



**TOWN OF AURORA
SPECIAL GENERAL COMMITTEE – 2015 BUDGET REVIEW
MEETING MINUTES**

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Monday, February 23, 2015
(continued March 2, 9, 23, 30, and May 4, 2015)

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS Mayor Dawe in the Chair; Councillors Gaertner, Humfryes (departed 2:06 p.m./returned 2:43 p.m.), Mrakas, Pirri (arrived 12:06 p.m.), Thom, and Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT Councillors Abel and Kim

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, Manager of Financial Planning, Council & Committee Coordinator/Deputy Clerk, and Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

General Committee consented to recess the meeting at 11:01 a.m. and reconvene the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

General Committee consented to recess the meeting at 12:18 p.m. and reconvene the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

General Committee consented to extending the hour at 10:30 p.m.

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

General Committee approved the agenda as circulated by Legal and Legislative Services with the following additions:

- Delegation (a) Mayor Dawe
Re: Update on York Region Budget Progress
- Replacement Pages 6-49 to 6-52 for Tab 6 of 2015 Operating Budget Binder
Re: 2015 Business Plans and Budget – Building & By-law Services
- Item 4 – Memorandum from Project Manager – Special Projects
Re: Business Improvement Area (BIA) Update

3. DELEGATIONS

- (a) **Mayor Dawe**
Re: Update on York Region Budget Progress
(Added Item)

Mayor Dawe provided an update on York Region's budget numbers including the four-year outlook through to 2018.

4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION – OPEN SESSION – OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE INPUT REGARDING THE 2015 BUDGET

General Committee consented, on a two-thirds vote, to waive the requirements of section 3.1(b) of the Procedural By-law to permit Mr. Klaus Wehrenberg to speak for more than five (5) minutes.

Mr. Wehrenberg suggested that the Hydro Funds should remain in place and that these funds presented an opportunity to continually invest in property in Town and attach public goods, such as trail easements/connections, to the property, which would then be sold. He proposed that trails are an asset, adding value to lands, and that the Town could profit in the process.

Mr. Wehrenberg displayed and recommended the book *Happy City: Transforming Our Lives Through Urban Design* by Charles Montgomery, which he said examines development and town planning in depth. He stated that the north end of Town is divided by a river and railroad system, and offered suggestions to bridge this east-west division, add a trails corridor, and promote non-motorized traffic.

General Committee received the comments of Klaus Wehrenberg for information.

The Director of Corporate and Financial Services/Treasurer presented a summary of email comments received from the public to date including suggestions regarding implementation of a responsible pet ownership program and concerns regarding tax increases in excess of inflation rates.

5. CLOSED SESSION

General Committee consented to resolve into a Closed Session Educational and Training Session, for the purpose of touring the Joint Operations Centre building site and the Aurora Family Leisure Complex, during the lunch recess.

6. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS

1. 2015 Operating Budget – Departmental Business Plans Presentations by Department

(a) Administrative Services Neil Garbe, Chief Administrative Officer

Mr. Garbe presented an overview of services delivered by the department, the achievements of 2014, and the advancements for 2015.

General Committee received and referred the presentation by the Chief Administrative Officer to the 2015 Operating Budget discussions.

(b) Legal & Legislative Services Warren Mar, Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Town Solicitor

Mr. Mar presented an overview of services delivered by the department, the achievements of 2014, and the advancements for 2015.

General Committee received and referred the presentation by the Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Town Solicitor to the 2015 Operating Budget discussions.

(c) Corporate & Financial Services Dan Elliott, Director of Corporate & Financial Services/Treasurer

Mr. Elliott presented an overview of services delivered by the department, the achievements of 2014, and the advancements for 2015.

General Committee received and referred the presentation by the Director of Corporate & Financial Services/ Treasurer to the 2015 Operating Budget discussions.

(d) Planning & Development Services
Marco Ramunno, Director of Planning & Development Services

Mr. Ramunno presented an overview of services delivered by the department, the achievements of 2014, and the advancements for 2015.

General Committee received and referred the presentation by the Director of Planning & Development Services to the 2015 Operating Budget discussions.

(e) Building & By-law Services
Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Building & By-law Services

Ms. van Leeuwen presented an overview of services delivered by the department, the achievements of 2014, and the advancements for 2015.

General Committee received and referred the presentation by the Director of Building & By-law Services to the 2015 Operating Budget discussions.

(f) Infrastructure & Environmental Services
Ilmar Simanovskis, Director of Infrastructure & Environmental Services

Mr. Simanovskis presented an overview of services delivered by the department, the achievements of 2014, and the advancements for 2015.

General Committee received and referred the presentation by the Director of Infrastructure & Environmental Services to the 2015 Operating Budget discussions.

(g) Parks & Recreation Services
Al Downey, Director of Parks & Recreation Services

Mr. Downey presented an overview of services delivered by the department, the achievements of 2014, and the advancements for 2015.

General Committee received and referred the presentation by the Director of Parks & Recreation Services to the 2015 Operating Budget discussions.

2. 2015 Operating Budget – Overview Presentation
Dan Elliott, Director of Corporate & Financial Services/Treasurer

Mr. Elliott presented an overview of the 2015 Draft Business Plan and Operating Budget including: planning and constraint efforts to date; efficiency gains; budget development process and objectives; tax rate pressures and forecast; impact to overall residential tax bill; areas of focused budget review; and an update on the Central York Fire Services budget.

General Committee received the presentation by the Director of Corporate & Financial Services/Treasurer for information.

3. 2015 Operating Budget – General Discussion

General Committee recommends:

THAT Tab 2 of the 2015 Operating Budget binder be received for information.

CARRIED

General Committee recommends:

THAT Tab 3 of the 2015 Operating Budget binder be received for information.

CARRIED

General Committee recommends:

THAT Tab 4 of the 2015 Operating Budget binder be received for information.

CARRIED

General Committee recommends:

THAT the Parks & Recreation Services new staff requests, as detailed in Tab 5 of the 2015 Operating Budget binder as Budget Decision Unit #1.5 – Youth Room/Climbing Wall Staff and #1.6 – Full-Time Youth Programmer, be referred to the Council meeting of February 24, 2015 for pre-approval.

CARRIED

**4. Memorandum from Project Manager – Special Projects
Re: Business Improvement Area (BIA) Update**

(Added Item)

Item 4 was considered prior to Item 3.

General Committee recommends:

THAT the memorandum regarding Business Improvement Area (BIA) Update be received for information.

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

General Committee consented to recess the Special General Committee – 2015 Budget Review meeting at 4:06 p.m. until Monday, March 2, 2015, at 7 p.m.

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Monday, March 2, 2015

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS	Mayor Dawe in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Gaertner (arrived 7:04 p.m.), Humfryes (departed 8:25 p.m.), Kim, Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, and Thompson
MEMBERS ABSENT	None
OTHER ATTENDEES	Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Parks and Recreation Services, Manager of Financial Planning, Town Clerk, and Council/Committee Secretary

General Committee consented to reconvene the Special General Committee – 2015 Budget Review meeting at 7:03 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

General Committee approved the agenda as circulated by Legal and Legislative Services with the following additions:

- Item 5 – 2015 Operating Budget – Aurora Public Library Board (Budget Binder Tab 7) Presentation by Jill Foster, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary-Treasurer, Aurora Public Library Board; and Discussion
- Item 6 – 2015 Operating Budget – Aurora Historical Society 2015 Operating Grant; Report and Presentation by John McIntyre, President, Board of Directors, Aurora Historical Society; and Discussion
- Item 7 – 2015 Operating Budget – Aurora Cultural Centre 2015 Operating Grant; Report and Presentation by Bonnie Kraft, President, and Frank Pulumbarit, Director and Past President, Board of Directors, Aurora Cultural Centre; and Discussion

4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION – OPEN SESSION – OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE INPUT REGARDING THE 2015 BUDGET

No members of the public came forward.

6. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS

5. 2015 Operating Budget – Aurora Public Library Board (Budget Binder Tab 7) Presentation by Jill Foster, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary-Treasurer, Aurora Public Library Board; and Discussion

(Added Item)

Ms. Foster presented an overview of the Aurora Public Library's 2015 Operating Budget including the Library's: mission and services; key achievements; business plan; budget development process and framework; budget highlights and pressures; and value as a community asset.

General Committee recommends:

THAT the presentation from the Aurora Public Library Board be received; and

THAT the 2015 Operating Budget – Aurora Public Library Board be approved as presented.

CARRIED

6. 2015 Operating Budget – Aurora Historical Society 2015 Operating Grant; Report and Presentation by John McIntyre, President, Board of Directors, Aurora Historical Society; and Discussion

(Added Item)

Mr. McIntyre presented an overview of the Aurora Historical Society's mission statement, request for support, background, Hillary House National Historic Site, highlights from 2014, planned activities in 2015, performance measures and metrics.

General Committee recommends:

THAT the report and presentation from the Aurora Historical Society be received; and

THAT the 2015 Operating Grant to the Aurora Historical Society be set at \$60,000 plus \$10,000 for educational services and referred to final approval of the entire 2015 Operating Budget by Council.

CARRIED

7. 2015 Operating Budget – Aurora Cultural Centre 2015 Operating Grant; Report and Presentation by Bonnie Kraft, President, and Frank Pulumbarit, Director and Past President, Board of Directors, Aurora Cultural Centre; and Discussion
(Added Item)

Ms. Kraft noted that Laura Schembri, Executive Director, and Heidi Franken, Treasurer, were also present to assist in answering questions. She thanked Council for the opportunity to share the highlights of 2014 and present the plans and budget for 2015. Ms. Kraft noted that the Centre, in its fifth year, continues to provide cultural services and programs in response to the community, continues to develop and maintain relationships and partnerships with community groups, organizations and individuals, and enjoys a strong working relationship with the Town. She thanked Town staff, Mayor Dawe, and Councillor Abel, and welcomed Councillors Humfryes and Thom. Ms. Kraft noted the Centre's continued accreditation with Imagine Canada and its recognition by the Voluntary Sector Reporting Awards for the second year.

Mr. Pulumbarit presented an overview of the Aurora Cultural Centre including: vision and mission; programming and services offered; 2014 achievements and key performance indicators; 2015 new initiatives and budget; trend highlights; and the Centre's contribution to the quality of life in Aurora.

General Committee recommends:

THAT THAT the report and presentation from the Aurora Cultural Centre be received;
and

THAT the 2015 Operating Grant to the Aurora Cultural Centre be set at \$387,000 and referred to final approval of the entire 2015 Operating Budget by Council.

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

General Committee consented to recess the Special General Committee – 2015 Budget Review meeting at 9:54 p.m. until Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Monday, March 9, 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, Manager of Financial Planning, Council & Committee Coordinator/Deputy Clerk, and Council/Committee Secretary

General Committee consented to reconvene the Special General Committee – 2015 Budget Review meeting at 7 p.m.

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Humfryes declared a pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*, respecting Item 8 – CFS15-012 – Central York Fire Services Budget Update and Funding Strategy, as a family member is employed by Central York Fire Services, and did not participate in the discussion or voting thereof.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

General Committee approved the agenda as circulated by Legal and Legislative Services with the following additions:

- Item 8 – Report No. CFS15-012
Re: Central York Fire Services Budget Update and Funding Strategy
- Item 9 – Memorandum from Chief Administrative Officer
Re: 2014 Business Plan Report Card
- Item 10 – Memorandum from Chief Administrative Officer
Re: Potential Budget Reductions

- Item 11 – Memorandum from Financial Analyst
Re: 2015 Operating Budget Binder Documents
- Item 12 – 2015 Operating Budget – Water & Sewer Budget
Presentation by Ilmar Simanovskis, Director of Infrastructure &
Environmental Services

4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION – OPEN SESSION – OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE INPUT REGARDING THE 2015 BUDGET

No members of the public came forward.

6. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS

3. 2015 Operating Budget – General Discussion (continued from February 23, 2015)

Item 3 was considered following Item 11.

General Committee recommends:

THAT the Waste Management Advertising budget be reduced from \$22,000 to \$12,000.

CARRIED

8. CFS15-012 – Central York Fire Services Budget Update and Funding Strategy
(Added Item)

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. CFS15-012 be received; and

THAT the six-year strategy for funding Aurora's share of the Central York Fire Services budget be approved as outlined in Report No. CFS15-012.

CARRIED

9. Memorandum from Chief Administrative Officer
Re: 2014 Business Plan Report Card

(Added Item)

General Committee recommends:

THAT the memorandum regarding 2014 Business Plan Report Card be received for information.

CARRIED

10. Memorandum from Chief Administrative Officer

Re: Potential Budget Reductions

(Added Item)

General Committee recommends:

THAT the memorandum regarding Potential Budget Reductions be received; *and*

THAT the potential budget reductions outlined in Attachment No. 1, with the exception of “Adjustment to dependence on Hydro Interest” and “Waste Management Advertising”, be approved.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

11. Memorandum from Financial Analyst

Re: 2015 Operating Budget Binder Documents

(Added Item)

General Committee recommends:

THAT the memorandum regarding 2015 Operating Budget Binder Documents be received for information.

CARRIED

12. 2015 Operating Budget – Water & Sewer Budget (Budget Binder Tab 8)

Presentation by Ilmar Simanovskis, Director of Infrastructure & Environmental Services

(Added Item)

Item 12 was considered following Item 3.

Mr. Simanovskis presented an overview of the Water, Wastewater and Stormwater systems and 2015 Budget including: cost recovery; objectives; budget to actual variances; Region charges; program costs; and impact of rates on residential users.

General Committee recommends:

THAT the presentation by the Director of Infrastructure & Environmental Services be received for information.

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

General Committee consented to recess the Special General Committee – 2015 Budget Review meeting at 9:50 p.m. until Monday, March 23, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Monday, March 23, 2015

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS	Deputy Mayor Abel in the Chair; Councillors Gaertner, Humfryes (arrived 8:25 p.m.), Kim, Mrakas, Thom, and Thompson
MEMBERS ABSENT	Mayor Dawe and Councillor Pirri
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, Manager of Financial Planning, Town Clerk, and Council/Committee Secretary

General Committee consented to reconvene the Special General Committee – 2015 Budget Review meeting at 7:02 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

General Committee approved the agenda as amended and circulated by Legal and Legislative Services with the following additions:

- Item 13 – Memorandum from Director of Infrastructure & Environmental Services
Re: Additional Information on Budget Decision Unit #2.4 – Sidewalk Snow Removal Services
- Item 14 – CFS15-011 – Update on Supplementary Tax Revenue Budget Strategy
- Item 15 – Additional Information to 2015 Draft Operating Budget – Update from the Director of Corporate & Financial Services/Treasurer

4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION – OPEN SESSION – OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE INPUT REGARDING THE 2015 BUDGET

No members of the public came forward.

6. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS

**13. Memorandum from Director of Infrastructure & Environmental Services
Re: Additional Information on Budget Decision Unit #2.4 – Sidewalk Snow
Removal Services**

(Added Item)

General Committee recommends:

THAT the memorandum regarding Additional Information on Budget Decision Unit #2.4 – Sidewalk Snow Removal Services be received for information.

CARRIED

14. CFS15-011 – Update on Supplementary Tax Revenue Budget Strategy

(Added Item)

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. CFS15-011 be received for information.

CARRIED

**15. Additional Information to 2015 Draft Operating Budget – Update from the
Director of Corporate & Financial Services/Treasurer**

(Added Item)

General Committee recommends:

THAT the Additional Information to 2015 Draft Operating Budget – Update from the Director of Corporate & Financial Services/Treasurer be received; **and**

THAT the following adjustments to the 2015 Draft Operating Budget be approved; and

1. Creation of Community Rebound Fitness Class	\$18,000.00
2. Receipt of Federal Grant in Support of Community Rebound Fitness Class	(\$18,000.00)

THAT the request for a contribution of \$40,000 toward bleachers at St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School be denied; and

THAT consideration of a contribution to the Canadian Sesquicentennial Aurora Events 2017 be deferred; and

THAT the 2015 Draft Operating Budget be adjusted by increasing Total Departmental Revenue by \$100,000; and

THAT the 2015 Draft Operating Budget be adjusted by reducing the “Training & Development” budget by \$100,000; and

THAT the 2015 Draft Operating Budget be adjusted by reducing the “Advertising” and “All Other – Printing–Advertising Related” budgets by a total of \$30,000.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

7. ADJOURNMENT

General Committee consented to recess the Special General Committee – 2015 Budget Review meeting at 9:42 p.m. until Monday, March 30, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Monday, March 30, 2015

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS	Mayor Dawe in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Kim, Pirri, Thom, and Thompson
MEMBERS ABSENT	Councillors Humfryes and Mrakas
OTHER ATTENDEES	Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Building and By-law Services, Director of Corporate and Financial Services/Treasurer, Director of Legal and Legislative Services/Town Solicitor, Director of Parks and Recreation Services, Director of Planning and Development Services, Financial Analyst – Cashflow, Town Clerk, and Council/Committee Secretary

General Committee consented to reconvene the Special General Committee – 2015 Budget Review meeting at 7:01 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

General Committee approved the agenda as amended and circulated by Legal and Legislative Services with the following additions:

- Item 16 – Memorandum from Chief Administrative Officer
Re: Proposed Budget Adjustment Impacts – Training & Development, Printing & Advertising, Telecommunications
- Item 17 – Verbal Update from Director of Corporate & Financial Services/Treasurer
Re: 2015 Operating Budget – Schedule 1 – Budget Review Committee Changes

4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION – OPEN SESSION – OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE INPUT REGARDING THE 2015 BUDGET

No members of the public came forward.

6. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS

16. Memorandum from Chief Administrative Officer

Re: Proposed Budget Adjustment Impacts – Training & Development, Printing & Advertising, Telecommunications

(Added Item)

General Committee recommends:

THAT the memorandum regarding Proposed Budget Adjustment Impacts – Training & Development, Printing & Advertising, Telecommunications be received; and

THAT the General Committee recommendations of March 23, 2015, being: (a) THAT the 2015 Draft Operating Budget be adjusted by increasing Total Departmental Revenue by \$100,000; (b) THAT the 2015 Draft Operating Budget be adjusted by reducing the “Training & Development” budget by \$100,000; and (c) THAT the 2015 Draft Operating Budget be adjusted by reducing the “Advertising” and “All Other – Printing–Advertising Related” budgets by a total of \$30,000, be combined and amended to read as follows:

THAT the 2015 Draft Operating Budget be adjusted by increasing Total Departmental Revenues **by \$100,000** and decreasing Total Departmental Expenses **by \$300,000**; and

THAT staff report back to Council throughout the 2015 fiscal year regarding the opportunities to meet this target.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

17. Verbal Update from Director of Corporate & Financial Services/Treasurer Re: 2015 Operating Budget – Schedule 1 – Budget Review Committee Changes

(Added Item)

Item 17 was heard prior to consideration of Item 16.

General Committee recommends:

THAT the verbal update from the Director of Corporate & Financial Services/Treasurer regarding the 2015 Operating Budget – Schedule 1 – Budget Review Committee Changes be received for information.

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

General Committee consented to recess the Special General Committee – 2015 Budget Review meeting at 8:29 p.m. until such date and time as determined at the call of the Chair.

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Monday, May 4, 2015

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS	Mayor Dawe in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Gaertner (arrived 7:02 p.m.), 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, Manager of Financial Planning, Town Clerk, and Council/Committee Secretary

General Committee consented to reconvene the Special General Committee – 2015 Budget Review meeting at 7:00 p.m.

General Committee consented to recess the meeting at 7:03 p.m. and reconvene the meeting at 7:44 p.m. following Closed Session. Councillor Kim returned to the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Councillors Abel and Humfryes returned to the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Councillor Pirri returned to the meeting at 7:47 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 amended and circulated by Legal and Legislative Services, with the following additions:

- Item 18 – Memorandum from Director of Corporate & Financial Services/Treasurer
Re: 2014 Training and Development Expenditure Details
- Item 19 – Memorandum from Chief Administrative Officer
Re: 2015 Proposed Budget Reductions
- Item 20 – Consideration of Motion to Move 2015 Budget to Council for Adoption

- Closed Session Item 1 – Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee; Re: Elimination of One Full-time Position
- Closed Session Item 2 – Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee; Re: Staff Performance

4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION – OPEN SESSION – OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE INPUT REGARDING THE 2015 BUDGET

No members of the public came forward.

5. CLOSED SESSION

General Committee consented to resolve into a Closed Session to consider the following items:

1. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee; Re: Elimination of One Full-time Position
2. Closed Session Item 2 – Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee; Re: Staff Performance

Following Closed Session, the Clerk reported out that Closed Session Item 1 was received for information only, and that General Committee decided against considering Closed Session Item 2 at this time.

6. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS

**18. Memorandum from Director of Corporate & Financial Services/Treasurer
Re: 2014 Training and Development Expenditure Details**

(Added Item)

General Committee recommends:

THAT the memorandum regarding 2014 Training and Development Expenditure Details be received for information.

CARRIED

**19. Memorandum from Chief Administrative Officer
Re: 2015 Proposed Budget Reductions**

(Added Item)

General Committee recommends:

THAT the memorandum regarding 2015 Proposed Budget Reductions be received;
and

THAT the Economic Development Advisory Committee budget be reduced by \$8,000; and

THAT the Community Grants budget be reduced by \$15,000; and

THAT the Training and Development budget be reduced by \$100,000; and

THAT the Legal Advocacy budget be reduced by \$30,000; and

THAT all vacancies be held vacant for four months, unless approved by Council, resulting in an estimated budget reduction of \$50,000; and

THAT the Parks and Recreation Programs budget be reduced by \$10,000; and

THAT the elimination of one full-time position, as detailed in Closed Session Item 1, for a budget reduction of \$108,000, be approved; and

THAT the Council Training budget be reduced by \$6,750.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

General Committee recommends:

THAT the request from the Aurora King Baseball Association for financing assistance from the Town of Aurora to purchase a pitching machine be declined;
and

THAT the following adjustments to the 2015 Draft Operating Budget be approved:

1. Creation of Elderly Persons Centre Operating Grant	\$15,000
2. Receipt of Federal Grant in Support of Elderly Persons Centre Operating Grant	(\$15,000)

CARRIED

20. Consideration of Motion to Move 2015 Budget to Council for Adoption
(Added Item)

General Committee recommends:

THAT the draft 2015 Operating Budget, with approved changes, be referred back to staff for preparation of a final Budget report and presentation to Council.

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

GEOFFREY DAWE, MAYOR

STEPHEN M. A. HUYCKE, TOWN CLERK

PATTY THOMA, DEPUTY CLERK

THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL COMMITTEE – 2015 BUDGET REVIEW MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23 (CONTINUED MARCH 2, MARCH 9, MARCH 23, MARCH 30, AND MAY 4), 2015, ARE SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY COUNCIL ON MAY 26, 2015.