



TOWN OF AURORA GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, February 3, 2015

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS	Councillor Humfryes in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Kim, Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe
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 Parks and Recreation Services, Director of Planning and Development Services, Associate Solicitor, 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.

3. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

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

4. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 3, 5, and 7 were identified as items not requiring separate discussion.

General Committee recommends:

THAT the following recommendations respecting the matters listed as “Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion” be adopted as submitted to the General Committee and staff be authorized to take all necessary action required to give effect to same:

3. LLS15-010 – Pending List

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

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

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.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS

(a) Rocco Morsillo, Applicant

Re: Item 4 – PL15-007 – Heritage Permit Applications, NE-HCD-HPA-14-04 & NE-HCD-HPA-14-05, 74 Centre Street

Mr. Morsillo provided a brief overview of the heritage applications for 74 Centre Street and was present to address questions regarding Item 4.

General Committee received the comments of the delegation for information.

6. PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

None

7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

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

General Committee recommends:

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.

CARRIED

2. IES15-008 – Early Approval of Capital Reconstruction Project 72133

General Committee recommends:

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

4. PL15-007 – Heritage Permit Applications, NE-HCD-HPA-14-04 & NE-HCD-HPA-14-05, 74 Centre Street

General Committee consented to consider Item 4 prior to Item 1.

General Committee recommends:

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.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

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

General Committee recommends:

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.

CARRIED

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

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

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.

(b) Councillor Thompson
Re: Publication of Recorded Votes

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.

(c) Councillor Thompson
Re: Bill 52, the Protection of Public Participation Act

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 Aurora-Newmarket, 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.

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

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.

(e) Councillor Abel
Re: Parking at Town Hall

WHEREAS parking at Town Hall is in high demand, as it is shared with the Seniors' Centre, Town staff and residents attending Customer Service and meetings; and

WHEREAS, the lower south portion of the parking lot is maxed out during daytime operational hours (Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.); and

WHEREAS staff recommended, and Council approved last term, \$250,000 to extend parking at the upper north end of Town Hall to relieve the demand on the shared parking at the lower south parking lot, preferred by the seniors and residents attending meetings; and

WHEREAS three (3) parking spaces have been assigned to By-law vehicles in the lower south parking lot at Town Hall.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to relocate the parking spots for By-Law vehicles to another location to ease the parking congestion in the high-demand south parking lot of Town Hall.

9. NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL INFORMATION

Councillor Pirri noted that Southlake Regional Health Centre President and CEO Dr. Dave Williams was appointed to the Order of Ontario.

Mayor Dawe extended a reminder that the CHATS' Walk for Wellness would be taking place at Upper Canada Mall in Newmarket on February 8, 2015, registration commencing at 8 a.m.

Councillor Thompson inquired about the methods that the Town uses to provide residents with updates about the Aurora Family Leisure Complex renovation delays and recommended that staff display information about updates at various facilities throughout the Town.

Councillor Humfryes extended a reminder about the Big Brother Big Sister Bowl-A-Thon which is taking place on February 20, 2015

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. LLS15-003 – Appointments to the Accessibility Advisory Committee
2. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee; Re: Report No. LLS15-004 – Appointments to the Aurora Appeal Tribunal

3. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee; Re: Report No. LLS15-005 – Appointments to the Aurora Public Library Board
4. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee; Re: Report No. LLS15-006 – Appointments to the Committee of Adjustment and Property Standards Committee
5. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Town or Local Board; Re: Report No. PR15-002 – Disposition of Victoria Hall
6. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Town or Local Board; Re: Report No. PR15-003 – “Kwik Kopy” Pedestrian Trail – 15900 Yonge Street
7. 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
8. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Town or Local Board; Re: Report No. PL15-013 – 15085 Yonge Street (formerly known as the McGraff-Hunter Property)
9. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Town or Local Board; Re: Report No. PL15-014 – Agreement of Purchase and Sale for 55 Eric T. Smith Way (Lot 6, 65M-4324)
10. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Town or Local Board; Re: Report No. PL15-015 – Agreement of Purchase and Sale for 30 Eric T. Smith Way (West Part of Lot 1, Plan 65M-4324)

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

GEOFFREY DAWE, MAYOR

STEPHEN M. A. HUYCKE, TOWN CLERK

THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2015 RECEIVED FINAL APPROVAL AND COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON FEBRUARY 10, 2015 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEMS 2, 3, AND 4, WHICH WERE PULLED AND APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED.