



TOWN OF AURORA GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, March 3, 2015

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS	Councillor Thompson in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Gaertner (arrived 7:07 p.m.), Kim (arrived 7:08 p.m.), Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, and Mayor Dawe
MEMBERS ABSENT	Councillor Humfryes
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

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, with the following additions:

- Delegation (a) Emily Stewart, representing residents on Cousins Drive
Re: Item 3 – Report No. IES15-012 – Speeding Concerns on Cousins Drive and Multi-Way Stop Control Request at the Wells Street and Cousins Drive Intersection

- Replacement pages for Item 6 (agenda pages 41 to 49)
Re: Report No. LLS15-011 – Questions on the Ballot – 2014 Municipal Election Results

3. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9 were identified for discussion.

4. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 7 and 8 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:

7. LLS15-012 – Civil Marriage Solemnization Services

THAT Report No. LLS15-012 be received; and

THAT the Town’s services be enhanced to include civil marriage solemnization services; and

THAT a by-law to authorize the Town Clerk to provide civil marriage solemnization services be enacted; and

THAT the fees for civil marriage solemnization services as set out in Report No. LLS15-012 be approved; and

THAT a by-law be enacted to amend Schedule “C” of By-law Number 5680-15 (being the Town’s Fees and Charges By-law) to include fees for civil marriage solemnization services.

8. Memorandum from Mayor Dawe Re: Finance Advisory Committee Member Appointments

THAT the memorandum regarding Finance Advisory Committee Member Appointments be received; and

THAT the following Members of Council be appointed to the Finance Advisory Committee:

Mayor Geoffrey Dawe
Councillor Harold Kim
Councillor Michael Thompson

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS

General Committee approved, on a two-thirds vote, that the requirements of section 3.8(c) of the Procedural By-law be waived to permit the delegation of Emily Stewart and Sunny Matheson-Davies, representing residents on Cousins Drive, to speak for more than five (5) minutes.

(a) Emily Stewart and Sunny Matheson-Davies, representing residents on Cousins Drive

Re: Item 3 – Report No. IES15-012 – Speeding Concerns on Cousins Drive and Multi-Way Stop Control Request at the Wells Street and Cousins Drive Intersection

(Added Item)

Ms. Stewart and Ms. Matheson-Davies expressed their concerns about the safety of residents on Cousins Drive and requested the installation of a three-way stop sign control at the intersection of Wells Street and Cousins Drive.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to Item 3.

6. PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

None

7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

1. BBS15-004 – Request for Sign Variance to Sign By-law No. 4898-07.P for the McDonald's Restaurant at 2 Allaura Blvd.

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. BBS15-004 be received; and

THAT a variance to Sign By-law No. 4898-07.P be approved to permit two (2) menu board signs for the McDonald's drive thru facility located at 2 Allaura Blvd.; and

THAT a second variance to Sign By-law No. 4898-07.P be approved to permit each menu board sign to have a sign area of 5.2m².

CARRIED

2. IES15-011 – Northern Six Waste Collection Contract, Tender Preparation Update

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. IES15-011 be received; and

THAT the principle of renewing a waste contract as a partnership with the Northern Six Municipalities be endorsed; and

THAT staff be directed to update the Memorandum of Understanding between the Northern Six Municipalities to provide governance and direction during the next Waste Collection Contract period; and

THAT staff report back with opportunities to harmonize all Waste Collection By-laws in the Northern Six Municipalities with the aim to improve efficiencies in the Contract Administration and customer service; and

THAT staff report back to Council for direction with respect to opportunities for improvements in the service level(s) provided, range of services provided, opportunities for further waste diversion and cost efficiencies.

CARRIED

3. IES15-012 – Speeding Concerns on Cousins Drive and Multi-Way Stop Control Request at the Wells Street and Cousins Drive Intersection

General Committee consented to consider Item 3 prior to Item 1.

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. IES15-012 be received; and

THAT three-way stop sign control at the intersection of Wells Street and Cousins Drive be approved; and

THAT a by-law to implement three-way stop sign control at the intersection of the Wells Street and Cousins Drive be introduced; and

THAT “Pedestrians Must Yield to Traffic” caution signs be removed upon implementation of three-way stop sign control at the intersection of Wells Street and Cousins Drive; and

THAT notice of Council’s decision be sent to area residents.

CARRIED

4. IES15-013 – Durham York Energy Centre Status Report

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. IES15-013 be received for information.

CARRIED

5. IES15-014 – Clear Bag Program for Waste Collection, Follow-up Report

General Committee consented to consider Item 5 following Item 3.

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. IES15-014 be received *for information*.

CARRIED

6. LLS15-011 – Questions on the Ballot – 2014 Municipal Election Results

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. LLS15-011 be received *for information*.

CARRIED

**9. Memorandum from Mayor Dawe
Re: Proposed Revision to the Council Meeting Calendar**

General Committee recommends:

THAT the memorandum regarding Proposed Revision to the Council Meeting Calendar be received; and

THAT the Council meeting currently scheduled on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 be rescheduled to Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to accommodate the 2015 York Regional Police Appreciation Night.

CARRIED

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Councillor Kim
Re: Multicultural Festival

WHEREAS the Town of Aurora was recently ranked the best place to live in York Region and one of the top 25 places to live in Canada; and

WHEREAS Aurora is striving to be one of the healthiest communities in Canada; and

WHEREAS Aurora is quickly becoming a multicultural town; and

WHEREAS new homes in the 2C lands in the north-east section of Town are quickly selling out and bringing in up to 12,000 people from diverse backgrounds; and

WHEREAS it is critical that we welcome and engage new residents and share with them the rich culture and history of Aurora, along with its spirit of volunteerism in which Aurora was built; and

WHEREAS Aurora has validated its enjoyment and appreciation of history, culture, and food by the successful events sponsored by the Aurora Cultural Centre, Aurora Historical Society, and the Town of Aurora events such as: Ribfest, Aurora Chamber Street Festival, Magna Wild Wild West Hoedown, and Jazz Festival, which have been roaring successes; and

WHEREAS supporting food, culture, and diversity in itself supports Aurora's Strategic Plan objectives of "Supporting an exceptional quality of life for all," which in turn attracts people and businesses; and

WHEREAS the Town of Richmond Hill has held the highly successful multicultural festival "Tastes of the Hill" for the past eight (8) years and counting; celebrating the rich cultural diversity of its community via the many international foods, arts and crafts, sports and entertainment showcased at the event; and generating funds for local charities; and

WHEREAS understanding our neighbours' food and culture is an excellent way to get to know one another and bring the community closer together.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to investigate and report back to Council on the potential for Aurora to hold a multicultural festival similar to those of other York Region Municipalities with a timeline of an inaugural event to be held sometime in 2016.

9. NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL INFORMATION

Councillor Abel extended congratulations to Symposium Café Restaurant & Lounge on a successful grand opening.

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. LLS15-022 – Appointments to the Aurora Appeal Tribunal
2. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Town or Local Board; Re: Report No. PR15-007 – Purchase of Lands at 100 Vandorf Sideroad, Formerly Hallmark Cards

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

GEOFFREY DAWE, MAYOR

STEPHEN M. A. HUYCKE, TOWN CLERK

THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 3, 2015 RECEIVED FINAL APPROVAL AND COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON MARCH 10, 2015 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEMS 5, 6, AND 7, WHICH WERE PULLED AND APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED.