



**TOWN OF AURORA**  
**ADDITIONAL ITEMS**  
**FOR GENERAL COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, October 20, 2015**  
**7 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers**

- **Withdrawn: Item 5 – IES15-059 – Aurora Family Leisure Complex (AFLC)  
Additional Modification Requests**
  
- **Item 10 – Memorandum from Director of Parks and  
Recreation Services; Re: Item 1 – Memorandum from  
Director of Parks and Recreation Services  
Re: Tree Protection By-law** pg.1

**RECOMMENDED:**

THAT the memorandum regarding Item 1 – Memorandum from Director of Parks and Recreation Services re: Tree Protection By-law be received for information.



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**Town of Aurora  
Parks and Recreation  
Services**

## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** October 20, 2015

**TO:** Mayor Dawe and Members of Council

**FROM:** Allan D. Downey, Director of Parks and Recreation Services

**RE:** Item 1 – Memorandum from Director of Parks and Recreation Services re: Tree Protection By-law

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### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

***THAT the memorandum regarding Item 1 – Memorandum from Director of Parks and Recreation Services re: Tree Protection By-law be received for information.***

### **BACKGROUND**

On May 26, 2015, Council passed the following motion:

“NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff place the matter of the Draft Tree Protection By-law on a future General Committee agenda for discussion and direction, with a copy of all previous staff reports dealing with this matter as well as a copy of the Town’s current Tree By-law and Tree Destruction Permit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to prepare and bring a comprehensive report to General Committee prior to the end of September 2015 containing a written summary of the review process and all written or verbal input received from the general public at the Public Planning meeting and other Council meetings outlined in this motion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that staff be directed to provide Council with options for meeting dates for Council to invite the public to comment and offer input on the Draft Tree Protection By-law.”

Attachment 1, Extract from the May 26, 2015 Council Meeting, provides documentation regarding the placement of this item before Council, and Attachment 2 addresses why this item was not placed on an agenda prior to the end of September 2015 as noted in the original Council motion.



**EXTRACT FROM  
COUNCIL MEETING OF  
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015**

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

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

**(c) Councillor Gaertner  
Re: Draft Tree Protection By-law**

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

WHEREAS on January 25, 2011, Council of the Town of Aurora directed the formation of a Town staff, multi-department, Tree Protection By-law Committee, to review the Town's current Tree By-law; and

WHEREAS the purpose of the committee was to review the existing Tree By-law and suggest changes and revisions for Council's consideration; and

WHEREAS the process to develop the Draft Tree Protection By-law was to include consultation with the public and all stakeholders; and

WHEREAS public and stakeholder consultation was accomplished through comprehensive staff discussions with stakeholders, an online survey, and a Public Planning meeting held on April 25, 2012; and

WHEREAS staff Report No. PR12-016 was presented at the Public Planning meeting; and

WHEREAS staff Report No. PR12-016 spoke to the advantage of the Draft Tree Protection By-law to enable residents to receive better service in the processing of permits, and better enforcement and tree protection for the municipality; and

WHEREAS the public and stakeholder consultation process allowed for input and advice on the actual By-Law changes; and

WHEREAS the Public Planning meeting was well-attended and included representation from all stakeholders; and

WHEREAS the Council direction from the meeting was that the recommendations from staff Report No. PR12-016 be received, and that comments presented at the Public Planning meeting be addressed in a comprehensive report outlining recommendations and options at a future General Committee meeting, and that all parties expressing interest at the Public Planning meeting and stakeholders be advised of the General Committee meeting date; and

WHEREAS that meeting was held on October 8, 2013, and Council directed staff to make further revisions and bring the Draft Tree Protection By-law back to Council for comments prior to releasing it again to the public for their input; and

WHEREAS the Draft Tree Protection By-Law was discussed by Council again on January 14, 2014, and January 21, 2014; and

WHEREAS Council referred the Draft Tree Protection By-law report back to staff without clarifying any next steps in the process; and

WHEREAS the Town's February 2015 Pending List makes notes that the matter is "Complete" along with the notation that Town staff reviewed the revised Tree Protection By-law in accordance with the Council direction of January 21, 2014, and determined that the current Tree By-law is satisfactory, and staff will continue to monitor the operation and enforcement of the current Tree By-law and may bring it forward for review to Council should the need arise; and

WHEREAS this public process started in 2011 and no Council decision has been made to date on the Draft Tree Protection By-law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff place the matter of the Draft Tree Protection By-law on a future General Committee agenda for discussion and direction, with a copy of all previous staff reports dealing with this matter as well as a copy of the Town's current Tree By-law and Tree Destruction Permit; and

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**On a recorded vote the motion  
CARRIED**

YEAS: 9

NAYS: 0

VOTING YEAS:

Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Humfries, Kim, Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe

VOTING NAYS:

None



**EXTRACT FROM  
COUNCIL MEETING OF  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015**

**12. NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL INFORMATION**

Councillor Gaertner requested that, due to the Jewish high holidays in September, the matters of the Tree Protection By-law and the Aurora Family Leisure Complex back door access be deferred to early October 2015.

**New Business Motion No. 1  
Moved by Councillor Mrakas  
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

THAT the following matters be submitted for Council's consideration in early October 2015:

- Tree Protection By-law
- Back door access to Aurora Family Leisure Complex

**CARRIED**