



TOWN OF AURORA GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, June 2, 2015

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS	Councillor Kim in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Humfries (arrived 7:14 p.m.), Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe
MEMBERS ABSENT	Councillor Gaertner
OTHER ATTENDEES	Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Building and By-law Services, 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/Deputy Treasurer, 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) Tatyana Moro, representing Rogers Communications Inc.
Re: Item 3 – Report No. PL15-038
Proposed Rogers Radiocommunication & Broadcasting Antenna,
Rogers Communications Inc., 1030 Bloomington Road, File
Number: SP(T)-2014-01

- Delegation (b) Dr. Azam Khan, Resident
Re: Item 3 – Report No. PL15-038
Proposed Rogers Radiocommunication & Broadcasting Antenna,
Rogers Communications Inc., 1030 Bloomington Road, File
Number: SP(T)-2014-01
- Closed Session Item 1 – Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee (section 239(2)(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*) and Labour relations or employee negotiations (section 239(2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*); Re: Chief Administrative Officer Recruitment

3. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 were identified for discussion.

4. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 2, 6, and 9 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:

2. Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2015

THAT the Finance Advisory Committee meeting minutes of April 28, 2015, be received; and

THAT the following recommendation regarding Item 1 – Memorandum from Town Clerk; Re: Finance Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference, be approved:

THAT the Finance Advisory Committee Terms of Reference be amended to reflect the changes recommended by staff.

6. PR15-015 – Culture and Recreation Grant Bi-Annual Allocation for March 2015

THAT Report No. PR15-015 be received for information.

9. Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2015

THAT the Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting minutes of May 14, 2015, be received for information.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS

(a) Tatyana Moro, representing Rogers Communications Inc.

Re: Item 3 – Report No. PL15-038, Proposed Rogers Radiocommunication & Broadcasting Antenna, Rogers Communications Inc., 1030 Bloomington Road, File Number: SP(T)-2014-01

(Added Item)

Ms. Moro presented an overview of the Rogers and Bell joint wireless communications site located at 1030 Bloomington Road, including the site selection criteria, coverage objectives, existing co-location opportunities, and consultation obligations.

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

(b) Dr. Azam Khan, Resident

Re: Item 3 – Report No. PL15-038, Proposed Rogers Radiocommunication & Broadcasting Antenna, Rogers Communications Inc., 1030 Bloomington Road, File Number: SP(T)-2014-01

(Added Item)

Dr. Khan spoke in opposition of the proposed site for the Rogers radiocommunication and broadcasting antenna, and expressed concerns regarding the minimum setback from residential dwellings, microwave radiation from cell towers, and compliance with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) protocols.

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. IES15-038 – Strategy for Traffic Signs Installation

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. IES15-038 be received; and

THAT traffic signs and posts in the Town be audited; and

THAT road signs be combined onto a single post wherever possible; and

THAT unnecessary or redundant signs and posts be removed.

CARRIED

3. PL15-038 – Proposed Rogers Radiocommunication & Broadcasting Antenna, Rogers Communications Inc., 1030 Bloomington Road, File Number: SP(T)-2014-01

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

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. PL15-038 be received; and

THAT Council advise Industry Canada and the applicant that the Town's Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems Protocol has been complied with in respect to the proposed 35 metre high monopole design telecommunication tower; and

THAT Council's position of **Concurrence** regarding the proposed 35 metre high monopole design telecommunication tower at 1030 Bloomington Road be forwarded to Industry Canada; and

THAT Industry Canada be advised of Council's resolution on the subject application.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

**4. Memorandum from Director of Planning & Development Services
Re: Corporate Environmental Action Plan Progress Report 2014**

General Committee recommends:

THAT the memorandum regarding Corporate Environmental Action Plan Progress Report 2014 be received; **and**

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee be directed to review the Corporate Environmental Action Plan and make recommendations to Council on new initiatives, changes, or updates to the Plan.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

5. PR15-014 – 2015 Concerts in the Park Series

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. PR15-014 be received; and

THAT a stand-alone event to be presented by the Aurora Winter Blues Festival, be approved; **and**

THAT staff be directed to promote all music events occurring within the Town of Aurora over the 2015 summer months.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

7. PR15-016 – Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan Update

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. PR15-016 be received; and

THAT staff conduct an assessment of the Ash trees that have received their first treatment of TreeAzin for the purposes of measuring the effectiveness of the Emerald Ash Borer treatment program and report back to Council on this matter; and

THAT the use of “IMA-JET” as an additional alternative Emerald Ash Borer control measure be approved, subject to meeting all applicable requirements and approvals as set out in the Pesticides Act and provincial legislation.

CARRIED

**8. Memorandum from Chief Administrative Officer
Re: Town of Aurora Strategic Plan (2015) Update**

General Committee recommends:

THAT the memorandum regarding Town of Aurora Strategic Plan (2015) Update be referred back to staff for a report on a work plan to update the Strategic Plan using internal resources.

CARRIED

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

**(a) Councillor Gaertner
Re: Protection of Trees on Golf Courses**

WHEREAS on May 26, 2015, Council directed staff to place the Draft Tree Protection By-law, considered by Council during the 2010 to 2014 Term, on a future agenda for discussion and decision; and

WHEREAS the current Tree Permit By-law Number 4474-03.D exempts golf courses, as defined in the by-law, from obtaining a permit to injure or destroy trees; and

WHEREAS this exemption could result in golf courses removing a significant number of trees in any given year; and

WHEREAS time is of the essence for the protection of trees on golf courses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT those portions of the Draft Tree Protection By-law pertaining exclusively to trees located on golf courses, and information in respect to the same from associated staff reports, be placed on the General Committee meeting agenda of June 16, 2015, for consideration.

9. NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL INFORMATION

Councillor Mrakas inquired about the pilot project for left turn restrictions at the intersection of Yonge Street and Wellington Street, which was requested of York Region. Staff indicated that they are in consultation with York Region.

Councillor Thompson inquired about the status of the solar project for the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex. Staff stated that negotiations are taking place with the vendor.

Councillor Abel inquired about establishing a temporary right turn lane at the intersection of Mary Street and Wellington Street East. Staff indicated that there are future plans to reconstruct Mary Street and that further information would be provided.

Mayor Dawe advised that the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing has not officially extended the deadline for comments with respect to the 2015 Provincial Review of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan.

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 (section 239(2)(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*) and Labour relations or employee negotiations (section 239(2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*); Re: Chief Administrative Officer Recruitment
(Added Item)

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

HAROLD KIM, COUNCILLOR

STEPHEN M. A. HUYCKE, TOWN CLERK

THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2015, RECEIVED FINAL APPROVAL AND COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON JUNE 9, 2015, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEMS 2, 4, AND 8 WHICH WERE DEFERRED TO THE COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2015, ITEMS 3 AND 5 WHICH WAS ADOPTED AS AMENDED, AND ITEMS 1, 6, 7, AND 9 WHICH WERE ADOPTED AS RECOMMENDED.