours so as to ensure that candidates have the training and resources necessary to facilitate awareness of, and compliance with, the Temporary Sign By-law, as amended.

**Motion to refer**

***Moved by Councillor Humfryes***

***Seconded by Councillor Abel***

THAT this item be referred back to staff to consider in the context of the current Sign By-law Review and provide feedback to Council.

**CARRIED**

***Moved by Councillor Thompson***

***Seconded by Councillor Humfryes***

THAT the requirements of section 3.13 of the Procedural By-law be waived to allow Item 10 "(i) Notice of Motion (a) Finance Advisory Committee" to be moved forward for consideration.

**CARRIED (two-thirds vote)**

- (f) **Councillor Thompson**  
**Re: Finance Advisory Committee**

***Moved by Councillor Thompson***

***Seconded by Councillor Mrakas***

WHEREAS the Town of Aurora previously had a Finance Advisory Committee which provided advice to Council and the Corporation on capital planning initiatives, fiscal responsibilities and advance input into the annual budgeting processes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT a Finance Advisory Committee be established for the current Term of Council and that the draft Terms of Reference, which were developed in consultation with the Director of Corporate and Financial Services/Treasurer to reflect the current needs of the Corporation and Council, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**11. REGIONAL REPORT**

None

**12. NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL INFORMATION**

Councillor Abel suggested that the installation of two additional toilets in the former Armoury building at Town Park would be helpful in relation to holding events, such as the Aurora Farmers' Market & Artisan Fair, in the building. He indicated that he would discuss the matter with staff and possibly bring forward a Notice of Motion.

Councillor Abel stated that he received a phone call from a resident looking for reimbursement for the days lost due to an emergency closure of the pool at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex and that he advised the resident to discuss this with Town staff.

Councillor Thompson noted that the Council appointments to the Aurora Cultural Centre Board were not included in the list of Statutory and Mandatory Advisory Committees/Local Boards for the 2014-2018 Term of Council presented to Council.

***Moved by Councillor Thompson***

***Seconded by Councillor Abel***

THAT the Mayor appoint Members of Council to the Aurora Cultural Centre Board.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the process for discussing the potential need for a Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. The Town Clerk advised that matters not already on an agenda would best be brought forward by way of a Notice of Motion.

**13. READING OF BY-LAWS**

***Moved by Councillor Thompson***

***Seconded by Councillor Thom***

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

**5637-14** BEING A BY-LAW to allocate any 2014 Operating Fund surplus and any 2014 Water and Wastewater Operating Fund surplus or deficit.

**5645-14** BEING A BY-LAW to regulate cross connections and backflow prevention in private plumbing systems as required to protect the Town of Aurora drinking water system from contamination.

**5674-14** BEING A BY-LAW to levy Interim Property Taxes for the 2015 taxation year.

**CARRIED**

***Moved by Councillor Pirri***

***Seconded by Councillor Thom***

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

**5676-14** BEING A BY-LAW to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from Council Meeting on December 16, 2014.

**CARRIED**

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

None

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

***Moved by Councillor Gaertner***

***Seconded by Councillor Mrakas***

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**GEOFFREY DAWE, MAYOR**

**STEPHEN M. A. HUYCKE, TOWN CLERK**

THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2014 RECEIVED  
FINAL APPROVAL BY COUNCIL ON JANUARY 20, 2015.