



TOWN OF AURORA GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, September 8, 2015

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS	Councillor Mrakas in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Humfryes (arrived 7:03 p.m.), Kim, Pirri, Thom, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe
MEMBERS ABSENT	None
OTHER ATTENDEES	Interim 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 p.m.

Councillor Mrakas relinquished the chair to Mayor Dawe at 9:04 p.m., during consideration of Item 17, and resumed the chair at 9:18 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:

- Additional Information to Item 17 – Memorandum from Mayor Dawe; Re: Correspondence from Mayor Fred Eisenberger, City of Hamilton – Request for a Financial Contribution: Opinion provided by the Honourable Ian Binnie referred to in correspondence

- Closed Session Item 3 – The receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (section 239(2)(f) of the Municipal Act, 2001); Re: Verbal Update to Highland Gate Development Application

3. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 15, 17, and 18 were identified for discussion.

4. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 5, 7, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, and 19 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:

5. CFS15-034 – Updated Investment Policy and ONE Fund Approval

THAT Report No. CFS15-034 be received; and

THAT the revised Investment Policy – Policy No. 61 as recommended in this report and attached as Attachment #1 be approved; and

THAT the enactment of a by-law to enable participation in the ONE Investment Fund Program be approved; and

THAT the Treasurer be authorized to execute any necessary One Investment Fund Program documentation, as required for enrollment, and for transactions.

7. CFS15-037 – Council Budget Process, Policies and Directives

THAT Report No. CFS15-037 be received; and

THAT Report No. CFS15-037 and the following recommendation be referred to the General Committee meeting of September 22, 2015, for consideration:

THAT General Committee comments and discussion be referred to staff for preparation of an updated Council Budget Process, Policies and Directives report for adoption and recommendation at a future General Committee meeting.

10. IES15-050 – Purchase of Portable Four Post Hoist

THAT Report No. IES15-050 be received; and

THAT notwithstanding the Procurement By-law, the purchase of a portable four post electric/hydraulic vehicle hoist as supplied by B&B Dixon be approved in the amount of \$51,345.00 excluding taxes; and

THAT funding be provided from the Fleet Repair and Replacement Reserve.

11. IES15-051 – 2014 Annual Solid Waste Program Performance Report

THAT Report No. IES15-051 be received for information.

13. LLS15-052 – Municipal Legislation Review

THAT Report No. LLS15-052 be received; and

THAT Council members provide any feedback or comments on the draft submission letter directly to the Town Solicitor by no later than September 25, 2015; and

THAT the Town Solicitor prepare a final version of the submission letter, taking into account any feedback or comments from Council members, and present the final version of the submission letter at the October 6, 2015 General Committee meeting for Council's endorsement.

14. PR15-027 – Aurora Tigers Jr. A Hockey Club Rink Board Agreement

THAT Report No. PR15-027 be received; and

THAT the execution of an amended agreement for the Aurora Tigers Junior "A" Hockey Club Incorporated (Tigers) rights to sell advertising space on the rink boards at the Aurora Community Centre Arena #1 be approved; and

THAT the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute the attached Agreement, including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same.

16. Memorandum from Mayor Dawe

**Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
Highlights – July 24, 2015 – Meeting of the Board**

THAT the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Highlights – July 24, 2015 – Meeting of the Board be received for information.

19. Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2015

THAT the Finance Advisory Committee meeting minutes of August 11, 2015, be received for information.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS

None

6. PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

None

7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

1. PL15-060 – Hotel Development Charges

General Committee recommends:

THAT staff be authorized to enter into Development Charge Deferral Agreements for hotel or motel developments which defer the excess amounts that the hotel is required to pay over the amount an office building of similar size would be required to pay, and that such surcharge be deferred until the use of the building changes; and

THAT any deferral of Development Charges be subject to a developer completing construction within a specified time frame as determined by staff, and the deferral be non-transferrable; and

THAT staff be directed to return to a rate calculation based upon the non-residential rate for the gross square footage in calculating the Development Charges for hotels and motels in the next update of the Development Charges By-law; and

THAT York Region be requested to consider the deferral of development charges and amendment of the Regional Development Charges By-law as described above; ***and***

THAT this resolution and Report No. PL15-060 be forwarded to the municipalities of York Region and to the members of York Regional Council.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

2. BBS15-009 – Parking Permit Management Solution

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. BBS15-009 be received; and

THAT the Automated Issuance Management System (AIMS), a comprehensive Parking Permit Management Solution, be referred to the 2016 Capital Budget for consideration.

CARRIED

3. CAO15-011 – Town of Aurora Strategic Plan (2015) Update

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. CAO15-011 be received; and

THAT an update to the Town of Aurora Strategic Plan, based on the work plan outlined in this report, be authorized; and

THAT a Strategic Plan Steering Committee, to guide the 2015 Strategic Plan Update process as outlined in this report, be established.

CARRIED

4. CFS15-032 – Interim Operating Budget Forecast – as at May 31, 2015

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. CFS15-032 be received for information.

CARRIED

6. CFS15-035 – 2016 Budget Outlook and Preparation Directives to Staff

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. CFS15-035 be received; and

THAT staff be directed to prepare the 2016 Operating Budget in accordance with the following directives:

1. The Base Operating Budget reflects an overall tax increase pressure of 1.8%, including:
 - a. A reduction in hydro interest reliance of \$100,000; and
 - b. A reduction of supplementary tax reliance of \$75,000; and
 - c. Maintain current contributions to infrastructure sustainability reserves; and

- d. An overall increase in CYFS funding of 1.3% of the total tax levy (contributing 1.03% to the overall tax increase pressure); and
 - e. Partial absorption of inflationary pressures; and
 - f. Maintain current service levels.
2. All rates, fees and unit charges for non-tax revenues be indexed individually by a minimum of 1.1%, unless set by contract or statutes; and

THAT the Aurora Public Library Board be directed to prepare a budget based on an anticipated Town of Aurora tax-based operating funding grant of \$3,659,000; and

THAT the Aurora Cultural Board be requested to prepare their 2016 Operating and Capital Budgets based upon the current Town funding in the amount of \$377,000.

CARRIED

8. IES15-042 – Aurora Yonge Street Sign

Motion to refer

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. IES15-042, Aurora Yonge Street Sign, be referred back to staff to review additional options to either repair or replace the sign.

CARRIED

9. IES15-049 – AFLC Liaison Committee Summary Report

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. IES15-049 be received for information.

CARRIED

12. LLS15-045 – Accessing Neighbouring Property – Right-of-Entry By-law

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. LLS15-045 be received; and

THAT staff bring forward for enactment a “non-permit system” right-of-entry by-law which would allow and regulate the access onto adjoining property by a Town resident for purposes of making repairs to the resident’s property.

CARRIED

15. PR15-028 – Facility Sponsorship Program – McAlpine Ford

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. PR15-028 be received for information.

CARRIED

17. Memorandum from Mayor Dawe

**Re: Correspondence from Mayor Fred Eisenberger, City of Hamilton
Request for a Financial Contribution**

General Committee recommends:

THAT the memorandum regarding Correspondence from Mayor Fred Eisenberger, City of Hamilton – Request for a Financial Contribution be received for information.

CARRIED

18. Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2015

General Committee recommends:

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of July 15, 2015, be received for information.

CARRIED

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Councillor Kim

Re: Mavrincac Boulevard Land – Block 208

WHEREAS the York Catholic District School Board decided in 2013 that the six-acre undeveloped lot reserved for a potential school on Mavrincac Boulevard, known as Block 208, was no longer needed for a school building; and

WHEREAS the Subdivision Agreement between the Town and Minto Communities Inc. stated that the Town had the opportunity to acquire Block 208 for municipal purposes at the equivalent price offered to the York Catholic District School Board; and

WHEREAS the Town has recently completed its purchase of Block 208; and

WHEREAS the adjacent and nearby residents had the understanding that Block 208 would be used for a school building, green space, or recreational land, and that the school building is no longer an option.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to investigate and report back to Council on options for the use of Block 208 on Mavrinac Boulevard as green space and/or other recreational usage in accordance with the Town's Parks and Recreation Master Plan and any updates to the Master Plan.

9. NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL INFORMATION

Councillor Pirri inquired about the possible opportunity for the municipality to be involved in sponsoring refugees, as it relates to the *Municipal Act*. Staff agreed to investigate and forward any information to Council members.

Councillor Kim advised that Monika Beuning, Business Coordinator, at Aurora Public Library, was retiring after 27 years of service, and her retirement party would be held on Friday, September 11, 2015, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Magna Room at the Library.

Councillor Thom extended a reminder about the Celebration of The Queen's Reign starting at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at Queen's Diamond Jubilee Park, followed by tea at the Aurora Seniors' Centre, and Happy Hour at the Royal Canadian Legion.

Councillor Humfryes thanked the Councillors for their participation this past weekend at the Farmers' Market, where Deputy Mayor Abel, on behalf of Mayor Dawe, presented certificates of recognition to Nigel Kean and Stephen Granger for their involvement in the creation of the Aurora Farmers' Market & Artisan Fair.

Councillor Humfryes announced that she would be participating in the Easter Seals fundraising event "Dancing with the Stars" on October 1, 2015, at The Manor, and encouraged everyone to help her raise funds for this cause.

Councillor Thompson noted that a community launch event regarding the Sport Plan and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan would be held at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2015. He added that the Town would be communicating further information in the near future.

Councillor Gaertner referred to Item 14, PR15-027 – Aurora Tigers Jr. A Hockey Club Rink Board Agreement, and stated her belief that the existing agreement should be maintained.

Mayor Dawe extend a reminder about Aurora Ribfest to be held from Friday, September 11 through Sunday, September 13, 2015, and noted that a wristband would be required for admittance to the evening performances of Chilliwack on Friday and The Spoons on Saturday. He added that the rib judging contest and the Hoedown Showdown would be held on Sunday.

Councillor Mrakas inquired about the responsibility for the repair work needed where Canada Post contractors had already cut the curbs and disturbed the sod prior to mailbox site relocations. Staff advised that Canada Post is responsible for repairing any damage that they have created.

Councillor Abel noted the cable laying work being done in his quadrant near Aurora Heights Drive and Bathurst Street and inquired about the timing and responsibility for the boulevard grass repairs. Staff advised that the contractor is responsible for the grass repairs and staff would follow up to ensure that the repairs are completed and the conditions are safe prior to winter.

10. CLOSED SESSION

General Committee consented to resolve into a Closed Session meeting following adjournment to consider the following matters:

1. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Town or Local Board (section 239(2)(c) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001); Re: Closed Session Report No. CFS15-038 – Sale of Centre Street Remnant Parcel of Land
2. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Town or Local Board (section 239(2)(c) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001); Re: Update to Closed Session Report No. LLS15-050 – Offer to Sell – Aurora Promenade Area
3. The receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (section 239(2)(f) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001); Re: Verbal Update to Highland Gate Development Application
(Added Item)

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

TOM MRAKAS, COUNCILLOR

STEPHEN M. A. HUYCKE, TOWN CLERK

THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2015, IS SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL AND COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2015.