



TOWN OF AURORA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, January 20, 2015

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS	Mayor Dawe in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Humfryes, Kim, Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, and Thompson
MEMBERS ABSENT	None
OTHER ATTENDEES	Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Building and By-law Services, Director of Corporate and Financial Services/Treasurer, Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services, Director of Legal and Legislative Services/Town Solicitor, Director of Parks and Recreation Services, Director of Planning and Development Services, Town Clerk, and Council/Committee Secretary

Mayor Dawe called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. following Open Forum and chaired the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Abel chaired the meeting from 8:02 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. during consideration of Items 10(ii)(b) and 10(ii)(c).

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 Abel
Seconded by Councillor Mrakas

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

- Delegation (a) Ferguson Mobbs, resident of Bradford, Ontario
Re: Motion for Which Notice Has Been Given (c) Mayor Dawe
Re: Community Radio Station
- Motion for Which Notice Has Been Given (d) Councillor Mrakas
Re: Sign By-law Enforcement

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

**Council Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2014
Special Council – Public Planning Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2014
Special Council Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2015 and January 10, 2015**

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

THAT the Council meeting minutes of December 16, 2014, the Special Council – Public Planning meeting minutes of December 17, 2014, and the Special Council meeting minutes of January 9, 2015 and January 10, 2015 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS

**(a) Stephen Kimmerer, representing Sport Aurora
Re: Introduction of Sport Aurora Mission, Vision and Beliefs to New
Council**

Mr. Kimmerer presented an overview of the mission, vision and beliefs of Sport Aurora. He expressed appreciation to the Government of Canada and the Town of Aurora for proclaiming 2015 as the Year of Sport.

**Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Pirri**

THAT the presentation of Stephen Kimmerer regarding Sport Aurora be received for information.

CARRIED

**(b) Brian Johnson, representing Greg Payne, Howard Seto, Brian Irskine, and
Branka Asadi
Re: CPR Rescue at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex**

Mr. Johnson discussed his experience at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex where he received a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) intervention. He presented an award of appreciation to the above-noted individuals.

**Moved by Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by Councillor Thom**

THAT the presentation of Brian Johnson regarding CPR Rescue at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex be received for information.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Thompson extended a reminder about the 2015 Run or Walk for Southlake which will be taking place on April 26, 2015. He invited Members of Council, staff and residents to join "Team Aurora".

Councillor Abel extended congratulations to four high schools (St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School, Cardinal Carter Catholic High School, Aurora High School, and G. W. Williams Secondary School) who presented artwork at the Aurora Cultural Centre.

Councillor Abel noted that local student Harrison Jarvis is in the running to be named Canada's "Piano Hero", in a nation-wide contest hosted by CBC Radio and the Toronto Symphony Orchestra to name "Canada's favourite amateur classical pianist."

Councillor Abel noted that local student John Willoughby secured a spot in the 2015 High School Honours Performance Series and will be performing at Carnegie Hall in February.

Councillor Abel advised that the Aurora Winter Blues Festival will be taking place on February 19, 20, and 21, 2015.

Councillor Abel announced that the Snowflake Ball for fathers and daughters would take place on January 24, 2015.

Councillor Humfryes extended a reminder about the Big Brother Big Sister Bowl-A-Thon which is taking place on February 20, 2015 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Councillor Thom extended a reminder about the charity hockey game taking place on February, 15, 2015 at the Ray Twinney Recreation Complex commencing at 2:30 p.m. with proceeds going to Southlake Regional Health Centre.

Councillor Thom encouraged everyone to support the Aurora Tigers at their two home games occurring on Friday, January 23, 2015 and Saturday, January 24, 2015 at the Aurora Community Centre.

Mayor Dawe extended a reminder to residents to ensure Christmas trees are set out at the curb by 7 a.m. for pick-up on their scheduled pick-up day during the week of Monday, January 26, 2015.

Mayor Dawe announced that the schedule for the 2015 Budget process has been finalized and will be discussed at the Special General Committee meeting on January 26, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Mayor Dawe noted that he attended Riverwalk Commons in Newmarket to celebrate the seventh anniversary of Neighbourhood Network. Councillors Abel, Mrakas, and Thom also attended this event.

Mayor Dawe acknowledged a successful Electronic Waste Recycling event that took place on January 17, 2015 in partnership with GEEP and Vision Quest.

Mayor Dawe announced that the Community Recognition and Citizen of the Year Award nomination process is underway and that nomination forms may be accessed at www.aurora.ca/cra and will be accepted until March 19, 2015.

Mayor Dawe noted that further information and tickets for the Aurora Winter Blues Festival taking place on February 19, 2015 are available at www.awbf.ca

Mayor Dawe announced that York Region's Character Community awards nominations are now open until February 9, 2015 and further information may be accessed at www.charactercommunity.com

6. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 1 (sub-items 7, 13, and 20), 4, and 5 were identified for discussion.

7. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 1 (with the exception of sub-items 7, 13, and 20), 2, and 3 were identified as items not requiring separate discussion.

**Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

THAT the following recommendations with respect to the matters listed as "Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion" be adopted as submitted to Council and staff be authorized to take all necessary action required to give effect to same:

1. General Committee Meeting Report of January 13, 2015

THAT the General Committee meeting report of January 13, 2015 be received and the following recommendations carried by the Committee be approved (**with the exception of sub-items 7, 13, and 20**):

(1) CAO15-001 – Awarding of Contracts During the Election Period

THAT Report No. CAO15-001 be received for information.

(2) BBS15-001 – Accessibility 2014 Election Report

THAT Report No. BBS15-001 be received; and

THAT staff report back to Council on the feasibility and cost of telephone and online voting for the 2018 Municipal Election.

(3) BBS15-002 – Parking Regulations and Enforcement

THAT Report No. BBS15-002 be received; and

THAT staff report back to Council on the feasibility of implementing an on-street parking permit system and an online just-in-time parking permit system in the Town of Aurora.

(4) BBS15-003 – Request for Sign Variance to Sign By-Law No. 4898-07.P for Country Wide Homes Ltd., 15624 Leslie Street

THAT Report No. BBS15-003 be received; and

THAT Council approve a request for variance to Sign By-law No. 4898-07.P for the Country Wide Homes Ltd. residential development sales office at 15624 Leslie Street to allow only the proposed wall residential development signs whereas Sign By-law 4898-07.P permits a maximum of two (2) residential development signs; and

THAT Council approve a request for variance to Sign By-law No. 4898-07.P to allow 48.87m² of residential development sign area whereas Sign By-law 4898-07.P restricts the area of residential development signs to 20m².

(5) CFS15-002 – Development Charge Deferral Agreement – Salvation Army

THAT Report No. CFS15-002 be received; and

THAT Council approve the deferral of Development Charges in respect of the property at 15338 Leslie Street owned by the Salvation Army Central York Region until a change of use or ownership occurs, in accordance with the Town's Development Charge By-law 5585-14 Section 3.5; and

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

(6) IES15-001 – Facility Projects Status Report

THAT Report No. IES15-001 be received; and

THAT all eligible costs related to capital improvements be incorporated into this project to maximize use of development charge funding; and

THAT the Budget for the Aurora Family Leisure Complex Renovations (Capital Project 74004) be increased by \$593,113 to a revised budget of \$7,592,462; and

THAT the increase in the Budget for the Aurora Family Leisure Complex Renovations (Capital Project 74004) be funded from the Development Charges Reserve in the amount of \$533,800, and from the Cash in Lieu of Parkland Reserve in the amount of \$59,313; and

THAT staff report back to Council on the Contractor Extended Administration Costs at a later date to be approved by Council separately.

(8) IES15-003 – School Travel Planning for Regency Acres Public School

THAT Report No. IES15-003 be received; and

THAT three-way stop sign control be installed at the intersection of Willis Drive and Seaton Drive; and

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

THAT “No U-TURN” signs be installed for the northbound and southbound directions of Murray Drive in front of Regency Acres Public School; and

THAT notice of Council’s decision be sent to Regency Acres Public School.

(9) IES15-004 – York Public Buyers Cooperative Fuel Supply Tender Award

THAT Report No. IES15-004 be received; and

THAT York Purchasing Co-op Fuel Supply Tender No. CRFT 2014-07, as issued by the Regional Municipality of York for the Supply and Delivery of Gasoline and Diesel Fuels to the Municipalities, be awarded to Valero Energy Incorporated for a five (5) year term for the supply and delivery of Ethanol (10%) Blended Gasoline; and

THAT York Purchasing Co-op Fuel Supply Tender No. CRFT 2014-07, as issued by the Regional Municipality of York for the Supply and Delivery of Gasoline and Diesel Fuels to the Municipalities, be awarded to Canada Clean Fuels Incorporated for a five (5) year term for the supply and delivery of #1 Diesel Ultra Low Sulphur and B10 Diesel Fuel; and

THAT the Town issue the purchase order for Valero Energy Incorporated, for costs not to exceed \$100,000, excluding taxes for 2015; and

THAT the Town issue the purchase order for Canada Clean Fuels Incorporated, for costs not to exceed \$140,000, excluding taxes for 2015; and

THAT the Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services be authorized to approve Purchase Orders for the years 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 to an upset limit of the approved budget for each year.

(10) IES15-005 – Aurora Family Leisure Complex Arena Mould Investigation

THAT Report No. IES15-005 be received; and

THAT a budget of \$136,580 be approved for capital expenditures related to the initial investigation and immediate remediation of portions of the warm seating area within the viewing deck of the ice rink; and

THAT this budget be funded from the facilities repair and replacement reserve; and

THAT cleaning of mould and removal of materials in the viewing areas on the south portion of the ice rink be awarded to A&O Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$51,719.86 excluding taxes.

(11) IES15-006 – Purchase Order Increase for Supply & Delivery of Fuel

THAT Report No. IES15-006 be received; and

THAT purchase order 103 (Valero Energy Inc.) be increased by \$34,000 to an upset limit of \$260,000, excluding taxes.

(12) LLS15-001 – Legal & Legislative Services – Organizational Update

THAT Report No. LLS15-001 be received for information.

(14) LLS15-007 – 2015 Insurance Program Renewal

THAT Report No. LLS15-007 be received; and

THAT Council authorize the renewal of the Town's insurance coverage with BFL CANADA Risk and Insurance Services Inc. ("BFL") for 2015 based on the insurance premium amount of \$574,073.00 plus PST, and maintain the existing \$10,000 deductible limits for the insurance policy in 2015; and

THAT the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute any necessary agreements or documentation required to give effect to the same; and

THAT staff be directed to issue a Request for Proposals to obtain competitive insurance rates for 2016, and that staff invite the Town's N6 municipal partners to participate in same.

(15) LLS15-008 – Highland Gate Golf Club – One-Foot Reserves

THAT Report No. LLS15-008 be received; and

THAT staff place additional information about the Highland Gate Golf Club property on the Town's website as new information is obtained.

**(16) PL15-001 – Site Plan Amendment Application, Karma Tekchen
Zabsal Ling Centre (KTZL), 13900 Leslie Street, File: SP-
2014-05**

THAT Report No. PL15-001 be received; and

THAT Site Plan Application File SP-2014-05 (KTZL) be approved to permit the development of the subject lands for the conversion of the existing building to an institutional use permitted by the Amending Zoning By-law; and

THAT Council enact the related Zoning By-law Amendment at a future Council Meeting; and

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

**(17) PL15-002 – Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review, Status Update File
No. ZBA-2012-ZBR**

THAT Report No. PL15-002 be received for information.

**(18) Memorandum from Director of Infrastructure & Environmental
Services**

Re: Correspondence from Regency Acres Public School

**Re: Item 8 – IES15-003 – School Travel Planning for Regency
Acres Public School**

THAT the memorandum regarding Correspondence from Regency Acres Public School be received for information.

**(19) Memorandum from Director of Corporate & Financial Services
Re: Ice Storm Claim Now Filed**

THAT the memorandum regarding Ice Storm Claim Now Filed be received for information.

**(21) Memorandum from Mayor Geoffrey Dawe
Re: Correspondence from the Ministry of Energy – Overview of
Initiatives**

THAT the memorandum regarding Correspondence from the Ministry of Energy – Overview of Initiatives be received for information.

**(22) Memorandum from Director of Infrastructure & Environmental Services
Re: Replacement Page for Item 8 – IES15-003 – School Travel Planning
for Regency Acres Public School**

(Added Item)

THAT the memorandum regarding Replacement Page for Item 8 – IES15-003 – School Travel Planning for Regency Acres Public School be received for information.

**(23) Memorandum from Director of Infrastructure & Environmental
Services
Re: Replacement Page for Item 9 – IES15-004 – York Public Buyers
Cooperative Fuel Supply Tender Award**

(Added Item)

THAT the memorandum regarding Replacement Page for Item 9 – IES15-004 – York Public Buyers Cooperative Fuel Supply Tender Award be received for information.

**(24) Memorandum from Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Town
Solicitor
Re: Replacement Page for Item 14 – LLS15-007 – 2015 Insurance
Program Renewal**

(Added Item)

THAT the memorandum regarding Replacement Page for Item 14 – LLS15-007 – 2015 Insurance Program Renewal be received for information.

**2. LLS15-009 – Special Council Closed Session Report of January 9, 2015
and January 10, 2015**

THAT Report No. LLS15-009 be received; and

THAT the minutes of the Closed Session meeting of January 9, 2015 and January 10, 2015 be approved; and

THAT the Closed Session meeting minutes of January 9, 2015 and January 10, 2015 be publicly disclosed upon approval.

**3. Memorandum from Director of Infrastructure & Environmental Services
Re: Additional Information to Item 1(7) – Report No. IES15-002 – Early
Approval of Capital Reconstruction Projects**

THAT the memorandum regarding “Additional Information to Item 1(7) – Report No. IES15-002 – Early Approval of Capital Reconstruction Projects” be received for information.

CARRIED

8. DELEGATIONS

**(a) Ferguson Mobbs, resident of Bradford, Ontario
Re: Motion for Which Notice Has Been Given (c) Mayor Dawe
Re: Community Radio Station
(Added Item)**

Mr. Mobbs spoke in support of a proposed Community Radio Station and discussed the benefits of this volunteer-based endeavour. He noted that the radio station would require approximately 800 square feet to accommodate both a broadcast area and recording area.

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

THAT the comments of the delegation be received for information.

CARRIED

9. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

**1. General Committee Meeting Report of January 13, 2015
(7) IES15-002 – Early Approval of Capital Reconstruction Projects**

Council consented to separate the third clause for voting purposes.

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

THAT Report No. IES15-002 be received; and

THAT Council grant early approval for the following 2015 capital reconstruction projects in advance of budget approval:

Capital Project 31096, Reconstruction of Bluegrass Drive, Steeplechase Avenue, Woodsend Crescent and Skyview Lane (\$1,800,000);

Capital Project 31101, Reconstruction of Vandorf Sideroad (\$1,200,000 – 2015 budget request);

Capital Project 42053, Rehabilitation of Culvert on Yonge Street, approximately 220m north of Kennedy Street, (\$445,000);

Capital Project 31103, Reconstruction of Centre Street, Phase 1 – from Spruce Street to Walton Drive (\$802,000); and

THAT Capital Project 31112, Reconstruction of Industrial Parkway South from Wellington Street to Industry Street and Industry Street from Industrial Parkway South to Mary Street (\$1,995,000) be referred to the 2015 Capital Budget approval process.

CARRIED

1. **General Committee Meeting Report of January 13, 2015**
- (13) **LLS15-002 – Amendment to Subdivision Approval Conditions (Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland) – Addison Hall Business Park, 2351528 Ontario Limited and Aurora-Leslie Developments Limited, 15775 & 15625 Leslie Street, Part of Lots 23 & 24, Concession 3, File: D12-01-14**

Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Abel

THAT Report No. LLS15-002 be received; and

THAT Condition No. 12 of the Draft Plan of Subdivision Conditions of Approval for File: D12-01-14 be deleted and replaced with the following wording:

- “12. The Owner shall covenant and agree in the Subdivision Agreement to satisfy any cash-in-lieu of parkland requirements to the satisfaction of the Town Solicitor and the Director of Parks & Recreation Services in accordance with: (a) the Town’s By-law Number 4291-01.F, as amended or successor thereto and applicable policies; OR (b) a combination of a conveyance of lands pursuant to Condition No. 54 and payment of cash-in-lieu of parkland at a rate of 1.513% per lot valued as of the day before the day a building permit is issued in respect of any development on each lot (notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary contained in the Town’s By-law Number 4291-01.F, as amended or successor thereto and applicable policies).”; and

THAT Condition No. 54 of the Draft Plan of Subdivision Conditions of Approval for File: D12-01-14 be deleted and replaced with the following wording:

“54. The Owner shall covenant and agree in the Subdivision Agreement to convey certain lands to the Town as open space/trail lands, in accordance with the required Trail Location Plan, at no charge and free of all encumbrances, to the satisfaction of the Director of Parks & Recreation Services and the Town Solicitor.”

On a recorded vote the motion CARRIED

YEAS: 8	NAYS: 1
VOTING YEAS:	Councillors Abel, Humfryes, Kim, Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe
VOTING NAYS:	Councillor Gaertner

**1. General Committee Meeting Report of January 13, 2015
(20) Memorandum from Mayor Geoffrey Dawe
Re: Council Proclamation – The Year of Sport in Aurora**

On a motion of Councillor Thompson seconded by Councillor Mrakas, Council consented to consider Item 1(20) prior to Item 1(7).

**Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

THAT Council proclaim the following:

WHEREAS His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada proclaimed 2015 the Year of Sport in Canada in a ceremony on Parliament Hill on October 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS the 2015 Year of Sport celebrates the role of sport in our Country and encourages Canadians to participate and seek the benefits of sports; and

WHEREAS in 2015 Canada will be host to several national and international sporting events such as:

- The International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Hockey Championship
- 25th Edition of the Canada Winter World Games
- FIFA Women’s World Cup Canada
- 2015 Pan and Parapan American Games; and

WHEREAS in 2015 York Region will host the first-ever Pan Am Games Golf Tournament at Angus Glen Golf Club; and

WHEREAS the Town of Aurora supports and promotes Sport through its Parks and Recreation programs and relationships with various sports organizations such as:

- Aurora Minor Hockey Association
- Aurora Soccer Club
- Aurora Tigers
- Aurora Youth Soccer Club
- Sport Aurora which includes:
 - Aurora Sports Hall of Fame
 - Aurora Barbarians Rugby Football Club
 - Aurora Minor Baseball Association
 - Aurora Community Tennis Club
 - Aurora Diggers Girls Softball Association
 - Aurora Lawn Bowling Club
 - Aurora Master Ducks Swim Club
 - Aurora Masters Lacrosse
 - Aurora Men's Slo-Pitch League
 - Aurora Seniors Association
 - Aurora Skating Club
 - Big Brothers Big Sisters of York
 - Blue Dragon Meibukan Karate
 - Central York Girls Hockey Association
 - Just 4 Keepers
 - York Simcoe Minor Bucs Football Association
 - Coerver Soccer Academy
 - Ducks Swimming Club
 - Evolution Gymnastics
 - Everest Academies
 - Gateway Cafe & Lanes
 - Newmarket Redbirds Lacrosse Club
 - Storm Volleyball
 - Spectrum North Baton Club
 - St. Andrew's College
 - Special Olympics Ontario – Aurora
 - Global Gymnastics
- York North Basketball Association

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, on behalf of the Members of Council for the Corporation of the Town of Aurora, I, Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, do hereby proclaim 2015 as the Year of Sport in Aurora and urge our citizens and visitors to discover the benefits of Sport by participating in a wide variety of programs and activities; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Proclamation designating the year beginning January 1, 2015 as the 'Year of Sport in Aurora' be included in the Notice Board.

CARRIED

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

THAT staff publish the Year of Sport in Aurora proclamation including a comprehensive list of the Town's various sports organizations.

CARRIED

- 4. Memorandum from Director of Infrastructure & Environmental Services
Re: Additional Information to Item 1(9) – Report No. IES15-004 – York
Public Buyers Cooperative Fuel Supply Tender Award**

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

THAT the memorandum regarding “Additional Information to Item 1(9) – Report No. IES15-004 – York Public Buyers Cooperative Fuel Supply Tender Award be received for information.

CARRIED

- 5. Memorandum from Director of Infrastructure & Environmental Services
Re: Additional Information to Item 1(11) – Report No. IES15-006 –
Purchase Order Increase for Supply & Delivery of Fuel**

**Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Thom**

THAT the memorandum regarding “Additional Information to Item 1(11) – Report No. IES15-006 – Purchase Order Increase for Supply & Delivery” be received for information.

CARRIED

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

(i) Notices of Motion

- (a) Councillor Mrakas
Re: Widening of Industrial Parkway North and South**

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

- (b) Councillor Pirri
Re: Renaming of Aurora’s Portion of the Nokiidaa Trail in Honour of
Tim Jones**

WHEREAS former Mayor Tim Jones is the longest serving Mayor in the Town’s history; and

WHEREAS Mr. Jones served the Town of Aurora and Council for twenty-eight consecutive years; and

WHEREAS the Town of Aurora Public Facilities Naming Policy allows for trails to be named after prominent individuals who have made a significant contribution to our community; and

WHEREAS Mr. Jones continues to be making significant contributions to our community through volunteerism and as an ambassador for Neighbourhood Network; and

WHEREAS Mr. Jones spent his private career working in the public sector supporting municipal parks and recreational services; and

WHEREAS the Town of Newmarket's portion of the Nokiidaa Trail is named in honour of former Mayor Tom Taylor, a longtime colleague of Mr. Jones.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff bring forward a report to Council regarding the renaming of Aurora's portion of the Nokiidaa Trail in honour of Tim Jones.

(c) Councillor Mrakas
Re: Additions to the Bank of Approved Street Names

WHEREAS the Town's Street Naming Policy allows for former members of Aurora Council, and for persons who have made outstanding, significant and/or exemplary contributions to the Town of Aurora, to be added to the Bank of Approved Street Names; and

WHEREAS former municipal Councillors Steve Hinder, Don Constable, and Ron Wallace, and former Member of Provincial Parliament Frank Klees continue to be prominent individuals who have and continue to make outstanding, significant and/or exemplary contributions to our community; and

WHEREAS Florence Edith Murray was a long-time and well-known Aurora resident who was a dedicated volunteer and advocate on behalf of Aurora's seniors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff add the names Hinder, Constable, Wallace, Klees and Flo Murray to the Town's Bank of Approved Street Names.

(ii) Motions for Which Notice Has Been Given

(a) Councillor Mrakas

Re: Pilot Project for Left Turn Restrictions at Intersection of Yonge Street and Wellington Street

Main motion

Moved by Councillor Mrakas

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

WHEREAS traffic congestion at the intersection of Yonge Street and Wellington Street is an ongoing concern for Aurora residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS the flow of northbound and southbound traffic is significantly impeded during peak traffic periods due to left turning vehicles; and

WHEREAS many municipalities restrict left-hand turns at high volume intersections during peak traffic periods as a means to address similar concerns with traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS in January of 1998, the Region of York instituted—on a trial basis—a “no left turn” prohibition on Yonge Street at Wellington Street during the AM/PM peak period; and

WHEREAS the results of this trial prohibition of left turns at Yonge Street and Wellington Street revealed “...a significant improvement in traffic operations”.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Regional Municipality of York be requested to investigate the feasibility of implementing a pilot project for left turn restrictions to north and southbound Yonge Street at Wellington Street during AM/PM peak traffic periods for the purposes of addressing traffic congestion at said intersection; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Regional Municipality of York be requested to provide Aurora Council with a presentation on the feasibility of implementing a pilot project for left turn restrictions to north and southbound Yonge Street at Wellington Street during AM/PM peak traffic periods for the purposes of addressing traffic congestion at said intersection following any such investigation.

Amendment #1
Moved by Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

THAT the first clause of the main motion be amended by replacing the words “investigate the feasibility of implementing” with the word “implement”; and

THAT the second clause be deleted.

DEFEATED

Amendment #2
Moved by Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by Councillor Abel

THAT the first clause of the main motion be amended by replacing the words “investigate the feasibility of implementing” with the word “implement”; and

THAT the second clause of the main motion be amended by replacing the words “on the feasibility of implementing” with the words “prior to the implementation of”.

CARRIED

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

WHEREAS traffic congestion at the intersection of Yonge Street and Wellington Street is an ongoing concern for Aurora residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS the flow of northbound and southbound traffic is significantly impeded during peak traffic periods due to left turning vehicles; and

WHEREAS many municipalities restrict left-hand turns at high volume intersections during peak traffic periods as a means to address similar concerns with traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS in January of 1998, the Region of York instituted—on a trial basis—a “no left turn” prohibition on Yonge Street at Wellington Street during the AM/PM peak period; and

WHEREAS the results of this trial prohibition of left turns at Yonge Street and Wellington Street revealed “...a significant improvement in traffic operations”.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Regional Municipality of York be requested to **implement** a pilot project for left turn restrictions to north and southbound Yonge Street at Wellington Street during AM/PM peak traffic periods for the purposes of addressing traffic congestion at said intersection; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Regional Municipality of York be requested to provide Aurora Council with a presentation **prior to the implementation of** a pilot project for left turn restrictions to north and southbound Yonge Street at Wellington Street during AM/PM peak traffic periods for the purposes of addressing traffic congestion at said intersection following any such investigation.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

(b) Mayor Dawe
Re: Street Parking Plan for the Downtown Core

On a motion of Councillor Pirri seconded by Councillor Thom, Council consented to consider Motion for Which Notice Has Been Given (b) following consideration of Item 1(20), of Items Requiring Separate Discussion.

Moved by Mayor Dawe
Seconded by Councillor Mrakas

WHEREAS The Town of Aurora recognizes the importance of Yonge Street as a corridor of business in our historic downtown and is fully committed to ensuring its long-term commercial sustainability; and

WHEREAS the Town of Aurora initiated a downtown revitalization study for the Yonge Street and Wellington Street corridors in 2009; and

WHEREAS the Town of Aurora approved the Aurora Promenade Concept Plan and related Aurora Promenade Secondary Plan in 2010, which included a comprehensive vision for our historic downtown; and

WHEREAS the Town of Aurora Economic Development Action Plan and Business Retention and Expansion Strategy emphasize the importance of supporting local business and revitalizing the downtown; and

WHEREAS the Town of Aurora approved the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) to support downtown revitalization in 2014; and

WHEREAS the Town of Aurora approved the Aurora Promenade Streetscape Design and Implementation Plan in 2014 to improve the streetscape design in the downtown; and

WHEREAS the Town of Aurora will be considering detailed streetscape design options for Yonge Street through the historic downtown.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of implementing a street parking plan as per the attached conceptual plan and to report back to Council as soon as possible.

CARRIED

(c) Mayor Dawe
Re: Community Radio Station

On a motion of Councillor Pirri seconded by Councillor Gaertner, Council consented to consider Motion for Which Notice Has Been Given (c) following consideration of Motion for Which Notice Has Been Given (b).

Moved by Mayor Dawe
Seconded by Councillor Thom

WHEREAS The Town of Aurora is continually looking to provide new and/or unique services to its residents; and

WHEREAS The Town of Aurora has recently committed to providing additional program space for our residents at the renewed Aurora Family Leisure Complex; and

WHEREAS The Town of Aurora has recently been approached by a community group led by Ferguson Mobbs, to start a non-profit community FM radio station, enlisting all segments of our community; and

WHEREAS this non-profit community FM radio station would be accessible to the residents of Aurora to broadcast music, sports, local news and weather on a real time basis with the focus on all aspects of Aurora; and

WHEREAS the radio station could provide various community organizations (such as the Royal Canadian Legion, Aurora Skating Club, Aurora Hockey Club, etc.) a program slot to advise the residents of Aurora of upcoming events and general information on that organization in an entertaining and engaging format; and

WHEREAS the radio station could be a real time emergency source of critical information provided by police, fire or other emergency officials and municipal departments during a snow storm, ice storm or other natural disasters; and

WHEREAS the radio station could provide on-the-spot/satellite coverage of special Town events such as the Yonge Street Sale, Canada Day, Remembrance Day, Christmas parade, the opening of new buildings, etc.; and

WHEREAS the radio station could provide a supervised focal point for our youth through programming by the youth of Aurora; and

WHEREAS training would be provided to all prospective community broadcasters at no cost to them and no resources requested from the Town of Aurora.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of this proposal and report back to Council as soon as possible.

CARRIED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amendment #1
Moved by Councillor Abel
Seconded by Councillor Kim

THAT the operative clause of the main motion be amended to replace the words "By-law enforcement officer(s)" with the word "staff".

CARRIED

Amendment #2
Moved by Councillor Pirri
Seconded by Councillor Kim

THAT the operative clause of the main motion as amended be replaced in its entirety with the following:

"NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to report on options to ensure necessary staff for the purposes of enforcing the provisions of the Temporary Sign By-law pertaining to municipal election signs."

CARRIED

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to report on options to ensure necessary staff for the purposes of enforcing the provisions of the Temporary Sign By-law pertaining to municipal election signs.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

(e) Councillor Mrakas
Re: Widening of Industrial Parkway North and South

On a motion of Councillor Mrakas, seconded by Councillor Thompson and carried by a two-thirds vote, Council consented to waive the requirements of section 3.13 of the Procedural By-law to allow Notice of Motion (a) to be moved forward for consideration.

Moved by Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

WHEREAS there are currently traffic volume and congestion concerns on Industrial Parkway due to access and egress from the GO station/GO station parking lots; and

WHEREAS traffic volume on Industrial Parkway is expected to increase significantly as a consequence of the truck traffic associated with the operation of the Joint Operations Centre (expected opening Spring 2016); and

WHEREAS future transformation of the Yonge/Wellington corridor, as outlined in the Council-approved Promenade Study, may require traffic diversions to achieve full implementation; and

WHEREAS residents would prefer that diverted traffic not cut through residential streets; and

WHEREAS Industrial Parkway was initially constructed as a bypass for Yonge Street.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff report back to Council during the second meeting cycle in February 2015 as to the feasibility and estimated cost of widening Industrial Parkway North and South from two lanes to four lanes.

CARRIED

11. REGIONAL REPORT

York Regional Council Highlights – December 18, 2014

Moved by Councillor Pirri
Seconded by Councillor Kim

THAT the Regional Report of December 18, 2014 be received for information.

CARRIED

12. NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL INFORMATION

Councillor Abel inquired about senior swimming fees at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex in comparison to the Town of Newmarket. The Director of Parks & Recreation Services stated that the fee will be increasing from \$3.60 to \$4.44 in 2015, and to \$5.60 in 2016. He also confirmed that the Town of Newmarket is currently charging seniors a swimming fee of \$7.50.

Councillor Abel noted that the Town's Christmas tree pick-up date is a week later than neighbouring municipalities. The Director of Infrastructure & Environmental Services indicated that the date was chosen to accommodate all residents who celebrate Orthodox Christmas on January 6.

Councillor Abel expressed his concerns about the customer service provided by Green for Life (GFL) Environmental.

Councillor Pirri inquired about the Aurora Farmers' Market fees and the costs of renting the Armoury. The Director of Building & By-law Services indicated that each vendor permit fee is \$75. The Director of Parks & Recreation Services stated that the Armoury may be rented at a rate of \$50 per hour or \$300 for eight hours.

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the Council presentation process. The Town Clerk indicated that requestors are required to speak to applicable staff before submitting requests to present to Council.

13. READING OF BY-LAWS

Moved by Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by Councillor Pirri

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

- 5678-15** BEING A BY-LAW to establish lands as highways (Block 95, Plan 65M-3012 – Strawbridge Farm Road).
- 5679-15** BEING A BY-LAW to amend Zoning By-law Number 2213-78, as amended (13900 Leslie Street – Karma Tekchen Zabbal Ling Centre).
- 5683-15** BEING A BY-LAW to amend Parking and Traffic Control By-law Number 4574-04.T, as amended, to designate and erect stop signs at various intersections in the Town of Aurora.
- 5684-15** BEING A BY-LAW to amend Parking and Traffic Control By-law Number 4574-04.T, as amended, to designate a "NO U-TURN" area and post the related signs along a portion of Murray Drive in the Town of Aurora.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Abel
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

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

5680-15 BEING A BY-LAW to establish a schedule of fees and charges for municipal services, activities and the use of property within the Town of Aurora (Fees and Charges By-law).

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Mrakas

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

5681-15 BEING A BY-LAW to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from Council Meeting on January 20, 2015

CARRIED

14. CLOSED SESSION

None

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Abel

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

CARRIED

GEOFFREY DAWE, MAYOR

STEPHEN M. A. HUYCKE, TOWN CLERK

THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2015 RECEIVED FINAL APPROVAL BY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 10, 2015.