



TOWN OF AURORA GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, May 20, 2014

ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Councillor Gaertner in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Buck, Gallo, Humfryes, Pirri, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe (arrived 7:58)
MEMBERS ABSENT	Councillor Ballard
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, Town Clerk, and Council/Committee Secretary

Councillor Gaertner called the meeting to order at 7 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 approved the agenda as circulated by Legal and Legislative Services, with the addition of replacement page 208 Re: Notice of Motion (c).

3. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 were identified as items requiring separate discussion.

4. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 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:

**3. BBS14-009 – Request for Sign Variance to Sign By-law No. 4898-07.P
SportClips Haircuts
15380 Bayview Ave., Unit A3**

THAT report BBS14-009 be received; and

THAT Council approve a request for a variance to Sign By-law 4898-07.P to allow two wall signs whereas the By-law permits only one wall sign at 15380 Bayview Ave. – Unit A3, SportClips Haircuts.

**4. BBS14-011 – Request for Sign Variance to Sign By-law No. 4898.07.P
Sobeys Extra
15500 Bayview Ave.**

THAT report BBS14-011 be received; and

THAT Council approve a request for a variance to Sign By-law 4898-07.P to allow two signs on the east elevation whereas the By-law permits only one sign; and

THAT Council approve a request for a variance to Sign By-law 4898-07.P to allow one sign on the west elevation whereas the By-law permits no signs on the west elevation.

**5. IES14-029 – Award of Quotation IES2014-18 – Removal of Existing
Paving Stones and Replacement with “Trafficpatterns XD”
Pavement Impressions at Wellington St. E. – John West
Way Intersection**

THAT report IES14-029 be received; and

THAT Quotation IES2014-18 – Removal of Existing Paving Stones and Replacement with “Trafficpatterns XD” Pavement Impressions at Wellington St. E. - John West Way Intersection, be awarded to Hawkins Contracting Services Limited in the amount of \$103,365.08, excluding taxes; and

THAT additional funding in the amount of \$11,300.24 from the Roads and Related Repairs and Replacement Reserve be provided; and

THAT the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary Agreement, including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same.

11. IES14-027 – Facility Projects Status Report

THAT report IES14-027 be received for information.

12. IES14-028 – Fleet 2014 Capital Request Confirmation

THAT report IES14-028 be received; and

THAT this report satisfy Council’s conditional budget approval; and

THAT staff be authorized to proceed with:

Capital Project 34160 (1/2 tonne Pick-up No. 13 replacement); and

Capital Project 71069 (1 tonne dump truck No. 251 replacement with a 3 tonne 4x4); and

Capital Project 71070 (1/2 tonne Pick-up No. 250 to be replaced with a 3/4 tonne 4x4 pick-up and plow); and

Capital Project 71089 (Addition to Fleet ¾ tonne 4x4 Pick-up).

13. PR14-022 – Cultural Master Plan

THAT report PR14-022 be received; and

THAT the Cultural Master Plan dated May 2014 be received; and

THAT the Cultural Master Plan be forwarded to the June 3, 2014 General Committee meeting for consideration, together with the following recommendations:

THAT Council endorse the Cultural Master Plan and specifically approve Section 5 of the Plan being “Strategies and Actions”; and

THAT staff be authorized to initiate the Cultural Mapping components of the plan prior to the completion of a detailed implementation plan.

14. PL14-035 – Application for Site Plan Approval
The Regional Municipality of York
350 First Commerce Drive, Block 6, 65M-3819
File No. D11-01-14

THAT report PL14-035 be received; and

THAT Site Plan Application File D11-01-14 (York Region) be approved to permit the construction of a new regional elevated water storage tank off First Commerce Drive; and

THAT the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute the site plan agreement, including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same.

15. PRAC14-04 – Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Report
April 17, 2014

THAT report PRAC14-04 be received; and

THAT Council adopt the following recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting of April 17, 2014:

1. Aurora Family Leisure Complex Fitness Centre Membership
Summary Report – Update as of March 31, 2014

THAT the Aurora Family Leisure Complex Fitness Centre Membership Summary Report – Update as of March 31, 2014 be received; and

THAT accumulation of the data for the Aurora Family Leisure Complex Fitness Centre Membership Summary Report be continued through 2014 in order to reflect the change of the facilities scheduled to occur in October and November 2014, and be presented to the next Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee in 2015.

16. TATC14-04 – Trails and Active Transportation Committee Report
April 25, 2014

THAT report TATC14-04 be received; and

THAT Council adopt the following recommendations from the Trails and Active Transportation Committee meeting of April 25, 2014:

1. **Memorandum from the Manager of Parks**
Re: Correspondence received from Waterfront Regeneration Trust
Re: Request for Endorsement of the Proposed Alignment for the Greenbelt Cycling Route in the Town of Aurora

THAT the Greenbelt Cycling Route concept be endorsed, subject to the proponents satisfying the requirements of the Parks and Recreation Department related to the placement of appropriate signage along the route instructing cyclists to dismount at locations not suitable for cycling; and

THAT Waterfront Regeneration Trust be invited to return to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee, for an update, following their May workshop.

2. **Memorandum from the Manager of Parks**
Re: Trail Easement on Portion of Future Eco Park Lands

THAT staff be directed to negotiate with the landowner at the time of site plan submission, as a condition of site plan approval, for the provision of a permanent public access trail in a mutually agreeable location along the southern boundary of the Eco Park to facilitate the Oak Ridges Trail as outlined in the Trails Master Plan; and

THAT prior to site plan approval, staff report back to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee and Council for endorsement of all aspects of the proposed Oak Ridges Trail including its proposed location, rights of use, and any implications or restrictions.

3. **Memorandum from the Manager of Parks**
Re: Renaming of Trail

THAT the Town continue to refer to the main north/south trail through the Town of Aurora as the Nokiidaa Trail on all signage and maps; and

THAT various smaller sections of the Nokiidaa Trail System be highlighted in similar fashion to the Klaus Wehrenberg Trail with signage on plaques and maps; and

THAT all references to Holland River Trail be removed; and

THAT the section of trail from St. John's Sideroad to Wellington be named Aurora Arboretum Trail; and

THAT signage placement be determined in concert with the Wayfinding Strategy; and

THAT the Town of Aurora *Streets, Parks and Trails Map* be updated at next printing to reflect these changes.

17. EAC14-05 – Environmental Advisory Committee Report, May 5, 2014

THAT report EAC14-05 be received; and

THAT Council adopt the following recommendations from the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of May 5, 2014:

**1. Memorandum from the Municipal Engineer
Re: Town of Aurora Comprehensive Stormwater Management
Master Plan (CSWM-MP)**

THAT Council consider adopting the Town of Aurora Comprehensive Stormwater Management Master Plan when it is presented to Council.

**3. Memorandum from the Program Manager, Environmental
Initiatives
Re: Invasive Species Removal**

THAT staff be directed to develop a long-term plan for dealing with Invasive Phragmites.

NEW BUSINESS

THAT staff be directed to develop a long-term plan for dealing with dog-strangling vine.

NEW BUSINESS

THAT the Environmental Reserve Fund be used to cover the cost difference for initiating the first phase of the self-watering container project in the amount of \$8,000.

18. AAC14-05 – Accessibility Advisory Committee Report, May 7, 2014

THAT report AAC14-05 be received; and

THAT Council adopt the following recommendations from the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of May 7, 2014:

**1. Memorandum from the Planner
Re: Application for Site Plan Review (Submission #2)
213-229 Industrial Parkway North
Plan 65M-2718 Block 7
File No. D11-01-13**

THAT consideration be given, where feasible, to access points at the north end of the building; and

THAT the Accessibility Advisor resubmit to Planning and Development Services the following recommendations, approved by Council on February 11, 2014:

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; and

THAT Planning and Development Services forward these considerations to the Architect.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS

- (a) **Reverend Ian Martin, Trinity Aurora Anglican Church**
Re: Request for Fees to be Waived for Rental of Town Park on June 15, 2014

Reverend Martin requested that Council consider waiving the fee for the use of the amphitheatre at Town Park on June 15, 2014 for a joint service and picnic hosted by the Trinity Aurora Anglican Church and the Aurora United Church to celebrate the new relationship formed between the two congregations in the aftermath of the fire.

General Committee recommends:

THAT the comments of the delegation be received and referred to staff to proceed with a grant application.

CARRIED

- (b) **Southeast Quadrant Ratepayers Association**
Re: Item 1 - PL14-034 – Southeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District Study

Mr. John Peddle advised Council that a number of residents are opposed to the proposed Heritage Designation due to the potential negative impacts designation could have on private property and noted that the Southeast Quadrant Ratepayers Association was in favour of Option 1 in report PL14-034 to discontinue the Study.

General Committee recommends:

THAT the comments of the delegation be received for information.

CARRIED

6. PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

None

7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

1. **PL14-034 – Southeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District Study**

General Committee recommends:

THAT report PL14-034 be received; and

THAT the Southeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District Study be discontinued.

CARRIED

2. HAC14-05 – Heritage Advisory Committee Report, May 12, 2014

General Committee recommends:

THAT report HAC14-05 be received *for information*.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed at 7:58 p.m. and reconvened at 8:04 p.m.

General Committee recommends:

THAT Item 7 be moved forward for consideration.

CARRIED

**7. PL14-030 – Application for Site Plan Approval
York Region Christian Seniors Homes Inc.
15600 Leslie Street
Part of Lot 23, Concession 2
File No. D11-10-13**

General Committee recommends:

THAT report PL14-030 be received; and

THAT Site Plan Application File D11-10-13 (York Region Christian Seniors Homes Inc.) be approved to permit the development of Phase 1 (subject lands) for the construction of a six (6) storey, 154 unit residential life-lease seniors apartment complex; and

THAT the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute the site plan agreement, including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same.

CARRIED

6. IES14-030 – Purchase Order Increase to Purchase Road Salt and Winter Sand

General Committee recommends:

THAT report IES14-030 be received; and

THAT Council approve an increase of \$146,531 to the winter maintenance materials operating budget to be drawn from the General Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve; and

THAT Council approve an increase of \$160,000 to an upset limit of \$355,806, excluding taxes, for Purchase Order No. 78 in the favour of Sifto Canada Inc. for the supply and delivery of bulk highway coarse rock salt; and

THAT Council approve an increase of \$20,000 to an upset limit of \$46,025, excluding taxes, for Purchase Order No. 76 in the favour of Bedard Sand and Gravel Limited for the supply and delivery of screened winter sand, mixing of screened winter sand onsite and stockpiling; and

THAT Council approve the funding increase.

CARRIED

8. CFS14-003 – Consolidation and Definition of Reserve Funds

General Committee recommends:

THAT report CFS14-003 be received; and

THAT the reserve fund consolidations set out in Table 1 of report CFS14-003 be approved ***except for the transfer of the War Memorial Reserve to the Parks Repair and Replacement Reserve***; and

THAT the Fire Training Reserve Fund be transferred to the Central York Fire Services Asset Replacement Fund, maintained by the Town of Newmarket, under the expenditure control of the Joint Council Committee, and that such transfer occur upon the passing of a similar resolution by the Town of Newmarket transferring their Fire Training Reserve balance; and

THAT staff bring forward the necessary by-law to amend the Town's Reserve Fund By-Law adding the schedules presented in Attachments 2 through **18**.

CARRIED

9. CFS14-005 – Capital Projects Status & Closures Report as of December 31, 2013

General Committee recommends:

THAT report CFS14-005 be received; and

THAT the capital project closures and capital funding adjustments outlined in Attachments #1 and #2 be approved.

10. IES14-026 – Solid Waste By-law Update and Clear Bag Status

General Committee recommends:

THAT report IES14-026 be received for information.

CARRIED

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

**(a) Councillor Gallo
Re: IPTV Networks**

WHEREAS Aurora continues to strive to engage the public in new and innovative ways; and

WHEREAS modern TV systems based on IP technologies are becoming an indispensable part of overall communications strategies; and

WHEREAS one of the Town's guiding principles in the Strategic Plan is "*Broad community outreach and engagement with partners, businesses, newcomers and community groups to ensure inclusiveness*" and one of the Pillars of Success in the Strategic Plan states "*Identify new formats, methods and technologies to effectively and regularly engage the community*"; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and I have been contacted by Infospout, who develops and implements IPTV networks.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to contact Infospout and any other providers of IPTV Networks, and provide Council with a report outlining the pros and cons of implementing a dedicated IPTV Network for the Town of Aurora.

(b) Councillor Abel
Re: Vacant Commercial Lot Tax Rates

WHEREAS there are vacant lots on Yonge Street, within the Downtown Core of Aurora; and

WHEREAS these vacant lots are in prime commercially zoned lands and are neglected, creating an eyesore to the economic viability to the Downtown Core; and

WHEREAS these vacant lots have been vacant for years, and in some cases, decades; and

WHEREAS in other municipalities a higher tax rate to vacant lots has been able to stimulate development, which is a valuable component to revitalizing a Downtown core.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to investigate alternatives and prepare a report with options for Council's consideration on how the Town of Aurora could tax vacant lots.

(c) Councillor Buck
Re: Farmers' Market

WHEREAS Aurora Farmers' Market operates at arm's length from the municipality and is governed by a Town By-law; and

WHEREAS location and amenities are provided by the Town and vendors are issued a permit to occupy space; and

WHEREAS for efficient management and communication, the Town requires vendors to be represented by an executive; and

WHEREAS the Market is seasonal and vendors may change; annual election of officers is desirable to ensure current representation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to review the Farmers' Market By-law to ensure vendor representation with a view of achieving problem-free management and efficient communication practice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff report back in sufficient time for elections to be held and an executive to be in place for the current market season.

(d) **Councillor Buck**
Re: Staff Vacation Entitlement Policy

Due to technical difficulties, the exact wording of the Notice of Motion was not available. This Notice of Motion will be presented to Council on May 27, 2014, to be discussed at the June 10, 2014 Council meeting.

(e) **Councillor Abel**
Re: Community Tourism Plan

WHEREAS Tourism is an economic stimulant to the community, and Aurora is desirous of drawing as many benefits that result; and

WHEREAS Aurora has many organizations that would participate in partnering in strategies to promote tourism to benefit the businesses; and

WHEREAS York Region Council of Arts works in partnership with Central Counties Tourism, to promote and develop tourism partnership opportunities; and

WHEREAS King City has undertaken to develop a "Community Tourism Plan", and King City participates in N6 cost saving initiatives; and

WHEREAS the Town of Aurora is currently developing a Cultural Master Plan; and

WHEREAS Central Counties will share 50% of the cost to develop a Community Tourism Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT that staff report back with a terms of reference, work plan, and any associated costs associated with the development of a Community Tourism Plan.

9. NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL INFORMATION

Mayor Dawe recommended visiting and viewing the Indiginesse | Perspectives from Contemporary Native Women exhibition show which is on display at the Aurora Cultural Centre.

Councillor Humfryes reminded everyone that Relay for Life would be taking place on June 6, 2014 at Magna International.

Councillor Buck inquired about what effect the lead problem in Toronto's water supply would have on Aurora and the Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services advised that the lead problem stems from Toronto's service connections and not from the distribution system.

10. CLOSED SESSION

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

General Committee recommends:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

CARRIED

WENDY GAERTNER, COUNCILLOR

STEPHEN M.A. HUYCKE, TOWN CLERK

THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAY 20, 2014 RECEIVED APPROVAL BY COUNCIL ON MAY 27, 2014 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEMS 8 AND 10 WHICH WERE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.