



TOWN OF AURORA GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, September 2, 2014

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS	Councillor Pirri in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Gallo, Humfryes (arrived 7:22 p.m.), Thompson, and Mayor Dawe
MEMBERS ABSENT	Councillors Buck, Constable, and Gaertner
OTHER ATTENDEES	Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Building and By-law Services, Director of Corporate and Financial Services/Treasurer, Director of Legal and Legislative Services/Town Solicitor, Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services, Director of Parks and Recreation Services, Director of Planning and Development Services, Town Clerk, and Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair 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.

3. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, and 17 were identified for discussion.

4. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 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. IES14-047 – Service Level Review for Winter Maintenance and Revised Policies

THAT report IES14-047 be received; and

THAT Council adopt the Level of Service Targets for Winter Maintenance of Roads and Sidewalks dated June 2014 that align with Ontario Regulation 239/02, as amended by Ontario Regulation 47/13, being the Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways; and

THAT Council adopt the Salt Management Plan dated June 2014; and

THAT staff be directed to provide winter maintenance service levels in accordance with the policies while striving to maintain existing community satisfaction.

9. IES14-046 – Purchase Order Increase for Water and Wastewater Services

THAT report IES14-046 be received; and

THAT Council approve an increase of \$150,000 to an upset limit of \$485,000 (excluding HST) for Purchase Order No. 131 in the favour of VM DiMonte Construction Limited for Mainline Sewer and Watermain Repairs.

10. BBS14-013 – Request for Sign Variance to Sign By-law No. 4898-07.P for State and Main Kitchen and Bar, 14760 Yonge Street, Unit C1

THAT report BBS14-013 be received; and

THAT Council approve a request for variance to Sign By-law No. 4898-07.P for the business premise of State & Main Kitchen and Bar, 14760 Yonge Street, Unit C1, to allow five (5) wall signs whereas the Sign By-law restricts the number of wall signs to two (2) wall signs maximum for this unit; and

THAT Council approve a request for variance to permit the wall signs on the north elevation to have a combined sign area of 29.2m² whereas the Sign By-law restricts the sign area for the north elevation to 18.5m² maximum; and

THAT Council approve a request for variance to permit the wall signs on the north elevation to provide 29.8% wall coverage whereas the Sign By-law restricts the north elevation wall sign coverage to 20% maximum.

11. CAO14-017 – Internet Protocol Television

THAT report CAO14-017 be received for information.

12. PL14-037– Updated Radiocommunication & Broadcasting Antenna Systems Protocol

THAT report PL14-037 be received; and

THAT the attached updated Town of Aurora Radiocommunication & Broadcasting Antenna Systems Protocol be adopted.

14. PL14-059 – Council Motion Re: Protection for Area of Significant Heritage and Cultural Resources

THAT report PL14-059 be received for information.

15. HAC14-08 – Heritage Advisory Committee Report of August 11, 2014

THAT report HAC14-08 be received; and

THAT Council adopt the following recommendations from the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of August 11, 2014:

1. HAC14-021 – Removal of the property located at 15186 Yonge Street from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

THAT the Aurora United Church property remain on the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.

2. HAC14-022 – Heritage Permit Application No. NE-HCD-HPA-14-02 for a property Designated under Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, within the Northeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District, 58 Catherine Avenue

THAT Heritage Permit Application No. NE-HCD-HPA-14-02 be approved.

**16. Memorandum from Chief Administrative Officer
Re: Total Costs Associated with Aurora's Post-Secondary Institution Attraction Strategy**

THAT the memorandum regarding Total Costs Associated with Aurora's Post-Secondary Institution Attraction Strategy be received for information.

**18. Memorandum from Councillor Gaertner
Re: Arboretum News – Summer 2014 Newsletter**

THAT the memorandum regarding Arboretum News – Summer 2014 Newsletter be received for information.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS

**(a) Steve Gardner, Principal, Rick Hansen Public School
Re: Item 8 – IES14-048 – School Travel Planning for Rick Hansen Public School**

Mr. Gardner highlighted the concerns of the school and spoke in support of the staff report recommendations toward ensuring student safety.

General Committee received the comments of the delegation, which were referred to Item 8.

**(b) Catherine Spears, Spears + Associates Inc., and Brad Allen, Senior Vice President, Bentall Kennedy (Canada) LP
Re: Item 1 – PL14-056 – Site Plan Amendment Application, Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, 444-446 Hollandview Trail, Part of Block 2 Plan 65M-2873, and Part Block 1 Plan 65M-3193, File: D11-04-14**

Ms. Spears addressed some of the concerns raised at a previous Council meeting and those of local residents, and noted changes to the site plan that addressed those concerns.

General Committee received the comments of the delegation, which were referred to Item 1.

6. PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

None

7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

- 1. PL14-056 – Site Plan Amendment Application
Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada
444-446 Hollandview Trail, Part of Block 2 Plan 65M-2873, and Part
Block 1 Plan 65M-3193, File: D11-04-14**

General Committee recommends:

THAT report PL14-056 be received; and

THAT the Site Plan Amendment Application File: D11-04-14 be approved to permit the construction of a 132m² (1,420ft²) patio on the subject lands; and

THAT Council authorize the Director of Planning and Development Services to execute the Site Plan Agreement, including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same.

CARRIED

- 2. PR14-040 – Pan Am Games Torch Run**

General Committee recommends:

THAT report PR14-040 be received; and

THAT Council approve the hosting of the Pan Am Games Torch Relay event in Aurora; and

THAT, upon approval, the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding, including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same; and

THAT \$15,000.00 be allocated from the Council Operating Contingency Account.

CARRIED

- 4. IES14-049 – Award of Tender IES2014-53 and IES2014-54 – Road Plowing and Sidewalk Plowing Contracts**

General Committee recommends:

THAT Item 4 be deferred to the General Committee meeting of September 16, 2014.

CARRIED

- 5. IES14-043 – Town-wide Conversion to LED Street Lighting**

General Committee recommends:

THAT report IES14-043 be received; and

THAT this report satisfy Council's conditional budget approval for capital project 34709; and

THAT staff be authorized to issue a Request for Proposal to select an Energy Solutions Partner for the Town-wide implementation of light emitting diode (LED) street lighting and other energy savings projects.

CARRIED

6. IES14-044 – Upper York Sewage Solution Environmental Assessment

General Committee recommends:

THAT report IES14-044 be received for information.

CARRIED

7. IES14-045 – Water Connection Backflow Prevention Program

General Committee recommends:

THAT report IES14-045 be received; and

THAT staff bring forward By-law Number 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" to a future Council meeting for enactment.

CARRIED

8. IES14-048 – School Travel Planning for Rick Hansen Public School

General Committee recommends:

THAT report IES14-048 be received; and

THAT three-way stop sign control be installed at the intersection of Mavrinac Boulevard and Cosford Street; and

THAT three-way stop sign control be installed at the intersection of Hartwell Way and Bilbrough Street; and

THAT pedestrian crossing pavement marking be provided at all legs of the Mavrinac Boulevard and Hartwell Way traffic circle; and

THAT school area signs be installed for the eastbound and westbound directions on Hartwell Way; and

THAT the necessary by-law be introduced to implement the above recommendations; and

THAT letters be sent to Rick Hansen Public School with the General Committee's recommendations.

CARRIED

13. LLS14-029 – Update on Cosmetic Pesticide Ban Legislation

General Committee recommends:

THAT report LLS14-029 be received; and

THAT a by-law repealing By-law Number 5033-08.P, "BEING A BY-LAW for the prohibition of the application of cosmetic pesticides in the Town of Aurora", be presented to Council for enactment at a future meeting.

CARRIED

**17. Memorandum from Director of Infrastructure & Environmental Services
Re: Resident Request to Address Old Bloomington Road Concerns**

General Committee recommends:

THAT the memorandum regarding Resident Request to Address Old Bloomington Road Concerns be received for information.

CARRIED

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

None

9. NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL INFORMATION

Mayor Dawe expressed appreciation to the staff for organizing the recent ALS Ice Bucket Challenge.

Councillor Abel inquired about an exemption to allow signage advertising the upcoming Magna Hoedown fundraising event and the Chief Administrative Officer indicated that this matter would be addressed.

Councillor Thompson inquired about the regulation of election lawn signs and requested clarification. The Director of Building and By-law Services advised that the placement of election signs is regulated by the Town's Temporary Sign By-law for municipal roads, which does not restrict the commencement time but requires that election signs are removed within four days following the election, and York Region's Sign By-law for regional roads, which permits municipal election signs commencing September 15 at midnight until three days following the election. She noted that this information is available to registered candidates and will be available on the Town's website.

Councillor Abel inquired about whether there were any provisions requiring municipal election candidates to act in a respectful and courteous manner with regard to the placement of their election signs. The Town Clerk advised that, while no legislative provisions apply, all municipal election candidates are encouraged to treat their fellow candidates with respect and courtesy.

Councillor Pirri inquired about the two questions on the ballot and whether any meetings would be held. The Town Clerk advised that the Town would not be hosting any meetings, but would be providing voters with general information about both questions on the ballot.

10. CLOSED SESSION

General Committee resolved into a General Committee Closed Session, following adjournment, to consider:

1. Litigation or potential litigation including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the Town or a Local Board; Re: Report PL14-061 – Appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board re Aurora Small Engine Repair Inc., (Appellants: York Region Condominium Corporation No. 797), Committee of Adjustment Variance Application – D13-11-14, 305 Industrial Parkway South.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

CARRIED

GEOFFREY DAWE, MAYOR

STEPHEN M.A. HUYCKE, TOWN CLERK

THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2014 RECEIVED FINAL APPROVAL BY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2014 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEMS 1, 3, 11, 14, 17, AND 18 WHICH WERE APPROVED AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED, AND ITEMS 4 AND 5 WHICH WERE APPROVED AS AMENDED.