



## TOWN OF AURORA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers  
Aurora Town Hall  
Tuesday, February 10, 2015

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### ATTENDANCE

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

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Mayor Dawe called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. following Open Forum.

On a motion of Councillor Mrakas seconded by Councillor Gaertner, the Council meeting recessed at 7:13 p.m., following the approval of the agenda, to reconvene the Special General Committee – 2015 Budget Review meeting of February 7, 2015.

On a motion of Councillor Mrakas seconded by Councillor Abel, the Council meeting reconvened at 8:01 p.m. following adjournment of the Special General Committee – 2015 Budget Review meeting.

### 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 Kim**

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

- Item 8 – Memorandum from Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Town Solicitor  
Re: Additional Information for Report No. LLS15-014 – General Committee  
Closed Session Report of February 3, 2015
  
- Closed Session Item 2 – Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee; Re: Memorandum from Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Town Solicitor; Re: Closed Session Report No. LLS15-005 – Appointments to the Aurora Public Library Board.

**CARRIED**

## **3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**Council Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2015**  
**Special Council – Public Planning Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2015**

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

THAT the Council meeting minutes of January 20, 2015, and the Special Council – Public Planning meeting minutes of January, 28, 2015 be adopted as printed and circulated.

**CARRIED**

## **4. PRESENTATIONS**

None

## **5. PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Gaertner announced that the week of February 16 to 22, 2015 is National Heritage Week.

Councillor Gaertner extended a reminder about Aurora's Arctic Adventure which will take place on February 16, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Aurora Town Park.

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

Councillor Abel announced that the Snowflake Father and Daughter Ball that took place on January 24, 2015 raised approximately \$16,000 in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of York.

Councillor Abel extended congratulations to Tim Jones for organizing a successful CHATS' Walk for Wellness event.

Councillor Abel acknowledged the Bell Let's Talk campaign for mental health awareness.

Councillor Abel noted that Glen Marais has launched the Say My Name Canada kindness campaign which will run until February 25, 2015.

Councillor Abel announced that the Men Can Cook event will take place on March 14, 2015 at the Aurora Seniors' Centre.

Councillor Abel noted that the Royal Conservatory of Music awarded a gold medal to 12-year old Sebastian Gobbels for scoring the top mark in Ontario and Quebec on the Grade 2 harp examination.

Councillor Humfryes extended a reminder about the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl-A-Thon which will take place on February 20, 2015 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Councillor Humfryes announced that the Aurora Special Olympics provincial games will take place on April 3, 4, and 5, 2015.

Councillor Thom extended a reminder about the charity hockey game between the Aurora Tigers and Newmarket Hurricanes, 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 noted that February 6, 2015 marked the 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II accession to the Throne.

Councillor Kim extended an invitation to residents to attend free public skating at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex on February 16, 2015 from 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. provided by Harvest Bible Chapel York Region and Harvest Bible Chapel Newmarket.

Mayor Dawe extended congratulations to Amanda Cutler for organizing a successful Clear Bag Information Session that was held on February 9, 2015.

Mayor Dawe extended congratulations to the Aurora Cultural Centre for winning the 2014 Voluntary Sector Reporting Awards.

Mayor Dawe noted that the 2015 Spring & Summer Parks and Recreation Guide will be distributed on February 15, 2015 in The Banner and will also be available at Town facilities, on the Town website, and on the PingStreet application.

Mayor Dawe noted that the next 2015 Budget meeting would be held on February 23, 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](http://www.aurora.ca/cra).

Mayor Dawe extended a reminder about the Aurora Winter Blues Festival taking place on February 19, 2015 and further information may be accessed at [www.awbf.ca](http://www.awbf.ca).

Mayor Dawe announced that February 15, 2015 is National Flag of Canada Day and marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canada's National Flag.

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

Items 1 (sub-items 2, 3, and 4), and 3 were identified for discussion.

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

Items 1 (with the exception of sub-items 2, 3, and 4), 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 were identified as items not requiring separate discussion.

**Moved by Councillor Mrakas  
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 February 10, 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 2, 3, and 4)**:

- (1) **IES15-007 – Approval of Option Years for Contract IES 2014-03 – Water Service Box Repairs and the Cathodic Protection of Watermains**

THAT Report No. IES15-007 be received; and

THAT the Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services be authorized to renew Contract IES 2014-03 for an additional two (2), one-year periods being 2015 and 2016, pending an annual analysis and satisfactory performance review by the Director.

- (5) **PL15-011 – Request for Street Name Approval, 2351528 Ontario Limited and Aurora-Leslie Developments Limited (Emery Investments), 15625 and 15775 Leslie Street, File: SUB-2014-01**

THAT Report No. PL15-011 be received; and

THAT the following street name be approved for the proposed roads within the approved Draft Plan of Subdivision, File SUB-2014-01.

STREET “1”                      ADDISON HALL DRIVE

- (6) **PR15-001 – Temporary Facility Use Permit for Aurora Community Centre (ACC) and Stronach Aurora Recreational Complex (SARC) for Pro Shop Services**

THAT Report No. PR15-001 be received; and

THAT the Director of Parks & Recreation Services issue a Facility Use Permit to the Aurora Minor Hockey Association (AMHA), at no cost to the AMHA, for the use of space in the Aurora Community Centre (ACC) and the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex (SARC) for the operation of skate sharpening services and Pro Shop services for the period of February 10, 2015 to June 30, 2015, inclusive.

- (7) **Memorandum from Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Town Solicitor  
Re: Special General Committee Meeting – February 24, 2015 – Water and Wastewater System Overview**

THAT the memorandum regarding Special General Committee Meeting – February 24, 2015 – Water and Wastewater System Overview be received; and

THAT a Special General Committee meeting be held on February 24, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving a staff presentation on: (a) the water and wastewater system; (b) an overview of the process for the development of the water and wastewater budget; and (c) the *Safe Drinking Water Act*, 2002 standard of care requirements.

**2. Special General Committee – 2015 Budget Review Meeting Report of January 26, 2015**

THAT the Special General Committee – 2015 Budget Review meeting report of January 26, 2015 be received and the following recommendations carried by the Committee be approved:

**(1) CAO15-002 – Results of Citizen Budget Survey**

THAT Report No. CAO15-002 be received for information.

**(2) CFS15-004 – Proposed Changes to Annual Budget Approach and Timing**

THAT Report No. CFS15-004 be received; and

THAT staff be directed to implement the changes to the annual Budget process as set out in this report; and

THAT Special General Committee (Budget) meetings be scheduled for Monday September 28, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. and Monday October 5, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., and that the official meeting schedule of Council be amended accordingly.

**(3) CFS15-003 – Draft 2015 Business Plan with Operating and Capital Budgets – Overview Report**

THAT Report No. CFS15-003 and accompanying presentation be received as an overview of the 2015 Operating Budget and Capital Investment Plan; and

THAT the detailed Draft Capital Plan and departmental Operating Budgets be reviewed at Special General Committee meetings scheduled over the period covering from January through to March 2015; and

THAT, following the Budget deliberation meetings, staff prepare an updated consolidated Budget report and presentation for Council reflecting all Budget changes approved by General Committee.

**4. Memorandum from Director of Planning & Development Services  
Re: Additional Information, Zoning By-law Amendment, By-law Number  
5685-15, 2C West Residential Area**

THAT the memorandum regarding Additional Information, Zoning By-law Amendment, By-law Number 5685-15, 2C West Residential Area be received for information.

**5. Memorandum from Mayor Dawe  
Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Highlights – January 23,  
2015 – Meeting of the Board**

THAT the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Highlights – January 23, 2015 – Meeting of the Board be received for information.

**6. Memorandum from Director of Planning & Development Services  
Re: Proposed Revisions to Council Calendar – Public Planning Meeting  
Dates**

THAT the memorandum regarding Proposed Revisions to Council Calendar – Public Planning Meeting Dates be received; and

THAT a Special Public Planning meeting be held on April 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. for the purposes of receiving public comments on:

- The Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review and
- A Zoning By-law Amendment to deal with Marihuana Land Use Study; and

THAT the Public Planning meeting scheduled for May 27, 2015 be rescheduled to May 21, 2015.

**7. Central York Fire Services – Joint Council Committee Meeting Minutes of  
September 2, 2014**

THAT the Central York Fire Services – Joint Council Committee meeting minutes of September 2, 2014 be received for information.

**8. Memorandum from Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Town Solicitor  
Re: Additional Information to Item 3 – Report No. LLS15-014 – General  
Committee Closed Session Report of February 3, 2015  
(Added Item)**

THAT the memorandum regarding Additional Information for Report No. LLS15-014 – General Committee Closed Session Report of February 3, 2015 be received; and

THAT consideration of recommendation 3 of Closed Session Report No. LLS15-014 "Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee; Re: LLS15-005 – Appointments to the Aurora Public Library Board" be referred to the Council Closed Session meeting of February 10, 2015.

**CARRIED**

## **8. DELEGATIONS**

- (a) **Rocco Morsillo, Applicant**  
**Re: Item 1(4) – PL15-007 – Heritage Permit Applications**  
**NE-HCD-HPA-14-04 & NE-HCD-HPA-14-05, 74 Centre Street**

Mr. Morsillo presented an overview of the heritage permit applications for 74 Centre Street and explained their compliance with the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

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

THAT the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Item 1(4).

**CARRIED**

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

1. **General Committee Meeting Report of February 3, 2015**  
(2) **IES15-008 – Early Approval of Capital Reconstruction Project 72133**

**Moved by Councillor Gaertner**  
**Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

THAT Report No. IES15-008 be received; and

THAT capital reconstruction project 72133 (\$1,419,500) be approved in advance of the regular 2015 budget approval to take advantage of a potential \$310,000 grant available through the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and its partners.

**CARRIED**

1. **General Committee Meeting Report of February 3, 2015**  
(3) **LLS15-010 – Pending List**

**Main motion**  
**Moved by Councillor Gaertner**  
**Seconded by Councillor Pirri**

THAT Report No. LLS15-010 be received for information.

**Motion to refer**  
**Moved by Councillor Gaertner**  
**Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

THAT Report No. LLS15-010 be referred back to staff to consider the comments of Council.

**DEFEATED**

**Main motion**  
**Moved by Councillor Gaertner**  
**Seconded by Councillor Pirri**

THAT Report No. LLS15-010 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

1. **General Committee Meeting Report of February 3, 2015**
- (4) **PL15-007 – Heritage Permit Applications, NE-HCD-HPA-14-04 & NE-HCD-HPA-14-05, 74 Centre Street**

On a motion of Councillor Thompson seconded by Councillor Mrakas, Council consented to consider Item 1(4) prior to Item 1(2).

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

THAT Report No. PL15-007 be received; and

THAT Heritage Permit Application NE-HCD-HPA-14-04 be approved to permit the demolition of the building located at 74 Centre Street; and

THAT the following staff recommendations be referred back to staff to consider the comments and concerns of General Committee:

THAT Heritage Permit Application NE-HCD-HPA-14-05 be approved to permit the construction of the proposed building on 74 Centre Street; and  
THAT staff be directed to continue to work with the owner on the design of the accessory garage and driveway at 74 Centre Street to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Development Services.

**DEFEATED**

**Main motion**

**Moved by Councillor Abel**

**Seconded by Councillor Kim**

THAT Report No. PL15-007 be received; and

THAT Heritage Permit Application NE-HCD-HPA-14-04 be approved to permit the demolition of the building located at 74 Centre Street; and

THAT Heritage Permit Application NE-HCD-HPA-14-05 be approved to permit the construction of the proposed building on 74 Centre Street; and

THAT staff be directed to continue to work with the owner on the design of the accessory garage and driveway at 74 Centre Street to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Development Services.

**CARRIED**

**3. LLS15-014 – General Committee Closed Session Report of February 3, 2015**

**Moved by Councillor Mrakas**

**Seconded by Councillor Pirri**

THAT Report No. LLS15-014 be received; and

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

**1. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee; Re: LLS15-003 – Appointments to the Accessibility Advisory Committee**

THAT Closed Session Report No. LLS15-003 be received; and

THAT the requirements of section 8.14 of the Procedural By-law be waived to permit reconsideration of Council's decision of December 26, 2014 to amend the Terms of Reference for the Accessibility Advisory Committee; and

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

- a) Three (3) Members who are people with disabilities;
- b) Two (2) Members who are citizen volunteers, parents of a child with a disability, or professionals from the stakeholder community.

One (1) Member of Council shall be appointed as Council liaison to the Committee and that such Member shall be “ex-officio.”; and

THAT the waiver of section 6.1 of the Policy for Ad Hoc/Advisory Committees and Local Boards; and

THAT the following citizen members recommended by General Committee in Closed Session on February 3, 2015 be appointed to the Accessibility Advisory Committee:

Gordon Barnes  
Tyler Barker  
James Hoyes  
John Lenchak  
David Newton; and

THAT these appointments be effective as of March 1, 2015; and

THAT Councillor Humfryes be appointed as the Member of Council to serve as “ex-officio” to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

**2. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee; Re: LLS15-004 – Appointments to the Aurora Appeal Tribunal**

THAT Closed Session Report No. LLS15-004 be received; and

THAT the confidential recommendations of General Committee on February 3, 2015 regarding appointments to the Aurora Appeal Tribunal be approved.

**3. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee; Re: LLS15-005 – Appointments to the Aurora Public Library Board**

This item was referred to the Closed Session meeting (see disposition of Item 8 under Section 7, Adoption of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion).

**4. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee; Re: LLS15-006 – Appointments to the Committee of Adjustment and Property Standards Committee**

THAT Closed Session Report No. LLS15-006 be received; and

THAT the following citizen members recommended by General Committee in Closed Session on February 3, 2015 be appointed to the Committee of Adjustment and the Property Standards Committee:

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

THAT these appointments be effective as of March 1, 2015; and

THAT staff bring forward a by-law for enactment by Council at its meeting of February 24, 2015 appointing the citizen members of the Committee of Adjustment.

**5. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Town or Local Board; Re: PR15-002 – Disposition of Victoria Hall**

THAT Closed Session Report No. PR15-002 be received; and

THAT the confidential recommendations of General Committee on February 3, 2015 regarding the disposition of Victoria Hall be approved.

**6. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Town or Local Board; Re: PR15-003 – “Kwik Kopy” Pedestrian Trail – 15900 Yonge Street**

THAT Closed Session Report No. PR15-003 be received; and

THAT the confidential recommendations of General Committee on February 3, 2015 regarding the “Kwik Kopy” Pedestrian Trail – 15900 Yonge Street be approved.

**7. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Town or Local Board; Re: CAO15-003 – 15356 Yonge Street (Readman House), 15342 Yonge Street (Horton Place), 15314 Yonge Street, and 15306 Yonge Street**

THAT consideration of Closed Session Report No. CAO15-003 be deferred to a Closed Session meeting on February 10, 2015.

**8. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Town or Local Board; Re: PL15-013 – 15085 Yonge Street (formerly known as the McGraff-Hunter Property)**

THAT Closed Session Report No. PL15-013 be received; and

THAT the confidential recommendations of General Committee on February 3, 2015 regarding 15085 Yonge Street be approved.

9. **A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Town or Local Board; Re: PL15-014 – Agreement of Purchase and Sale for 55 Eric T. Smith Way (Lot 6, 65M-4324)**

THAT Closed Session Report No. PL15-014 be received; and

THAT the confidential recommendations of General Committee on February 3, 2015 regarding 55 Eric T. Smith Way (Lot 6, 65M-4324) be approved.

10. **A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Town or Local Board; Re: PL15-015 – Agreement of Purchase and Sale for 30 Eric T. Smith Way (West Part of Lot 1, Plan 65M-4324)**

THAT Closed Session Report No. PL15-015 be received; and

THAT the confidential recommendations of General Committee on February 3, 2015 regarding 30 Eric T. Smith Way (West Part of Lot 1, Plan 65M-4324) be approved.

**CARRIED (two-thirds vote)**

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

**(i) Notices of Motion**

**(a) Councillor Kim**

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

WHEREAS there are currently traffic volume and congestion concerns on Industrial Parkway South due to access and exit from the Aurora GO Station; and

WHEREAS traffic volume on Industrial Parkway South is expected to increase significantly as a consequence of approximately 3000 new homes being built on the 2C lands; and

WHEREAS it is anticipated that many of these new occupants will be utilizing the GO Train; and

WHEREAS it is anticipated that many of the occupants of the new homes being built on the south side of Bloomington Road (between Yonge Street and Bayview Avenue) will also be utilizing the GO Train; and

WHEREAS the cars travelling north on Industrial Parkway South making a left turn onto the Aurora GO Station entrance south of Wellington currently have to wait an inordinate amount of time to make the left turn thus blocking cars behind them who wish to proceed straight through to Wellington Street.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff investigate and report back to Council at the earliest meeting cycle in 2015 as to the feasibility and estimated cost of creating a left turn lane from Industrial Parkway South leading into the Aurora GO Station.

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

**(a) Councillor Pirri**

**Re: Renaming of Aurora's Portion of the Nokiidaa Trail in Honour of Tim Jones**

**Moved by Councillor Pirri**

**Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

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.

**On a recorded vote the motion CARRIED**

YEAS: 9

NAYS: 0

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

VOTING NAYS: None

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

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

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.

**CARRIED**

**(c) Councillor Thom**  
**Re: Town of Aurora's Official Town Flag**

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

WHEREAS the Town of Aurora has a unique, distinct, and treasured history and culture; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Aurora has a responsibility to ensure that we protect and enhance our Town's unique history and culture; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Aurora formally adopted an official Town flag in May of 1988 (Attachment #1); and

WHEREAS the official flag of the Town of Aurora is a reflection of Aurora's distinct history and culture, and is a symbol of the continuity of our community, which stretches back over 150 years; and

WHEREAS the Town of Aurora's official crest, which is proudly depicted in the centre of the flag, is an important symbol of Aurora, one which finds its origins in the first Council meeting of the Village of Aurora in January of 1863, and began its official use by the Town in the 1920's; and

WHEREAS the proper flight/display of the official flag of the Town of Aurora is consistent with the Town of Aurora's own Corporate Values, specifically value #5 "Valuing the cultural heritage and history of our community"; and

WHEREAS currently, the official flag of the Town of Aurora is not being flown or displayed on any Town flag poles, arenas, municipal buildings, in the Council Chamber or anywhere else where the Town may fly/display a Town flag.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council direct that the official flag of the Town of Aurora, adopted by Council in May of 1988, be flown and displayed on all appropriate municipal flag poles, at municipal arenas and municipal buildings, in the Council Chamber, and anywhere else where the Town may fly/display a Town flag.

**Amendment #1**  
**Moved by Councillor Thom**  
**Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

THAT the following clause be added to the main motion:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to report back on updates to the Town's brand standard guide on the appropriate use of the Town's official flag and corporate logo flag."

**CARRIED**

**Main motion as amended**  
**Moved by Councillor Thom**  
**Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

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***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to report back on updates to the Town's brand standard guide on the appropriate use of the Town's official flag and corporate logo flag.***

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**(d) Councillor Thompson**  
**Re: Publication of Recorded Votes**

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

WHEREAS the minutes of any Council meeting are part of the public record and are available to all; and

WHEREAS a recorded vote on a particular motion can be requested by any member of Council and is noted in the minutes of a Council meeting; and

WHEREAS residents should be able to easily identify how a member of Council voted on any particular issue; and

WHEREAS Openness and Transparency are important principles to all members of Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff report to Council on potential ways in which the voting records of individual Council members may be compiled and made available to residents in a readily accessible annual report.

**CARRIED**

**(e) Councillor Thompson**

**Re: Bill 52, the Protection of Public Participation Act**

On a motion of Councillor Humfries seconded by Councillor Pirri, Council consented to consider Motion for Which Notice Has Been Given (e) prior to Item 1(3) of Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion.

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

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has recently introduced “Bill 52, Protection of Public Participation Act, 2014”; and

WHEREAS Bill 52 seeks to amend the *Courts of Justice Act*, the *Libel and Slander Act* and the *Statutory Powers Procedure Act* in order to protect expression on matters of public interest; and

WHEREAS Bill 52 is commonly referred to as Anti-SLAPP legislation and is intended to enact many of the recommendations put forward by the Anti-SLAPP Advisory Panel of 2010; and

WHEREAS SLAPP litigation, an acronym for Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation, is a tactic which is often viewed as a means to silence, intimidate and deter people from participating in discussions on matters of public interest; and

WHEREAS the Province has stated that the ability to freely participate in public discussion about matters of public interest, without fear of retribution, is fundamental to a fair and democratic society.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Town of Aurora express its support for Bill 52 which should help protect and encourage freedom of expression on matters of the public interest and discourage the use of the courts in ways that unduly limit that freedom; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor be requested to write a letter and forward this resolution to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, Chris Ballard, MPP for Newmarket-Aurora, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Clerk be requested to circulate this resolution to all other municipalities in Ontario to request endorsement of this resolution be sent directly to the Government of Ontario.

**CARRIED**

- (f) **Councillor Thompson**  
**Re: Interchange at Highway 404 and St. John's Sideroad**

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

WHEREAS the Region of York 2009 Transportation Master Plan has scheduled the construction of an interchange at Highway 404 and St. John's Sideroad for 2031; and

WHEREAS the Region is currently conducting an update to the Transportation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS traffic congestion is a growing concern for all Aurora residents and has an impact, socially and economically, on both residents and the community; and

WHEREAS the Region and the Town's Official Plan forecast that Aurora's population will be 68,100 residents by 2021; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has mandated this local growth through the *Places to Grow Act*; and

WHEREAS the residential development and occupation by home owners of the 2C lands is progressing quickly and will add, upon completion, approximately 3,000 residential units and increase Aurora's population by nearly 9,000 residents; and

WHEREAS many of these residents will use the closest interchange to them at Wellington Street and Highway 404 increasing the degree of traffic congestion Aurora residents are already experiencing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff meet with the Region of York to express the need for the interchange at Highway 404 and St. John's Sideroad to be constructed prior to 2031 and indicate to them that the Town prefers to have the interchange built in the short term, before 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff report back periodically to Council on the progress of the Region's Transportation Master Plan, timelines for future Regional road enhancements, and any progress on the interchange at Highway 404 and St. John's Sideroad.

**CARRIED**

- (g) **Councillor Abel**  
**Re: Parking at Town Hall**

Councillor Abel withdrew the motion.

## **11. REGIONAL REPORT**

### **York Regional Council Highlights – January 22, 2015**

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

THAT the Regional Report of January 22, 2015 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

## **12. NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL INFORMATION**

Councillor Pirri inquired about the report to Council regarding Questions on the Ballot. The Town Clerk stated that the report will be brought to Council in March of 2015.

Councillor Kim suggested that Council should look for ways to implement provincial poverty strategies in Aurora.

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the men's change room at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex.

## **13. READING OF BY-LAWS**

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

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

**5685-15** BEING A BY-LAW to amend Zoning By-law Number 2213-78, as amended (Mattamy (Aurora) Limited, TACC Developments (Aurora) Inc., Brookfield Homes (Ontario) Limited, St. John's Road Development Corp. and Shimvest Investments Limited, Files ZBA-2011-02, ZBA-2011-03, ZBA-2011-04, ZBA-2012-01 and ZBA-2012-02).

**5688-15** BEING A BY-LAW to appoint employees of St. Andrew's College as Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers in the Town of Aurora.

**CARRIED**

#### **14. CLOSED SESSION**

On a motion of Councillor Mrakas seconded by Councillor Thompson, Council resolved into a Closed Session meeting at 10:18 p.m. to consider the following matters:

(Deferred from General Committee Closed Session meeting of February 3, 2015)

1. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Town or Local Board; Re: Report No. CAO15-003 – 15356 Yonge Street (Readman House), 15342 Yonge Street (Horton Place), 15314 Yonge Street, and 15306 Yonge Street
2. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee; Re: Memorandum from Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Town Solicitor; Re: Closed Session Report No. LLS15-005 – Appointments to the Aurora Public Library Board

(Added Item)

On a motion of Councillor Mrakas seconded by Councillor Abel, Council reconvened into open session to rise and report from Closed Session at 11:05 p.m.

1. **A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Town or Local Board; Re: Report No. CAO15-003 – 15356 Yonge Street (Readman House), 15342 Yonge Street (Horton Place), 15314 Yonge Street, and 15306 Yonge Street**

**Moved by Councillor Mrakas  
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

THAT Closed Session Report No. CAO15-003 be received; and

THAT the confidential recommendations of General Committee on February 3, 2015 regarding 15356 Yonge Street, 15342 Yonge Street, 15314 Yonge Street, and 15306 Yonge Street be approved.

**CARRIED**

**2. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee; Re: Memorandum from Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Town Solicitor; Re: Closed Session Report No. LLS15-005 – Appointments to the Aurora Public Library Board**

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

THAT Closed Session Report No. LLS15-005 be received; and

THAT the following citizen members be appointed to the Aurora Public Library Board:

Nancy Eveleigh Browne  
Tom Connor  
Elaine Copsey  
C. Jan Freedman  
Rino Roncadin  
Greg Smith; and

THAT Councillors Gaertner, Kim, and Pirri be appointed to the Aurora Public Library Board; and

THAT these appointments be made effective immediately.

**CARRIED**

**13. READING OF BY-LAWS**

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

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

**5687-15** BEING A BY-LAW to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from Council Meeting on February 10, 2015

**CARRIED**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

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

THAT the Council meeting be adjourned at 11:08 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**GEOFFREY DAWE, MAYOR**

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

THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2015 RECEIVED FINAL APPROVAL BY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 24, 2015.