



COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015

7 P.M.

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AURORA TOWN HALL**



**TOWN OF AURORA
COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA**

Tuesday, March 10, 2015
7 p.m.
Council Chambers

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the agenda as circulated by Legal and Legislative Services be approved.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2015 pg. 1
Special Council – Public Planning Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2015 pg. 22

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Council meeting minutes of February 24, 2015 and Special Council – Public Planning meeting minutes of February 25, 2015 be adopted as printed and circulated.

4. PRESENTATIONS

5. PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

7. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

8. DELEGATIONS

9. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

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

(i) Notices of Motion

(ii) Motions for Which Notice Has Been Given

(a) Councillor Mrakas pg. 49
Re: Increased Traffic Volume on Industrial Parkway North

(b) Councillor Kim pg. 50
Re: Multicultural Festival

11. REGIONAL REPORT

York Regional Council Highlights – February 26, 2015 pg. 51

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Regional Report of February 26, 2015 be received for information.

12. NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL INFORMATION

13. READING OF BY-LAWS

RECOMMENDED:

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

5690-15 BEING A BY-LAW to define the accountability and pg. 56
transparency policies and procedures for The
Corporation of the Town of Aurora.
(Report No. LLS15-013 – GC Item 5 – Feb. 17/15)

RECOMMENDED:

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

5694-15 BEING A BY-LAW to Confirm Actions by Council pg. 63
Resulting from Council Meeting on March 10, 2015.

14. CLOSED SESSION

15. ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **General Committee Meeting Report of March 3, 2015** pg. 29

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the General Committee meeting report of March 3, 2015 be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee be approved.

2. **Special General Committee – Water and Wastewater Budget Introduction Meeting Report of February 24, 2015** pg. 36

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Special General Committee – Water and Wastewater Budget Introduction meeting report of February 24, 2015 be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee be approved.

3. **LLS15-024 – General Committee Closed Session Meeting Report of March 3, 2015** pg. 38

RECOMMENDED:

THAT Report No. LLS15-024 be received; and

THAT Council adopt the following recommendations from the Closed Session meeting of March 3, 2015:

1. **Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee; Re: LLS15-022 – Appointments to the Aurora Appeal Tribunal**

THAT Closed Session Report No. LLS15-022 be received; and

THAT the following citizen members be appointed to the Aurora Appeal Tribunal for the 2014-2018 Term of Council:

Carl Barrett
Roy J. Harrington
David H. Z. Mhango
Grace Marsh; and
Tom Plamondon.

2. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Town or Local Board; Re: PR15-007 – Purchase of Lands at 100 Vandorf Sideroad, Formerly Hallmark Cards

THAT Closed Session Report No. PR15-007 be received; and

THAT the confidential recommendations of General Committee on March 3, 2015 regarding the Purchase of Lands at 100 Vandorf Sideroad, Formerly Hallmark Cards, be approved.

**4. Memorandum from Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Town Solicitor pg. 40
Re: Appointment of Members of Council to the Environmental Advisory Committee**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the memorandum regarding Appointment of Members of Council to the Environmental Advisory Committee be received; and

THAT two (2) members of Council be appointed to the Environmental Advisory Committee effective April 1, 2015.

**5. Memorandum from Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Town Solicitor pg. 41
Re: Appointment of Members of Council to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the memorandum regarding Appointment of Members of Council to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee be received; and

THAT the Terms of Reference for the Trails and Active Transportation Committee be amended to change the Committee composition to read as follows:

“2. MEMBERSHIP

The Committee shall be comprised of seven (7) voting members and four (4) non-voting members, as follows:

Voting Members:

- Three (3) members of the public;
- Two (2) members of Council;
- One (1) citizen member from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee; and

- One (1) citizen member from the Environmental Advisory Committee

Non-voting Members:

- One (1) member from the Planning & Development Services Department;
- Two (2) members from the Parks & Recreation Services Department; and
- One (1) member from the Infrastructure & Environmental Services Department.”; and

THAT two (2) members of Council be appointed to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee effective April 1, 2015.

6. Central York Fire Services – Joint Council Committee Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2015 pg. 43

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Central York Fire Services – Joint Council Committee meeting minutes of February 3, 2015 be received for information.



**TOWN OF AURORA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, February 24, 2015

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS Mayor Dawe in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Humfryes (arrived 7:06 p.m.), Kim, Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, and Thompson (arrived 7:06 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT Councillor Gaertner

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

Mayor Dawe called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

On a motion of Councillor Thompson seconded by Councillor Mrakas, Council consented to extend the hour past 10:30 p.m. for ten (10) minutes at 10:30 p.m., in accordance with subsection 3.16(b) of the Procedural By-law.

On a motion of Councillor Pirri seconded by Councillor Humfryes, Council consented to extend the hour past 10:30 p.m. for ten (10) minutes at 10:40 p.m., in accordance with subsection 3.16(b) of the Procedural By-law.

On a motion of Councillor Abel seconded by Councillor Thompson, Council consented to extend the hour past 10:30 p.m. for ten (10) minutes at 10:50 p.m., in accordance with subsection 3.16(b) of the Procedural By-law.

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 Pirri
Seconded by Councillor Abel**

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

- Delegation (a) Ron Weese, representing Sport Aurora
Re: Motion for Which Notice Has Been Given (d) Councillor Thompson
Re: Development of a Sport Plan

- Item 6 – Memorandum from Director of Planning & Development Services and
Director of Infrastructure & Environmental Services
Re: Potential Impacts of Upper York Servicing Solution (UYSS) Delay
York Region 10 Year Capital Plan

- Item 7 – Memorandum from Director of Corporate & Financial Services
Re: Pre-Budget Approval to Hire Two New Parks & Recreation Services
Positions for the Aurora Family Leisure Complex (AFLC)

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

**Closed Session Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2015
Council Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2015
Special General Committee – 2015 Budget Review Meeting Minutes of
February 7, 2015 and February 10, 2015**

**Moved by Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by Councillor Abel**

THAT the Closed Session meeting minutes of February 10, 2015, Council meeting minutes of February 10, 2015, and Special General Committee – 2015 Budget Review meeting minutes of February 7, 2015 and February 10, 2015 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS

- (a) Cortney Cassidy, representing Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation
Re: Run or Walk for Southlake – Team Challenge**

Ms. Cassidy presented an overview of Southlake Regional Health Centre and explained the importance of supporting the hospital. She encouraged everyone to participate at the Run or Walk for Southlake taking place on Sunday, April 20, 2015 at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex.

**Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Mrakas**

THAT the presentation of Cortney Cassidy regarding Run or Walk for Southlake – Team Challenge be received for information.

CARRIED

- (b) Penny Marrett, Executive Director, Addiction Services for York Region
Re: Serving the Community Affected by Addiction**

Ms. Marrett presented an overview of the mission and services of the Addiction Services for York Region located in Aurora.

**Moved by Councillor Abel
Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

THAT the presentation of Penny Marrett regarding Serving the Community Affected by Addiction be received for information.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Pirri noted his attendance at the Annual General Meeting of Sport Aurora and expressed his gratitude towards the organization for all of their efforts.

Councillor Humfries thanked all of the participants who attended the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl-A-Thon on February 20, 2015.

Councillor Humfries announced that the Queen's York Rangers 2799 Army Cadet Corps is hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at the Aurora Legion on March 7, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Councillor Humfries extended a reminder that the Aurora Family Leisure Complex will re-open on February 28, 2015 at 7:45 a.m. and thanked staff for their efforts.

Councillor Abel noted that he attended the re-opening of the YMCA Child Care Centre at Trinity Anglican Church.

Councillor Abel extended a reminder about the Men Can Cook event taking place on March 14, 2015 at the Aurora Seniors' Centre.

Councillor Abel extended congratulations to Jamie MacDonald for organizing a successful Aurora Winter Blues Festival that funds organizations and programs such as CHATS, Blue Door Shelters, and Youth in Music.

Councillor Thompson thanked the Aurora Tigers for organizing a special tribute to Judy Sherin at their game on February 21, 2015.

Mayor Dawe noted that the Aurora Living Resident's Guide will be delivered in *The Banner* on February 26, 2015 and copies will be available at Town Hall, The Town's recreational facilities, and on the Town website.

Mayor Dawe noted that the next 2015 Budget Review meeting will take place on March 2, 2015.

Mayor Dawe extended a reminder that the Community Recognition and Citizen of the Year Award nomination process is still underway and further information may be accessed at www.aurora.ca/cra.

Mayor Dawe extended a reminder to residents to provide feedback on the proposed Clear Bag Garbage Collection program and noted that the survey is available on the Town website.

Mayor Dawe announced that registration is open for Aurora's March Break and Summer Camps and noted that early bird discounts are available until February 27, 2015.

Mayor Dawe noted that the 53rd Annual Juried Art Show and Sale is accepting entries and further information may be accessed on the Town website.

Mayor Dawe remarked on the outstanding performances given at the recent Aurora Winter Blues Festival.

6. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 1 (sub-item 3), 2, 6, and 7 were identified for discussion.

7. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

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

**Moved by Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by Councillor Kim**

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 17, 2015

THAT the General Committee meeting report of February 17, 2015 be received and the following recommendations carried by the Committee be approved (*with the exception of sub-item 3*):

(1) CFS15-005 – Temporary Borrowing By-law

THAT Report No. CFS15-005 be received; and

THAT By-law Number 5686-15 be adopted to authorize the creation, maintenance, and, as necessary, utilization of temporary borrowing facilities by The Corporation of the Town of Aurora to meet the cash flow needs of the Town should the borrowing requirement arise, all subject to the authorizations and limitations of section 407 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 as amended.

(2) IES15-009 – Award of Single Source Contract to Wamco Municipal Products Inc.

THAT Report No. IES15-009 be received; and

THAT a single source contract in the amount of \$150,000 excluding taxes for the supply of Water Meters from Wamco Municipal Products Inc. be approved; and

THAT the Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services be authorized to renew the contract at the same rate for an additional five (5) one-year terms pending an annual analysis and performance review by the Director.

**(4) Memorandum from Director of Infrastructure & Environmental Services
Re: Widening of Industrial Parkway North and South**

THAT the memorandum regarding Widening of Industrial Parkway North and South be received; and

THAT this memorandum satisfy Council's conditional budget approval for Capital Project 31112; and

THAT staff be authorized to proceed with Capital Project 31112 "Reconstr – Industrial Pkwy S – Wellington St to Industry St".

(5) LLS15-013 – Accountability and Transparency Policy

THAT Report No. LLS15-013 be received; and

THAT staff bring forward By-law Number 5690-15, "BEING A BY-LAW to define the accountability and transparency policies and procedures for The Corporation of the Town of Aurora" to a future Council meeting for enactment; and

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Policy, Town Administration Procedure No. 67, as amended, be repealed on the day that By-law Number 5690-15 comes into force.

(6) PL15-016 – Delegated Agreements, 2014 Summary Report

THAT Report No. PL15-016 be received for information.

(7) PL15-017 – Request for Street Name Approval, Casing Developments Inc., 1114 Wellington Street East, File: SUB-2006-01

THAT Report No. PL15-017 be received; and

THAT the following street name be approved for the proposed road within the approved Draft Plan of Subdivision, File SUB-2006-01:

STREET "A" ELYSE COURT

(8) PL15-018 – Authorization to Execute the Servicing Incentive Program (SIP) Tri-Party Agreement between York Region, Town of Aurora, and 2C West Subdivision Developers

THAT Report No. PL15-018 be received; and

THAT the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute each Tri-Party Agreement for the Servicing Incentive Program (SIP) between York Region, the Town of Aurora and each developer in the 2C West Landowners Group, including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same.

(9) PR15-004 – Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program

THAT Report No. PR15-004 be received for information.

(10) PR15-005 – Aurora Optimist Club Programs for Youth

THAT Report No. PR15-005 be received for information.

**(11) Memorandum from Director of Building & By-law Services
Re: Overnight Parking Enforcement at Town Park**

THAT the memorandum regarding Overnight Parking Enforcement at Town Park be received for information.

3. CFS15-007 – 2015 Final Capital Budget Report

THAT Report No. CFS15-007 be received; and

THAT the 2015 Capital Budget for Repair and Replacement of existing infrastructure totalling \$13,212,400, as listed in Attachment 1, be approved; and

THAT the 2015 Capital Budget for Growth and New Capital totalling \$3,890,200, as listed in Attachment 2, be approved; and

THAT the 2015 Capital Budget for Studies and Other totalling \$830,000, as listed in Attachment 3, be approved.

**4. Memorandum from Director of Corporate & Financial Services
Re: Interim Provincial Payment of the Town's Ice Storm Claim**

THAT the memorandum regarding the Interim Provincial Payment of the Town's Ice Storm Claim be received; and

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute any documents or agreements required to enable receipt of the interim ice storm claim payment.

5. Central York Fire Services – Joint Council Committee Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2015

THAT the Central York Fire Services – Joint Council Committee meeting minutes of January 6, 2015 be received for information.

CARRIED

8. DELEGATIONS

- (a) **Ron Weese, representing Sport Aurora**
Re: Motion for Which Notice Has Been Given (d) Councillor Thompson
Re: Development of a Sport Plan

Mr. Weese presented an overview of Sport Aurora and introduced the Board of Directors. He expressed their support of developing a Sport Plan in collaboration with the Town.

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Humfries

THAT the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Motion for Which Notice Has Been Given (d).

CARRIED

9. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

- 1. General Committee Meeting Report of February 17, 2015**
(3) IES15-010 – Facility Projects Status Report

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Pirri

THAT Report No. IES15-010 be received; and

THAT, notwithstanding the provisions and requirements of the Town's Procurement By-law, MHPM Project Managers Inc. be retained for the fee of \$75,400 (excluding taxes) to provide part-time support for the project administration and oversight duties currently performed by the Town for the Joint Operations Centre.

CARRIED

2. LLS15-021 – General Committee Closed Session Report of February 17, 2015

Council consented to consider each item separately.

**Moved by Councillor Abel
Seconded by Councillor Pirri**

THAT Report No. LLS15-021 be received; and

THAT Council adopt the following recommendations from the Closed Session meeting of February 17, 2015:

- 1. Litigation or potential litigation including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the Town or a Local Board; Re: PL15-006 - Appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board re Pandolfo et al., OMB Case Number: PL141259, Draft Plan of Subdivision Application, 14070 Yonge Street, File: SUB-2003-02 (Related Files: OPA-2012-03 & ZBA-2003-21)**

THAT Closed Session Report No. PL15-006 be received; and

THAT the confidential recommendations of General Committee on February 17, 2015 in respect of an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board (Pandolfo et al.) be approved.

CARRIED

- 2. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee; Re: LLS15-015 – Appointments to the Economic Development Advisory Committee**

**Moved by Councillor Thom
Seconded by Councillor Pirri**

THAT Closed Session Report No. LLS15-015 be received; and

THAT the appointment of the following four (4) citizen members to the Economic Development Advisory Committee recommended by General Committee in Closed Session on February 17, 2015 be approved:

Don Constable
Roselyn Gonsalves
Marilee Harris
Bruce Walkinshaw; and

THAT the Aurora Chamber of Commerce be requested to appoint one (1) representative to the Economic Development Advisory Committee and to notify the Town Clerk in writing of any such appointment; and

THAT Councillors Abel and Pirri be appointed to the Economic Development Advisory Committee; and

THAT these appointments be effective as of April 1, 2015.

CARRIED

3. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee; Re: LLS15-016 – Appointments to the Environmental Advisory Committee

Moved by Councillor Pirri
Seconded by Councillor Kim

THAT Closed Session Report No. LLS15-016 be received; and

THAT the appointment of the following seven (7) citizen members to the Environmental Advisory Committee recommended by General Committee in Closed Session on February 17, 2015 be approved:

Irene Clement
Larry Fedec
Danielle Howell
Melville James
Sara Varty
Nancee Webb
Dr. Kristina Zeromskien; and

THAT the appointment of two (2) members of Council to the Environmental Advisory Committee be deferred to the March 10, 2015 Council meeting; and

THAT these appointments be effective as of April 1, 2015.

CARRIED

4. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee; Re: LLS15-017 – Appointments to the Heritage Advisory Committee

Moved by Councillor Thom
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

THAT Closed Session Report No. LLS15-017 be received; and

THAT the Terms of Reference for the Heritage Advisory Committee be amended to change the Committee composition to the following:

1. Two (2) Members of Council, one (1) appointed as a Chair for a two-year term, the other appointed as Chair for the following two-year term; and
2. Five (5) Members of the public, and two (2) Honorary Members; and

THAT the appointment of the following seven (7) citizen members, including two (2) honorary members, to the Heritage Advisory Committee recommended by General Committee in Closed Session on February 17, 2015 be approved:

Honorary Citizen Members:

John McIntyre
Bob McRoberts

Citizen Members:

Barry Bridgeford
Kathy Constable
Carol Gravelle
Robert William Newman
Stan Rycombal; and

THAT Councillors Gaertner and Thom be appointed to the Heritage Advisory Committee; and

THAT these appointments be effective as of April 1, 2015.

CARRIED

5. **Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee; Re: LLS15-018 – Appointments to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Mrakas

THAT Closed Session Report No. LLS15-018 be received; and

THAT the appointment of the following four (4) citizen members to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommended by General Committee in Closed Session on February 17, 2015 be approved:

Brian Trussler
Richard Doust
Eric McCartney
Juergen Daurer; and

THAT Sport Aurora be requested to appoint one (1) representative to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and to notify the Town Clerk in writing of any such appointment; and

THAT Councillors Mrakas and Thompson be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee; and

THAT these appointments be effective as of April 1, 2015.

CARRIED

6. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee; Re: LLS15-019 – Appointments to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee

(Note: Councillor Mrakas did not take part in the discussion or decision to recommend appointments to Council regarding Item 6.)

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Abel

THAT Closed Session Report No. LLS15-019 be received; and

THAT the appointment of the following three (3) citizen members to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee recommended by General Committee in Closed Session on February 17, 2015 be approved:

Allison Collins-Mrakas
William (Bill) Ross Fraser
Laura Lueloff; and

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and the Environmental Advisory Committee be directed and authorized to each appoint one of its citizen members to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee at its first regular meeting; and

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be directed and authorized to appoint staff, in writing, to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee in accordance with the Terms of Reference; and

THAT these appointments be effective as of April 1, 2015.

CARRIED

- 6. Memorandum from Director of Planning & Development Services and Director of Infrastructure & Environmental Services**
Re: Potential Impacts of Upper York Servicing Solution (UYSS) Delay
York Region 10 Year Capital Plan

(Added Item)

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Pirri

THAT the memorandum regarding Potential Impacts of Upper York Servicing Solution (UYSS) Delay York Region 10 Year Capital Plan be received for information.

CARRIED

- 7. Memorandum from Director of Corporate & Financial Services**
Re: Pre-Budget Approval to Hire Two New Parks & Recreation Services
Positions for the Aurora Family Leisure Complex (AFLC)

(Added Item)

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Mrakas

THAT the memorandum regarding Pre-Budget Approval to Hire Two New Parks & Recreation Services Positions for the Aurora Family Leisure Complex (AFLC) be received; and

THAT the permanent full-time complement of the Parks and Recreation Services Department be increased by one (1); and

THAT staff be authorized to recruit and hire the position of Full-time Youth Programmer (Budget Decision Unit #1.6) as detailed in the draft 2015 Operating Budget and as recommended for pre-budget approval by General Committee at its meeting of February 23, 2015; and

THAT staff be authorized to recruit and hire the position of Part-time Youth Room/Climbing Wall Staff (Budget Decision Unit #1.5) as detailed in the draft 2015 Operating Budget and as recommended for pre-budget approval by General Committee at its meeting of February 23, 2015.

CARRIED

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

(i) Notices of Motion

(a) Councillor Mrakas

Re: Increased Traffic Volume on Industrial Parkway North

WHEREAS it is expected that Industrial Parkway North and South will begin to see an increase in traffic volume due to diversion of traffic and truck traffic; and

WHEREAS the issue of the management of increased traffic volume has been partially addressed by the recent approval of the reconstruction of Industrial Parkway South.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to review traffic counts and investigate options to alleviate southbound traffic congestion on Industrial Parkway North from Scanlon Road to Wellington Street East; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to bring back a report on the findings and recommended actions.

(ii) Motions for Which Notice Has Been Given

(a) Councillor Kim

Re: Left Turn Lane – Industrial Parkway South into Aurora GO Station

Councillor Kim withdrew the motion.

(b) Councillor Mrakas

Re: Liquidated Damages

Main motion

Moved by Councillor Mrakas

Seconded by Councillor Pirri

WHEREAS most forms of building contracts include a clause referred to as "liquidated damages" that specifies the amount of damages that a contractor may be responsible for should the contractor fail to meet project timelines, including the completion date; and

WHEREAS "liquidated damages" are a tool that can be used to ensure that projects meet timelines and the completion date; and

WHEREAS the ability to meet time of delivery or performance of contractual obligations is an important factor in the award of any contract, and the Town may reasonably expect to suffer financial damages if performance targets and/or project timelines are not met; and

WHEREAS the Town currently includes "liquidated damages" clauses in its tender/RFP documents that form part of the construction contract between the contractor and the Town; and

WHEREAS the absence of a "liquidated damages" clause in a construction contract does not prevent the Town from recovering any financial losses against a contractor due to breach of contract terms such as a failure to meet a completion date, but its inclusion does serve as an important tool and warning to contractors that project timelines and completion dates must be met.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff place "liquidated damages" clauses in all future construction project contracts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if staff determines that a "liquidated damages" clause should not be included in a construction project contract, then staff must obtain the approval of Council prior to the removal of such clause.

Amendment #1
Moved by Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

THAT the following clause be removed from the main motion:

"NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff place "liquidated damages" clauses in all future construction project contracts; and"

CARRIED

Amendment #2
Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Mrakas

THAT the following clause be added to the main motion:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff report back to Council on the effectiveness of a liquidated damages clause as well as other tools available to ensure contractors meet project timelines and completion dates."

CARRIED

Main motion as amended
Moved by Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by Councillor Pirri

WHEREAS most forms of building contracts include a clause referred to as "liquidated damages" that specifies the amount of damages that a contractor may be responsible for should the contractor fail to meet project timelines, including the completion date; and

WHEREAS "liquidated damages" are a tool that can be used to ensure that projects meet timelines and the completion date; and

WHEREAS the ability to meet time of delivery or performance of contractual obligations is an important factor in the award of any contract, and the Town may reasonably expect to suffer financial damages if performance targets and/or project timelines are not met; and

WHEREAS the Town currently includes "liquidated damages" clauses in its tender/RFP documents that form part of the construction contract between the contractor and the Town; and

WHEREAS the absence of a "liquidated damages" clause in a construction contract does not prevent the Town from recovering any financial losses against a contractor due to breach of contract terms such as a failure to meet a completion date, but its inclusion does serve as an important tool and warning to contractors that project timelines and completion dates must be met.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT if staff determines that a "liquidated damages" clause should not be included in a construction project contract, then staff must obtain the approval of Council prior to the removal of such clause; **and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff report back to Council on the effectiveness of a liquidated damages clause as well as other tools available to ensure contractors meet project timelines and completion dates.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

(c) Councillor Humfryes
Re: Aurora Farmers' Market & Artisan Fair

Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Mrakas

WHEREAS the Aurora Farmers' Market & Artisan Fair provides a valuable community service to our Town where citizens can purchase fresh local produce, healthy food items, and artisan wares; and

WHEREAS the Aurora Farmers' Market has proven to be a popular visitor and tourist attraction to Aurora in its ever-increasing growth by being a family-friendly and culturally rich destination that supports tourism and culture; and

WHEREAS the Aurora Farmers' Market runs weekly outdoors during the months of May to October at 49 Wells Street, and sporadically during winter months; and

WHEREAS to enable the community to experience the Farmers' Market on a continual basis during the winter months, the Aurora Farmers' Market is considering running a winter Farmers' Market & Artisan Fair at the Aurora Armoury; and

WHEREAS the Aurora Armoury rental fee of \$375 per day is a deterrent to hold an indoor winter market more frequently and cannot be sustained successfully by the Aurora Farmers' Market.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT rental fees for an indoor winter Farmers' Market at the Aurora Armoury be waived as the Aurora Farmers' Market & Artisan Fair contributes an abundance of enjoyment, convenience and usefulness to citizens of Aurora and beyond.

DEFEATED

(d) Councillor Thompson
Re: Development of a Sport Plan

On a motion of Councillor Thompson seconded by Councillor Mrakas, Council consented to consider Motion for Which Notice Has Been Given (d) prior to the Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion.

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Mrakas

WHEREAS the Town of Aurora recently proclaimed 2015 the Year of Sport in Aurora; and

WHEREAS Aurora's Strategic Plan identifies "Supporting an exceptional quality of life for all" as a primary goal and "Encouraging an active and healthy lifestyle" as one of the key objectives to achieving this goal; and

WHEREAS people who are physically active tend to live longer, healthier lives and feel that it adds not only to their well-being but to the quality of their lives as well; and

WHEREAS sporting activities can provide character building activities and teach our children character building traits like; leadership, respect, responsibility, perseverance and many other positive traits; and

WHEREAS Aurora has been identified as a potential Canadian Sport for Life Community (CS4L) and organized meetings have occurred in the Town to help develop Aurora as one of Canada's healthiest communities; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government revised their Canadian Sport Policy in 2012 to better reflect the importance of enhanced collaboration amongst all stakeholders to achieve the goals of enhanced participation, excellence, capacity and interaction in sport; and

WHEREAS a Sport Plan is a strategic document that is intended to provide direction and recommendations to support the sustainability and growth of sport in a given community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff report to Council on the development of a Sport Plan for the Town of Aurora.

CARRIED

(e) Councillor Mrakas
Re: Winter Maintenance Service

On a motion of Councillor Mrakas seconded by Councillor Humfryes, Council consented, on a two-thirds vote, to waive the requirements of section 8.1 of the Procedural By-law to permit reconsideration of Council's adoption of the Town's winter maintenance standard on September 9, 2014.

Council consented to separate the operative clauses for voting purposes.

**Main motion
Moved by Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

WHEREAS residents of and businesses in Aurora have raised concerns about the adequacy of winter maintenance service levels; and

WHEREAS the residents of and businesses in Aurora expect and deserve the best service possible at the best price.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to return the winter maintenance service levels to those in effect for the 2013-2014 winter maintenance season; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to report to Council, following the end of the 2014-2015 winter maintenance season, with recommendations on how to provide the residents of and businesses in Aurora with better winter service provisions especially as it speaks to snow removal.

**On a recorded vote the first operative clause of the main motion was
DEFEATED**

YEAS: 2	NAYS: 6
VOTING YEAS:	Councillors Humfryes and Mrakas
VOTING NAYS:	Councillors Abel, Kim, Pirri, Thom, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe

**On a recorded vote the second operative clause of the main motion
CARRIED**

YEAS: 8	NAYS: 0
VOTING YEAS:	Councillors Abel, Humfryes, Kim, Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe
VOTING NAYS:	None

Main motion as approved:

WHEREAS residents of and businesses in Aurora have raised concerns about the adequacy of winter maintenance service levels; and

WHEREAS the residents of and businesses in Aurora expect and deserve the best service possible at the best price.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to report to Council, following the end of the 2014-2015 winter maintenance season, with recommendations on how to provide the residents of and businesses in Aurora with better winter service provisions especially as it speaks to snow removal.

11. REGIONAL REPORT

None

12. NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL INFORMATION

Councillor Mrakas expressed his concerns about noise complaints resulting from the DNA Bar & Lounge and inquired about the Noise By-law.

Councillor Thompson inquired about the amendment to the lease of the LCBO that is undergoing construction in the Smart Centre plaza.

13. READING OF BY-LAWS

Moved by Councillor Pirri
Seconded by Councillor Thom

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

5686-15 BEING A BY-LAW to authorize the creation, maintenance, and use of temporary borrowing facilities by The Corporation of the Town of Aurora pending the receipt of municipal revenues.

5691-15 BEING A BY-LAW to establish a Committee of Adjustment and appoint members to the Committee of Adjustment.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Abel
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

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

5692-15 BEING A BY-LAW to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from Council Meeting on February 24, 2015.

CARRIED

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14. CLOSED SESSION

None

15. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by Councillor Pirri
Seconded by Councillor Kim**

THAT the Council meeting be adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

CARRIED

GEOFFREY DAWE, MAYOR

STEPHEN M. A. HUYCKE, TOWN CLERK

THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2015 ARE SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY COUNCIL ON MARCH 10, 2015.



**TOWN OF AURORA
SPECIAL COUNCIL – PUBLIC PLANNING
MEETING MINUTES**

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Wednesday, February 25, 2015

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS	Mayor Dawe in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Humfries, Kim, Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, and Thompson
MEMBERS ABSENT	None
OTHER ATTENDEES	Director of Planning and Development Services, Council & Committee Coordinator/Deputy Clerk, Manager of Development Planning, Planner, and Council/Committee Secretary

Mayor Dawe called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

On a motion of Councillor Abel seconded by Councillor Thom, Council recessed at 8:45 p.m., and on a motion of Councillor Thom seconded by Councillor Pirri, Council reconvened at 8:54 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

**Moved by Councillor Pirri
Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

THAT the agenda as circulated by Legal and Legislative Services be approved.

CARRIED

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mayor Dawe outlined the procedures that would be followed in the conduct of the public meeting. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the appropriate notice had been given in accordance with the relevant provisions of the *Planning Act*.

1. PL15-008 – Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, The CAP Centre Inc., 49 Wellington Street East, File: ZBA-2014-04

Planning Staff

The Planner, Mr. Jeff Healey, presented an overview of the application and staff report, including background information and details related to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application to permit Business and Professional Offices and a Clinic on the subject lands at 49 Wellington Street East. He noted that the applicant proposes to convert the existing residential building to allow business and professional offices and clinic uses, vehicular parking in the rear yard, and removal of the detached garage and accessory structures.

Consultant

Ms. Helen Lepek, of Lepek Consulting Inc. and on behalf of The CAP Centre Inc., advised that the owners of the Centre, which currently operates in a rented facility, have purchased the subject lands in order to continue providing their services within the community. She noted that the subject property would allow sufficient parking and that every requirement of the Zoning By-law had been met with the exception of one side buffer that would need to be reduced to accommodate access to the rear.

Public Comments

Aurora resident Phyllis Morris inquired about the possibility of making it a site specific use for the clinic.

Planning Staff

The Director of Planning and Development Services, Mr. Marco Ramunno, noted that the applicant is requesting to add two specific uses—Business and Professional Offices and a Clinic—in addition to the existing residential uses permitted, which would be a site specific amendment to the property.

**Moved by Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

THAT Report No. PL15-008 be received; and

THAT comments presented at the Public Planning meeting be addressed by Planning and Development Services in a comprehensive report outlining recommendations and options at a future General Committee meeting.

CARRIED

**2. PL15-009 – Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, 2419059 Ontario Inc.,
497 Wellington Street West, File: ZBA-2014-07**

Planning Staff

The Planner, Mr. Jeff Healey, presented an overview of the application and staff report, including background information and details related to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application to permit twenty-two (22) Block Townhouse Units on the subject lands at 497 Wellington Street West. He noted that the applicant proposes to rezone the subject lands to allow the proposed 22-unit townhouse development including forty-eight (48) parking spaces, conservation uses, and parkland areas.

Consultant

Mr. Jack Dougan, Planner, representing RS Homes, provided background information on RS Homes and presented an overview of the proposed development in the context of existing zoning, the Town's Official Plan, and Provincial Policy. He further noted details of the property's vegetation communities, the proposed tree management plan, site access and traffic generation, storm water management, landscaping, and preliminary site plan.

Public Comments

Aurora residents, including Doug Bushey, Alan Coulthard, Judy Gilchrist, Phyllis Morris, and Linda Therkildsen, raised their concerns on the following matters:

- Overdevelopment for lot size
- Lack of support from local residents
- Compliance of application with requirements
- Change in use from rural residential to higher density use
- Proximity to Tannery Creek
- Protection of open space land, ecological goods and services
- Spot zoning, no other similar properties in area
- Elevation of lot over surrounding area
- Loss of privacy
- Loss of trees

Aurora residents Stefan Woyslaw and Nick Kavooosi expressed their support of the proposed development.

Consultant

Mr. Dougan addressed the concerns regarding development of the settlement area, compatibility with the existing neighbourhood, and drainage. He noted that the site plan application is under review and the applicant would be pleased to meet with local residents to discuss their concerns.

Planning Staff

Mr. Ramunno addressed the concern regarding an exemption and noted that the applicant was requesting an amendment to the Zoning By-law, not an exemption to the *Oak Ridges Moraine Act*. He further addressed the concern regarding compatibility and indicated that this would be discussed with the applicant.

Main motion

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Pirri

THAT Report No. PL15-009 be received; and

THAT comments presented at the Public Planning meeting be addressed by Planning and Development Services in a comprehensive report outlining recommendations and options at a future General Committee meeting.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Pirri

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

THAT the second clause of the main motion be replaced with the following clause:

“THAT staff be directed to report back to another Public Planning meeting to address the issues raised at the Public Planning meeting of February 25, 2015.”

CARRIED

Main motion as amended

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Pirri

THAT Report No. PL15-009 be received; and

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THAT staff be directed to report back to another Public Planning meeting to address the issues raised at the Public Planning meeting of February 25, 2015.

CARRIED

- 3. PL15-010 – Zoning By-law Amendment, Chafam Premiere Inc./Sterne Motors Ltd., 300 Earl Stewart Drive, Lots 5-7, 65M-2873, File: ZBA-2014-06**

Planning Staff

Mr. Ramunno provided background information regarding the application to amend the Zoning By-law, which he noted was originally presented at the Public Planning meeting of September 24, 2014, and he added that the applicant has submitted a site plan application related to Phase 1 of the subject lands.

Consultant

Mr. Michael Larkin, of Larkin Land Use Planners, advised that his firm had assumed responsibility for the file, while Carson Woods remains as the Architect. He stated that the application for site plan approval, which would implement the proposed zoning by-law amendment, has been filed and he provided a brief overview of the site plan including elements of the building, business operation, and context plan. Mr. Larkin addressed the concerns regarding noise and light pollution, traffic, hours of operation, intent for lots 6 and 7 (Phase 2) and potential for dealership cluster, impact of view from the residential area and site screening, number of access points, proximity to residents, servicing of vehicles, smell, increased traffic and delivery trucks, parking spaces, staff numbers, landscape strips along St. John's Sideroad, and plantings.

Public Comments

Aurora residents, including Larry Abas, Tom Alberico, Sandi Castonguay, Alex Davinos, Jason Dodds, Judy Gilchrist, Mackenzie Ketchell, and Wendy Lyn, raised concerns on the following matters:

- Notice of Public Planning meeting distribution
- Potential dealership cluster
- Noise pollution
- Light pollution
- Increased traffic and trucks
- Proximity to wellhead location
- Compatibility of business
- Additional access points

- Safety
- Water consumption, impact on pumping station and cost
- Corporate social responsibility, school co-op opportunities
- View from residential area
- Size and types of trees for screening
- Significance of traffic study

Planning Staff

Mr. Ramunno addressed the concerns regarding the Notice of Public Planning meeting circulation process, dealership business hours, lighting plan, traffic study, truck deliveries, wellhead protection, and impact on the water utility.

Consultant

Mr. Larkin further addressed the concerns regarding employment, wellhead location, drainage, light pollution, site traffic, and the potential for a dealership cluster.

**Moved by Councillor Abel
Seconded by Councillor Kim**

THAT Report No. PL15-010 be received; and

THAT Application to Amend the Zoning By-law File: ZBA-2014-06 (Chafam Premiere Inc./Sterne Motors Ltd.) be approved, to add a “Motor Vehicle Sales Establishment” and accessory uses within the Industrial Commercial (C5-6) Exception Zone; and

THAT the implementing zoning by-law amendment be presented at a future Council meeting for enactment.

CARRIED

4. READING OF BY-LAW

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

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

5693-15 BEING A BY-LAW to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from Special Council – Public Planning Meeting on February 25, 2015.

CARRIED

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5. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by Councillor Thom
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

CARRIED

GEOFFREY DAWE, MAYOR

PATTY THOMA, DEPUTY CLERK

THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL – PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2015 ARE SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY COUNCIL ON MARCH 10, 2015.



**TOWN OF AURORA
GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, March 3, 2015

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS	Councillor Thompson in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Gaertner (arrived 7:07 p.m.), Kim (arrived 7:08 p.m.), Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, and Mayor Dawe
MEMBERS ABSENT	Councillor Humfryes
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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 following additions:

- Delegation (a) Emily Stewart, representing residents on Cousins Drive
Re: Item 3 – Report No. IES15-012 – Speeding Concerns on Cousins Drive and Multi-Way Stop Control Request at the Wells Street and Cousins Drive Intersection

- Replacement pages for Item 6 (agenda pages 41 to 49)
Re: Report No. LLS15-011 – Questions on the Ballot – 2014 Municipal Election Results

3. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9 were identified for discussion.

4. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 7 and 8 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:

7. LLS15-012 – Civil Marriage Solemnization Services

THAT Report No. LLS15-012 be received; and

THAT the Town’s services be enhanced to include civil marriage solemnization services; and

THAT a by-law to authorize the Town Clerk to provide civil marriage solemnization services be enacted; and

THAT the fees for civil marriage solemnization services as set out in Report No. LLS15-012 be approved; and

THAT a by-law be enacted to amend Schedule “C” of By-law Number 5680-15 (being the Town’s Fees and Charges By-law) to include fees for civil marriage solemnization services.

**8. Memorandum from Mayor Dawe
Re: Finance Advisory Committee Member Appointments**

THAT the memorandum regarding Finance Advisory Committee Member Appointments be received; and

THAT the following Members of Council be appointed to the Finance Advisory Committee:

Mayor Geoffrey Dawe
Councillor Harold Kim
Councillor Michael Thompson

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS

General Committee approved, on a two-thirds vote, that the requirements of section 3.8(c) of the Procedural By-law be waived to permit the delegation of Emily Stewart and Sunny Matheson-Davies, representing residents on Cousins Drive, to speak for more than five (5) minutes.

(a) Emily Stewart and Sunny Matheson-Davies, representing residents on Cousins Drive

Re: Item 3 – Report No. IES15-012 – Speeding Concerns on Cousins Drive and Multi-Way Stop Control Request at the Wells Street and Cousins Drive Intersection

(Added Item)

Ms. Stewart and Ms. Matheson-Davies expressed their concerns about the safety of residents on Cousins Drive and requested the installation of a three-way stop sign control at the intersection of Wells Street and Cousins Drive.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to Item 3.

6. PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

None

7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

1. BBS15-004 – Request for Sign Variance to Sign By-law No. 4898-07.P for the McDonald's Restaurant at 2 Allaura Blvd.

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. BBS15-004 be received; and

THAT a variance to Sign By-law No. 4898-07.P be approved to permit two (2) menu board signs for the McDonald's drive thru facility located at 2 Allaura Blvd.; and

THAT a second variance to Sign By-law No. 4898-07.P be approved to permit each menu board sign to have a sign area of 5.2m².

CARRIED

2. IES15-011 – Northern Six Waste Collection Contract, Tender Preparation Update

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. IES15-011 be received; and

THAT the principle of renewing a waste contract as a partnership with the Northern Six Municipalities be endorsed; and

THAT staff be directed to update the Memorandum of Understanding between the Northern Six Municipalities to provide governance and direction during the next Waste Collection Contract period; and

THAT staff report back with opportunities to harmonize all Waste Collection By-laws in the Northern Six Municipalities with the aim to improve efficiencies in the Contract Administration and customer service; and

THAT staff report back to Council for direction with respect to opportunities for improvements in the service level(s) provided, range of services provided, opportunities for further waste diversion and cost efficiencies.

CARRIED

3. IES15-012 – Speeding Concerns on Cousins Drive and Multi-Way Stop Control Request at the Wells Street and Cousins Drive Intersection

General Committee consented to consider Item 3 prior to Item 1.

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. IES15-012 be received; and

THAT three-way stop sign control at the intersection of Wells Street and Cousins Drive be approved; and

THAT a by-law to implement three-way stop sign control at the intersection of the Wells Street and Cousins Drive be introduced; and

THAT “Pedestrians Must Yield to Traffic” caution signs be removed upon implementation of three-way stop sign control at the intersection of Wells Street and Cousins Drive; and

THAT notice of Council’s decision be sent to area residents.

CARRIED

4. IES15-013 – Durham York Energy Centre Status Report

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. IES15-013 be received for information.

CARRIED

5. IES15-014 – Clear Bag Program for Waste Collection, Follow-up Report

General Committee consented to consider Item 5 following Item 3.

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. IES15-014 be received ***for information.***

CARRIED

6. LLS15-011 – Questions on the Ballot – 2014 Municipal Election Results

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. LLS15-011 be received ***for information.***

CARRIED

**9. Memorandum from Mayor Dawe
Re: Proposed Revision to the Council Meeting Calendar**

General Committee recommends:

THAT the memorandum regarding Proposed Revision to the Council Meeting Calendar be received; and

THAT the Council meeting currently scheduled on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 be rescheduled to Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to accommodate the 2015 York Regional Police Appreciation Night.

CARRIED

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Councillor Kim
Re: Multicultural Festival

WHEREAS the Town of Aurora was recently ranked the best place to live in York Region and one of the top 25 places to live in Canada; and

WHEREAS Aurora is striving to be one of the healthiest communities in Canada; and

WHEREAS Aurora is quickly becoming a multicultural town; and

WHEREAS new homes in the 2C lands in the north-east section of Town are quickly selling out and bringing in up to 12,000 people from diverse backgrounds; and

WHEREAS it is critical that we welcome and engage new residents and share with them the rich culture and history of Aurora, along with its spirit of volunteerism in which Aurora was built; and

WHEREAS Aurora has validated its enjoyment and appreciation of history, culture, and food by the successful events sponsored by the Aurora Cultural Centre, Aurora Historical Society, and the Town of Aurora events such as: Ribfest, Aurora Chamber Street Festival, Magna Wild Wild West Hoedown, and Jazz Festival, which have been roaring successes; and

WHEREAS supporting food, culture, and diversity in itself supports Aurora's Strategic Plan objectives of "Supporting an exceptional quality of life for all," which in turn attracts people and businesses; and

WHEREAS the Town of Richmond Hill has held the highly successful multicultural festival "Tastes of the Hill" for the past eight (8) years and counting; celebrating the rich cultural diversity of its community via the many international foods, arts and crafts, sports and entertainment showcased at the event; and generating funds for local charities; and

WHEREAS understanding our neighbours' food and culture is an excellent way to get to know one another and bring the community closer together.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to investigate and report back to Council on the potential for Aurora to hold a multicultural festival similar to those of other York Region Municipalities with a timeline of an inaugural event to be held sometime in 2016.

9. NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL INFORMATION

Councillor Abel extended congratulations to Symposium Café Restaurant & Lounge on a successful grand opening.

10. CLOSED SESSION

General Committee consented to resolve into a Closed Session meeting, following adjournment, to consider:

1. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee; Re: Report No. LLS15-022 – Appointments to the Aurora Appeal Tribunal
2. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Town or Local Board; Re: Report No. PR15-007 – Purchase of Lands at 100 Vandorf Sideroad, Formerly Hallmark Cards

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

GEOFFREY DAWE, MAYOR

STEPHEN M. A. HUYCKE, TOWN CLERK

THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 3, 2015 IS SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL AND COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON MARCH 10, 2015.



**TOWN OF AURORA
SPECIAL GENERAL COMMITTEE – WATER AND
WASTEWATER BUDGET INTRODUCTION
MEETING REPORT**

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, February 24, 2015

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS	Mayor Dawe in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Humfryes, Kim, Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, and Thompson
MEMBERS ABSENT	Councillor Gaertner
OTHER ATTENDEES	Director of Corporate and Financial Services/Treasurer, Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services, Town Clerk, and Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 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. DELEGATIONS

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General Committee approved, on a two-thirds vote, that the requirements of section 3.8(c) of the Procedural By-law be waived to permit the delegation of Ilmar Simanovskis, Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services, to speak for more than five (5) minutes.

(a) Director of Infrastructure & Environmental Services
Re: Safe Drinking Water Act and Water/Wastewater Budget Primer

Mr. Simanovskis presented an overview of the *Safe Water Drinking Act* and explained the responsibilities of staff and members of Council as the Owner/Operator of the Town's drinking water system. He further discussed the budget methodology of water and wastewater including program rates, a cost and revenue summary, and the impact on residential users

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to a future 2015 Budget Review meeting.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

GEOFFREY DAWE, MAYOR

STEPHEN M. A. HUYCKE, TOWN CLERK

THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL COMMITTEE – WATER AND WASTEWATER BUDGET INTRODUCTION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2015 IS SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY COUNCIL ON MARCH 10, 2015.



**TOWN OF AURORA
COUNCIL REPORT**

No. LLS15-024

SUBJECT: *General Committee Closed Session Report of March 3, 2015*
FROM: *Warren Mar, Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Town Solicitor*
DATE: *March 10, 2015*

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Report No. LLS15-024 be received; and

THAT Council adopt the following recommendations from the Closed Session meeting of March 3, 2015:

- 1. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee; Re: LLS15-022 – Appointments to the Aurora Appeal Tribunal**

THAT Closed Session Report No. LLS15-022 be received; and

THAT the following citizen members be appointed to the Aurora Appeal Tribunal for the 2014-2018 Term of Council:

Carl Barrett
Roy J. Harrington
David H. Z. Mhango
Grace Marsh; and
Tom Plamondon.

- 2. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Town or Local Board; Re: PR15-007 – Purchase of Lands at 100 Vandorf Sideroad, Formerly Hallmark Cards**

THAT Closed Session Report No. PR15-007 be received; and

THAT the confidential recommendations of General Committee on March 3, 2015 regarding the Purchase of Lands at 100 Vandorf Sideroad, Formerly Hallmark Cards, be approved.

BACKGROUND

The General Committee Closed Session meeting convened at 10:07 p.m. on March 3, 2015 with the following Members present:

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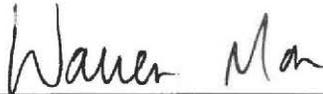
Report No. LLS15-024

Committee Members: Mayor Dawe in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Kim, Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, and Thompson

Members Absent: Councillor Humfries

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Prepared by: Patty Thoma, Council & Committee Coordinator/Deputy Clerk, ext. 4227



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Town of Aurora
Legal & Legislative Services

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 10, 2015

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Warren Mar, Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Town Solicitor

RE: Appointment of Members of Council to the Environmental Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the memorandum regarding Appointment of Members of Council to the Environmental Advisory Committee be received; and

THAT two (2) members of Council be appointed to the Environmental Advisory Committee effective April 1, 2015.

COMMENTS

On February 24, 2015 Council deferred the appointment of members of Council to the Environmental Advisory Committee ("EAC"). Given that the citizen members of the EAC have been selected and appointed effective April 1, 2015, Council needs to complete the appointments to the EAC by selecting and appointing two (2) members of Council to serve on the EAC.



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Town of Aurora
Legal & Legislative Services

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 10, 2015

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Warren Mar, Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Town Solicitor

RE: Appointment of Members of Council to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the memorandum regarding Appointment of Members of Council to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee be received; and

THAT the Terms of Reference for the Trails and Active Transportation Committee be amended to change the Committee composition to read as follows:

“2. MEMBERSHIP

The Committee shall be comprised of seven (7) voting members and four (4) non-voting members, as follows:

Voting Members:

- Three (3) members of the public;***
- Two (2) members of Council;***
- One (1) citizen member from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee; and***
- One (1) citizen member from the Environmental Advisory Committee***

Non-voting Members:

- One (1) member from the Planning & Development Services Department;***
- Two (2) members from the Parks & Recreation Services Department; and***
- One (1) member from the Infrastructure & Environmental Services Department.”; and***

THAT two (2) members of Council be appointed to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee effective April 1, 2015.

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Appointment of
Members of Council to the
Trails and Active Transportation Committee

COMMENTS

On February 24, 2015 Council made three (3) citizen member appointments to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee ("TATC") when it adopted the following resolution.

THAT Closed Session Report No. LLS15-019 be received; and

THAT the appointment of the following three (3) citizen members to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee recommended by General Committee in Closed Session on February 17, 2015 be approved:

*Allison Collins-Mrakas
William (Bill) Ross Fraser
Laura Lueloff; and*

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and the Environmental Advisory Committee be directed and authorized to each appoint one of its citizen members to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee at its first regular meeting; and

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be directed and authorized to appoint staff, in writing, to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee in accordance with the Terms of Reference; and

THAT these appointments be effective as of April 1, 2015.

During the meeting, Council members discussed deferring appointment of members of Council to TATC until the March 10, 2015 Council Meeting. Staff have since reviewed the Terms of Reference for the TATC and noted that they do not include members of Council in the Committee's composition despite the Town's past practice. Additionally it was noted that the Town staff members appointed to TATC are not specifically listed as non-voting members of the Committee, even though staff members have not voted in the past. It is therefore recommended that the TATC Terms of Reference be amended and clarified to reflect the general practice and operation of the TATC, and that two (2) members of Council be appointed to serve on the TATC.



MINUTES

CYFS - JCC

Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 9:30 AM

Town of Aurora – Leksand Room

The meeting of the Central York Fire Services – Joint Council Committee was held on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 in Town of Town of Aurora, Leksand Room, 1 Municipal Drive, Aurora.

Members Present:

Aurora:	Councillor Abel Councillor Mrakas Councillor Thompson
Newmarket:	Councillor Hempen (9:38 a.m. to 12:07 p.m.) Councillor Sponga Councillor Twinney

Staff Present:

Newmarket:	R. N. Shelton, Chief Administrative Officer L. Georgeff, Director of Human Resources M. Mayes, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer L. Lyons, Deputy Clerk
Aurora:	N. Garbe, Chief Administrative Officer D. Elliot, Director of Corporate and Financial Services/Treasurer
CYFS:	I. Laing, Fire Chief R. Comeau, Deputy Fire Chief

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m.

Councillor Abel in the Chair.

Additions & Corrections to the Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Thompson
Seconded by: Councillor Mrakas

THAT the amended agenda including additions be approved.

Carried

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Approval of Minutes

1. Central York Fire Services - Joint Council Committee Minutes of January 6, 2015.

Moved by: Councillor Twinney
Seconded by: Councillor Mrakas

THAT the Central York Fire Services - Joint Council Committee Minutes of January 6, 2015 be approved.

Carried

2. Central York Fire Services - Joint Council Committee (Closed Session) Minutes of January 6, 2015.

Moved by: Councillor Twinney
Seconded by: Councillor Mrakas

THAT the Central York Fire Services - Joint Council Committee (Closed Session) Minutes of January 6, 2015 be approved.

Carried

Items

3. Joint Central York Fire Services and Corporate Services – Financial Services Report 2015-02 dated January 21, 2015 regarding the Preliminary 2014 CYFS Budget Report – Fourth Quarter.

The Director of Financial Services/Treasurer, Newmarket provided a verbal update regarding the Preliminary 2014 CYFS Budget Report – Fourth Quarter and advised that there is a small surplus; however there are still some outstanding invoices which have been estimated but prevent determining a final result at this time. The Fire Chief provided explanation of the lieu time account and increased management salary figures as a result of the implementation of the market review adjustments.

Moved by: Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

THAT Joint Central York Fire Services and Corporate Services – Financial Services Report 2015-02 dated January 21, 2015 regarding the Preliminary 2014 CYFS Budget Report – Fourth Quarter be received for information purposes.

Carried

4. Joint Central York Fire Services and Corporate Services – Financial Services Report 2015-03 dated January 21, 2015 regarding Cost Sharing Method to Improve Funding Stability.

The Director of Corporate and Financial Services/Treasurer, Aurora provided a verbal update regarding growth average formulas contained within the report.

Moved by: Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by: Councillor Sponga

- a) THAT Joint Central York Fire Services and Corporate Services – Financial Services Report 2015-03 dated January 21, 2015 regarding Cost Sharing Method to Improve Funding Stability be received and the following recommendations be adopted:
 - i) THAT the Joint Central York Fire Services apply a four year rolling weighted average to the current Cost Allocation Methodology;
 - ii) AND THAT the Consolidated Fire and Emergency Services Agreement be amended to incorporate this rolling weighted average approach to the Cost Allocation Methodology (with the wording as displayed in Appendix A) and that the Mayor and Clerk of each municipality be authorized to execute the amendment.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Thompson
Seconded by: Councillor Twinney

THAT the order of the agenda be amended to consider CYFS Report 2015-01 before Joint CYFS and Corporate Services – Financial Services Report 2015-04.

Carried

5. Central York Fire Services Report 2015-01 dated January 16, 2015 regarding the July 2014 Fire Department Master Plan Update.

Discussion ensued regarding the feasibility of a workshop format of both Newmarket and Aurora Councils to allow for review of the Master Fire Plan. The Fire Chief advised that some items within the plan were not implemented and a comparison document could be provided along with fund structures and potential costs for property acquisitions.

An alternate motion was presented.

Moved by: Councillor Hempen
Seconded by: Councillor Twinney

THAT Central York Fire Services Report 2015-01 dated January 16, 2015 regarding the July 2014 Fire Department Master Plan Update be referred to the Chief Administrative Officers of Aurora and Newmarket for the purpose of scheduling a Council Workshop within thirty (30) days to review the Draft Master Fire Plan Update and associated capital costs.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Twinney
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

THAT Central York Fire Services Report 2015-01 dated January 16, 2015 regarding the July 2014 Fire Department Master Plan Update be received.

Carried

6. Joint Central York Fire Services and Corporate Services – Financial Services Report 2015-04 dated January 21, 2015 regarding the Draft 2015 Central York Fire Services Operating and Capital Budgets.

The Director of Financial Services/Treasurer, Newmarket addressed the Committee with a presentation highlighting various components of the Draft 2015 Central York Fire Services Operating and Capital Budgets. He advised that the capital budget does not include the Master Fire Plan, however, does include replacement of existing fire services equipment. Discussion ensued regarding details associated with vehicle replacement. The Fire Chief advised that the previous Joint Council Committee had approved a plan to purchase vehicles outright as opposed to leasing and the existing fleet is now past its life cycle. Further discussion ensued regarding wellness, fitness and staff support line items. A suggestion was made that the Northern 6 municipalities share current staffing for Human Resources and Communications support and utilize opportunities for cost sharing. It was also proposed that, moving forward, the 2014 actuals be included in the budget report.

It was requested that a prioritized list of must haves be available for the next scheduled Central York Fire Services- Joint Council Committee meeting along with some background information related to wellness/fitness programs and vehicle requirements. An alternate motion was presented.

Moved by: Councillor Sponga
Seconded by: Councillor Twinney

THAT the Draft 2015 Central York Fire Services Operating and Capital Budgets be referred back to staff for further review and compilation of a document showing outstanding prioritization items from the previous Master Fire Plan and outcome of Council workshops and to be brought back to a future meeting for consideration before budgets are approved.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Hempen
Seconded by: Councillor Sponga

THAT the presentation by the Director of Financial Services/Treasurer, Newmarket with respect to Joint Central York Fire Services and Corporate Services – Financial Services Report 2015-04 dated January 21, 2015 regarding the Draft 2015 Central York Fire Services Operating and Capital Budgets be received.

Carried

New Business

None.

Closed Session

Moved by: Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

THAT the CYFS - Joint Council Committee resolve into a Closed Session for the purpose of discussing labour relations.

Carried

The Committee resolved into Closed Session at 11:43 a.m.

The CYFS - Joint Council Committee (Closed Session) Minutes are recorded under separate cover.

The Committee resumed into Public Session at 12:07 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Twinney
Seconded by: Councillor Sponga

THAT the meeting adjourn.

Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Date

March 03/15

Councillor Abel, Chair





**MOTION FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN
GIVEN (February 24, 2015)**

Councillor Tom Mrakas

Date: March 10, 2015

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Councillor Mrakas

Re: Increased Traffic Volume on Industrial Parkway North

WHEREAS it is expected that Industrial Parkway North and South will begin to see an increase in traffic volume due to diversion of traffic and truck traffic; and

WHEREAS the issue of the management of increased traffic volume has been partially addressed by the recent approval of the reconstruction of Industrial Parkway South.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to review traffic counts and investigate options to alleviate southbound traffic congestion on Industrial Parkway North from Scanlon Road to Wellington Street East; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to bring back a report on the findings and recommended actions.



**MOTION FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN
GIVEN (March 3, 2015)**

Councillor Harold Kim

Date: March 10, 2015
To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Councillor Kim
Re: Multicultural Festival

WHEREAS the Town of Aurora was recently ranked the best place to live in York Region and one of the top 25 places to live in Canada; and

WHEREAS Aurora is striving to be one of the healthiest communities in Canada; and

WHEREAS Aurora is quickly becoming a multicultural town; and

WHEREAS new homes in the 2C lands in the north-east section of Town are quickly selling out and bringing in up to 12,000 people from diverse backgrounds; and

WHEREAS it is critical that we welcome and engage new residents and share with them the rich culture and history of Aurora, along with its spirit of volunteerism in which Aurora was built; and

WHEREAS Aurora has validated its enjoyment and appreciation of history, culture, and food by the successful events sponsored by the Aurora Cultural Centre, Aurora Historical Society, and the Town of Aurora events such as: Ribfest, Aurora Chamber Street Festival, Magna Wild Wild West Hoedown, and Jazz Festival, which have been roaring successes; and

WHEREAS supporting food, culture, and diversity in itself supports Aurora's Strategic Plan objectives of "Supporting an exceptional quality of life for all," which in turn attracts people and businesses; and

WHEREAS the Town of Richmond Hill has held the highly successful multicultural festival "Tastes of the Hill" for the past eight (8) years and counting; celebrating the rich cultural diversity of its community via the many international foods, arts and crafts, sports and entertainment showcased at the event; and generating funds for local charities; and

WHEREAS understanding our neighbours' food and culture is an excellent way to get to know one another and bring the community closer together.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to investigate and report back to Council on the potential for Aurora to hold a multicultural festival similar to those of other York Region Municipalities with a timeline of an inaugural event to be held sometime in 2016.



**Town of Aurora
Office of the Mayor**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 10, 2015
TO: Members of Council
FROM: Mayor Geoffrey Dawe
RE: York Regional Council Highlights ~ February 26, 2015 ~

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

- Receive the correspondence for information
- Endorse the recommendations
- Provide direction

Council Highlights

For Immediate Release

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Thursday, February 26, 2015

York Regional Council – February 26, 2015

York Regional Council approves 2015 budget with a 2.97 per cent tax increase

York Regional Council today approved The Regional Municipality of York \$2.7 billion 2015 budget, which includes \$826 million in funding for capital projects and \$1.9 billion to deliver high quality services to the Region's residents and businesses.

The 2015 budget includes a 2.97 per cent tax increase, representing an additional \$64 for an average residential property in York Region.

The budget also includes an outlook for each of the remaining three years of Council's term. The outlooks for the next three years propose decreasing tax increases of 2.85 per cent in 2016, 2.69 per cent in 2017 and 2.35 per cent in 2018.

Responding to concerns regarding traffic congestion, the budget will invest more in transportation during the term of this Council than during any previous term. Over the next five years, York Region will invest \$809 million in roads. With federal and provincial partners, the Region will also invest \$1.9 billion in transit.

Budget Highlights:

The 2015 operating budget includes the following **new additions**:

- 33 police officers and 13 civilian staff
- 20 additional paramedics to service high-call volume areas and 23 paramedics converted from casual to permanent
- Responding to an increased need for mental health programs and services
- Opening of the state-of-the-art transit operations, maintenance and storage facility
- Continued implementation of the VivaNext bus rapid transit services on the new rapidways
- Funding for the Regional contribution to *Yes to York* campaign for a York University campus in the City of Markham

The **2015 Operating Budget** includes:

- \$520 million for Environmental Services
- \$442 million for Community and Health Services
- \$316 million for York Regional Police
- \$311 million for Transportation Services

The **2015 Capital Budget** includes:

- \$223 million for wastewater
- \$155 million for York Region Rapid Transit Corporation
- \$134 million for Regional roads
- \$123 million for water

Regional Fiscal Strategy reduces debt and saves more for the future

As part of The Regional Municipality of York's \$2.7 billion 2015 budget approved today, York Regional Council adopted an enhanced fiscal strategy.

The fiscal strategy is an integrated approach that reduces debt, saves for the future and manages the capital plan.

To reduce debt, the fiscal strategy better aligns the timing of infrastructure investments to when they are needed, reducing the need to issue new debt. This approach will reduce the need for new debt by \$1.3 billion over the next 10 years.

To save for the future, York Region is contributing more to reserves that will pay for the future rehabilitation, replacement or addition of assets. This year:

- Council allocated \$75 million to asset replacement reserves
- York Region's total reserves are now at \$1.7 billion
- Reserves are expected to grow by \$2.5 billion in 10 years

Approximately 85 per cent of York Region's debt was acquired to invest in the infrastructure needed to support growth and will be repaid by Development Charges.

Development Charges are paid by developers to the Region for the essential infrastructure, including water supply, sewers and sewage treatment facilities, roads, bridges and public transit that must be in place before homes can be built.

In 2013, York Region created a new debt reduction reserve to be used to pay for infrastructure that does not meet the needs of growth and cannot be funded by development charges. This reserve effectively eliminates the need to issue new tax-supported debt in the future.

To take action now to pay down debt, York Region will pay back \$173 million in principal in 2015. The fiscal strategy helps the Region to maintain its superior credit ratings, allowing the Region and the nine area municipalities to finance debt at the lowest possible cost.

For 14 years, York Region has consistently maintained a strong credit rating. In 2014, Moody's reaffirmed its Aaa rating and Standard & Poor's rated York Region AA+. This allows the Region and its nine area municipalities to finance debt at the lowest possible cost.

2015 to 2019 Strategic Plan outlines Regional priorities for the next four years

York Regional Council approved the [2015 to 2019 Strategic Plan From Vision to Results](#) which outlines four areas of focus to meet the community's changing needs.

The plan provides a detailed course of action for the next four years within the following four strategic areas:

- Economic Vitality
- Healthy Communities
- Sustainable Environment
- Good Government

Highlights of the 2015 to 2019 plan include:

- Managing traffic congestion within York Region
- Addressing affordable housing concerns
- Continuing to support the attraction of high quality jobs to the Region
- Increasing the health and resiliency of our communities
- Achieving Regional fiscal sustainability
- Continuing to manage the Region's growth
- On-going protection of our natural environment
- Improving the way York Region's programs and services are accessed

The plan aligns with York Region's multi-year budget and results will be reported throughout the term of Council.

**Town of East Gwillimbury Mayor Virginia Hackson and Town of Aurora Geoffrey Dawe
acclaimed as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, of York Region Audit Committee**

Town of East Gwillimbury Mayor Virginia Hackson and Town of Aurora Mayor Geoffrey Dawe have been acclaimed Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, of York Region's Audit Committee.

Audit Committee meets three times each year. The main areas of responsibility covered by the committee include:

- Financial Statement Review
- Internal Control
- Audit Services Branch
- External Audit
- Compliance

**York Regional Council appoints new Chair and members to
Accessibility Advisory Committee**

York Regional Council today appointed Town of Richmond Hill Regional Councillor Vito Spatafora as Chair of the 2015 to 2018 term of the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee (YRAAC), as well as 12 committee members.

Appointed members to the 2015 to 2018 YRAAC are:

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| • Leslie Bolt | • Jocelyn Hunt |
| • Astley Dennis | • Linda Jones |
| • Steve Foglia | • Brian Lynch |
| • Kirsten Hill | • Frank Maggisano |
| • Lilian Hulme-Smith | • Judy Phromratsamy |
| • Sandy Palambo | • Joann Simmons |

The YRAAC advises York Regional Council on how to make programs, services and facilities more accessible in our community. The inaugural meeting of the YRAAC will take place on Wednesday April 22, 2015 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the York Region Administrative Centre, Seminar Room, 17250 Yonge Street, Town of Newmarket.

For more information about the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee, please visit the [Accessibility section](#) of York Region's website.

**Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Justin Altmann appointed to represent York Region on
the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Board of Governors**

York Regional Council appointed Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Justin Altmann to represent York Region on the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Board of Governors.

This year the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair will be at the Exhibition Place Toronto on November 6 to 15, 2015

City of Markham to host five sports in Pan Am Games Parapan American Games

York Regional Council received information today on the 2015 Pan American and Parapan American Games coming to York Region July 10 to 26 and August 7 to 15.

City of Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti and Community and Fire Services Commissioner Brenda Librecz provided an overview of the state-of-the-art Markham Pan Am multi-sport centre and some of the planning involved in hosting five sports of the Pan Am Games in the City of Markham.

The Pan Am/Parapan Am Games will be the largest multi-sport event ever held in Canada and will bring many other benefits across York Region including more local business opportunities, economic development and cultural celebrations.

For information about the Pan Am/ParaPan Am Games, please visit www.toronto2015.org

York Region will turn off the lights to support Earth Hour 2015

The Regional Municipality of York will take part in Earth Hour by turning off all non-essential lighting and electrical power in our facilities for one hour on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 8:30 p.m.

Earth Hour is an annual event to raise awareness about climate change and symbolizes that people, working together, can help make a difference in the fight against global warming.

For more information on Earth Hour, please visit earthhour.org

York Regional Council recognize March 2015 as Red Cross Month

York Regional Council will recognize March 2015 as Red Cross Month in The Regional Municipality of York. Residents are encouraged to support the Canadian Red Cross Society and the community by volunteering or donating to Red Cross programs.

The Canadian Red Cross Society is a Canadian humanitarian organization that has helped Canadians through its Disaster Relief and community services for over 100 years.

For more information on the Canadian Red Cross Month please visit, redcross.ca

World Autism Awareness Day

York Regional Council will recognize Autism Ontario's "Raise the Flag" campaign on April 2, 2015 in celebration of World Autism Awareness Day.

For more information on Autism, please visit autismontario.com

Next regular meeting of York Regional Council

York Regional Council will meet on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in the York Region Administrative Centre Council Chambers, located at 17250 Yonge Street in the Town of Newmarket.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AURORA

By-law Number 5690-15

**BEING A BY-LAW to
define the accountability
and transparency policies
and procedures for The
Corporation of the Town of
Aurora.**

WHEREAS paragraph 5 of subsection 270(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended provides that a municipality shall adopt and maintain policies with respect to the manner in which the municipality will try to ensure that it is accountable to the public for its actions and the manner in which it will try to ensure that its actions are transparent to the public;

AND WHEREAS on November 27, 2007 the Town adopted a corporate policy regarding procedures by which the Town will try to ensure that it is accountable to the public for its actions and that its actions are transparent to the public, being Town Administration Procedure No. 67;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary to adopt a policy by by-law with respect to the Town's accountability and transparency to replace Administration Procedure No. 67;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AURORA HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

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PART 1: DEFINITIONS, PRINCIPLES, PURPOSE AND APPLICATION

1. DEFINITIONS OF THIS BY-LAW

1.(1) In this by-law, the following words have the following meanings:

- (a) "AODA" means the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, S.O. 2005, c. 11, as amended;*
- (b) "CAO" means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town, or his/her designate;
- (c) "Closed Meeting" means a regular, special or other meeting of a Council, of a local board or of a committee that is closed to the public within the meaning ascribed to it under section 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended;*
- (d) "Council" means the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora;
- (e) "Department" means a department of the Town;
- (f) "Department Head" means a Director, or his/her designate, of the Town who is responsible for a Department, and shall include the CAO with respect to his/her direct responsibilities for a Department;
- (g) "Town" means The Corporation of the Town of Aurora.

2. VISION, MISSION AND VALUES OF THE TOWN

2.(1) The Town's vision is to be a respected leader in municipal government, seeking innovative approaches and effective solutions that meet community expectations.

2.(2) The Town's mission is to be a professional and resilient organization dedicated to providing high quality service and better understanding the needs of our community.

2.(3) The Town values the following:

- (a) Acting with honesty and integrity while serving the community;
- (b) Providing a positive work environment that promotes employee health and well-being;
- (c) Recognizing and respecting the diversity of its community and workforce;
- (d) Protecting and enhancing the natural environment;
- (e) Valuing the cultural heritage and the history of our community; and
- (f) Contributing to the economic vitality of our community.

3. PURPOSES, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES OF THIS BY-LAW

The purposes, goals, and objectives of this by-law are:

- (a) to ensure openness, accountability and transparency while protecting the best interests of the Town;

- (b) to deliver high quality services while promoting the efficient use of public resources;
- (c) to avoid conflicts between the interests of the Town and those of the Town's employees and elected officials;
- (d) to foster an environment that invites and encourages citizen participation and engagement; and
- (e) to incorporate, where applicable, the requirements of the AODA in practices of the Town as well as any requirements contained in other legislation (either provincial or federal) which may impact the practices of the Town.

4. ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES

Accountability and transparency affect and are affected by the public sector organization as a whole, and the community it serves, whether at the local, provincial, or national level. Accountability and transparency are standards of good governance that enhance public trust. Therefore, the Town has adopted Accountability and Transparency Principles and Practices, as follows:

Accountability:

Taking ownership and being responsible to stakeholders for our actions or inactions. This value is essential to preserve the public trust and to protect the public interest.

Efficiency:

Efficient management of the Town. This value is essential to ensure issues and needs of the public are responded to in a timely fashion.

Ethics:

Acting in a manner true to the values listed herein. Acting ethically is essential to preserve the public's trust.

Impartiality:

Unbiased decision-making and action. This value is essential to ensure fairness for the public good.

Professionalism:

Upholding high standards of job performance and ethical behavior. This value is essential to balance diverse public interests.

Service:

Obligation to assist stakeholders. This value is essential to support the public good.

Transparency:

Easily accessible and understandable policies and processes. This value is essential to ensure active encouragement and fostering of public participation in the Town's decision-making.

5. APPLICATION

- 5.(1) This by-law shall apply to all members and committees of Council and employees of the Town with respect to their roles in the political processes, decision-making and administrative management of the Town.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.(1) Council is responsible for providing good government for its constituents in an accountable and transparent manner by:

- (a) encouraging public access and participation to ensure that decision making is responsive to the needs of its constituents and receptive to their opinions;
 - (b) delivering high quality services to its constituents; and
 - (c) promoting the efficient use of public resources.
- 6.(2) With respect to financial dealings, as required under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, the Town shall be responsible for providing accountability and transparency to its constituents in a manner that may include, but is not limited to, the following:
- (a) publishing internal and external audits;
 - (b) publicly providing financial statements and reporting;
 - (c) documenting long term financial planning;
 - (d) demonstrating a commitment to asset management;
 - (e) adopting open and transparent procurement policies and practices;
 - (f) providing, when concluded, the details of any purchase or sale of land; and
 - (g) ensuring open and accessible budget processes including opportunities for public input.
- 6.(3) With respect to internal governance, the Town shall be responsible for ensuring accountability on the part of its employees through the following initiatives:
- (a) mission, vision and value statements;
 - (b) code of conduct for staff;
 - (c) performance management and evaluation;
 - (d) hiring policies;
 - (e) orientation and continuing education;
 - (f) compensation and benefits;
 - (g) health and safety programs; and
 - (h) administrative practices and procedures that recognize Council's commitment to accountability and transparency.
- 6.(4) With respect to Town meetings, the Town shall be responsible for providing accountability and transparency to its constituents in a manner that may include, but is not limited to, the following:
- (a) implementing a processes outlining how, when and under what rules Town meetings will take place;
 - (b) ensuring the Town meetings are open to the public where required by the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended;
 - (c) providing members of the public with an opportunity to make delegations or comments in writing on specific items at meetings that are open to the public; and

(d) fostering meaningful and effective public participation at Town meetings, by disclosing information in a timely manner on various media, which may include print media and websites, where such information may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- (i) Procedural By-law;
- (ii) Code of Ethics for Councillors;
- (iii) Strategic Plan;
- (iv) development of the Customer Service Strategy;
- (v) employee satisfaction survey, action plan and report card;
- (vi) membership with Excellence Canada and related action plans;
- (vii) Delegation By-law and policy;
- (viii) Records Retention By-law and policy;
- (ix) corporate records and documents management plan;
- (x) Public Notice By-law and policy;
- (xi) provincial and municipal benchmarking;
- (xii) financial information reporting;
- (xiii) online availability of the Town's Operating and Capital Budget/Business Plans;
- (xiv) the maintenance of an inventory of the Town's landholdings;
- (xv) Annual Community Report, which includes the Town's performance results in the Municipal Performance Measurement Program;
- (xvi) audited financial statements, which shall be compliant with the Public Sector Accounting Board requirements;
- (xvii) salary information, released in accordance with the *Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, 2006*;
- (xviii) information required by the AODA;
- (xix) by-laws, agendas, minutes and reports of General Committee and Council, provided on the Town's website;
- (xx) the Town's Emergency Plan, provided on the Town's website; and
- (xxi) live streaming of General Committee meetings, and local broadcast of Council meetings, where both recordings will be available online following the meeting on an on-demand basis.

6.(5) With respect to Closed Meetings, the Town shall be responsible for ensuring accountability and transparency to its constituents by:

- (a) ensuring the Town's procedural by-law and practices enable detailed compliance with the requirements of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, for holding a Closed Meeting;

- (b) informing the public, when possible, of the reason for the holding of the Closed Meeting by providing information which may include, but is not limited to:
 - (i) the general nature of the matter to be considered at the Closed Meeting; and
 - (ii) the resolutions made at the Closed Meeting.

7. EXCEPTIONS AND CONFLICT

- 7.(1) All political processes, decision-making and administrative management of the Town shall comply with this by-law and all other Town by-laws and policies, including the Town Corporate Policies and Procedures, the Employee Code of Conduct and the Council Code of Ethics By-law.
- 7.(2) In case of conflict between any Town policy and this by-law relating to matters of accountability and transparency, the provisions contained in this by-law shall prevail. In case of conflict between this by-law and any other Town by-law, the provisions of the by-law that is more specific in addressing the matter in conflict shall prevail.
- 7.(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of this by-law, all political processes, decision-making and administrative management of the Town shall comply with any provincial or federal Act, or a regulation made under any such Act, and any instrument of a legislative nature.

8. ACCESS TO INFORMATION

- 8.(1) The disclosure of information by the Town shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.56 and the *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004*, S.O. 2004, c. 3, Sched. A, as amended.

9. ACCESSIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS

- 9.(1) The Town is committed to giving people with disabilities the same opportunity to access and participate in the decision-making processes of the Town and allowing them to benefit from the same services and public participation opportunities as other constituents, pursuant to the provisions of the AODA. Programs, services, facilities, etc. should be accessible to persons with disabilities (visible and invisible), including (without limitation): hearing loss, vision loss, physical or mobility related impairments, temporary disabilities, learning, speech, language, cognitive, psychological, psychiatric, intellectual and developmental disabilities, allergies, and multiple chemical sensitivities.

PART 2: GENERAL ITEMS

10. BY-LAW REVIEW

- 10.(1) This by-law shall be monitored and evaluated for effectiveness continuously by the CAO and shall be comprehensively reviewed upon specific request by the Council.

11. SEVERABILITY

- 11.(1) If any provision of this by-law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this by-law which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this by-law are severable.

12. SHORT TITLE

12.(1) This by-law may be referred to as the "Accountability and Transparency By-law".

13. IN FORCE

13.(1) This by-law shall come into full force and effect on the date of final passage hereof.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 10th DAY OF MARCH, 2015.

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 10th DAY OF MARCH, 2015.

GEOFFREY DAWE, MAYOR

*Approved as to Form
By Legal Services*
Signature Blaine Ma
Date March 6, 2015

STEPHEN M.A. HUYCKE, TOWN CLERK

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AURORA

By-law Number 5694-15

***BEING A BY-LAW to Confirm Actions by Council
Resulting From Council Meeting on March 10, 2015***

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AURORA HEREBY
ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. THAT the actions by Council at its Council meeting held on March 10, 2015 in respect of each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by the Council at the said meeting is, except where prior approval of the Ontario Municipal Board is required, hereby adopted ratified and confirmed.
2. THAT the Mayor and the proper officers of the Town are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain approvals where required and to execute all documents as may be necessary in that behalf and the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to affix the corporate seal to all such documents.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH, 2015.

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH, 2015.

GEOFFREY DAWE, MAYOR

STEPHEN M. A. HUYCKE, TOWN CLERK