



TOWN OF AURORA GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, October 6, 2015

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS	Councillor Pirri in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Humfries (arrived 7:02 p.m.), Kim, Mrakas, Thom, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe (arrived 7:30 p.m.)
MEMBERS ABSENT	None
OTHER ATTENDEES	Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Acting 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, Deputy Clerk/Council and Committee Coordinator, 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 addition:

- Replacement page 5 – Delegation (a) Kirk Corkery, Chair of Regimental Council, The Queen's York Rangers; Re: Item 2 – PR15-031 – Placement of Light Armoured Vehicle at the Aurora Cenotaph

3. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

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

4. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 3, 4, 5, 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:

3. PL15-074 – Application for Site Plan Amendment, 1525366 Ontario Ltd., 67 Industrial Parkway North, File Number: SP-2015-05

THAT Report No. PL15-074 be received; and

THAT Site Plan Application File SP-2015-05 (1525366 Ontario Ltd.) be approved to permit the development of the subject lands for the construction of a 334 m² GFA addition onto the existing building and a new 156 m² storage building; and

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

4. LLS15-058 – Municipal Legislation Review – Town Submission

THAT Report No. LLS15-058 be received; and

THAT the submission letter attached to Report No. LLS15-058 is hereby endorsed as the Town’s formal submission regarding the Province of Ontario’s Municipal Legislation Review; and

THAT the submission letter attached to Report No. LLS15-058 be sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Municipal Legislation Review group) and directly to Minister Ted McMeekin.

**5. Memorandum from Director of Planning & Development Services
Re: Municipal Council Support Resolution (Blanket) – Notice to Proceed**

THAT the memorandum regarding Municipal Council Support Resolution (Blanket) – Notice to Proceed be received; and

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the form attached to this memorandum.

7. Community Recognition Review Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2015

THAT the Community Recognition Review Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of September 15, 2015, be received for information.

8. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2015

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 17, 2015, be received for information.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS

**(a) Kirk Corkery, Chair of Regimental Council, The Queen's York Rangers
Re: Item 2 – PR15-031 – Placement of Light Armoured Vehicle at the Aurora Cenotaph**

Mr. Corkery, a former Commanding Officer of The Queen's York Rangers, noted that the Regimental Council is a registered charity that does good works for the soldiers in the Regiment and also for those within the Regimental family. He presented a proposal respecting the Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV) III Monument Program, which recognizes the service and sacrifice of the Canadian Armed Forces in Afghanistan by providing up to 250 LAV III monuments across Canada. Mr. Corkery provided an overview of the Program including background, criteria, appropriateness for Aurora, monument features, costs, and timeline. He noted that the Regimental Council would be funding the monument and its delivery, and requested that Council approve funding from the Town in the amount of \$15,000 for the monument's concrete pad, pedestal and plaque.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to Item 2.

6. PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

None

7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

General Committee consented to consider Item 2 prior to consideration of Item 1.

1. IES15-057 – Winter Maintenance Annual 2014/2015 Performance Report

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. IES15-057 be received for information.

CARRIED

2. PR15-031 – Placement of Light Armoured Vehicle at the Aurora Cenotaph

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. PR15-031 be received; and

THAT the placement of a Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV) at the Aurora Cenotaph Peace Park in 2016 be approved; and

THAT an expenditure, not to exceed \$15,000.00, ***sourced from the Council Discretionary Reserve Fund***, be approved in the 2016 Capital Budget for the purposes of site preparation and memorial signage that will be required to accommodate the LAV.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

6. Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2015

General Committee recommends:

THAT the Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 10, 2015, be received for information.

CARRIED

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Councillor Thompson

Re: Fair Pricing of e-books for Public Libraries

WHEREAS public libraries provide residents with a community space where they can freely access a wide variety of information in both print and digital format; and

WHEREAS municipal governments are key funders of public libraries, appoint public library boards and work in partnership with public library boards to deliver library services that are responsive to community needs; and

WHEREAS electronic books (e-books) are becoming an increasingly preferred medium for library users to access content and information; and

WHEREAS major multi-national publishers are charging public libraries significantly higher costs to purchase e-books for their collections than they charge consumers; and

WHEREAS imposing unreasonably high costs on public libraries to purchase e-books is not an appropriate solution to the publishing industry's concerns regarding the evolution of digital technology, including piracy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Town of Aurora requests that the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport work with the federal and the other provincial and territorial governments to find a solution that will allow public libraries to purchase e-books from publishers at a fair and reasonable price; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities within York Region.

9. NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL INFORMATION

Councillor Mrakas expressed concerns regarding the resurfacing of St. John's Sideroad east of Yonge Street and inquired about the status of the project. Staff indicated that this Regional project was completed and the Region was notified of the concerns. Staff agreed to report further on the condition of the project and advise the Region that additional work is required.

Councillor Abel expressed appreciation to staff for following up on complaints received about the Regional road resurfacing and pot holes on Leslie Street, which was resolved the following day after notification.

Councillor Abel stated that he had attended the first Cultural Precinct meeting today, to which all Council members had been invited, and noted that it was a productive session.

Councillor Humfries expressed appreciation to staff for a great job in completing the sidewalk on Golf Links Drive, between Highland Green and Yonge Street, and advised that the residents were very pleased.

Councillor Thom requested an update regarding the trail construction at the bottom end of Willow Farm Lane. Staff advised that they are working with the Conservation Authority and the Town Solicitor to secure the easement, for which an agreement was now in place with the landowner, and to meet the conditions of approval from the Conservation Authority.

Councillor Kim advised that he has been working with residents in two separate neighbourhoods regarding their concerns about speeders and reckless driving. He noted the recent Town-initiated educational program and signage to encourage drivers to slow down and be alert to children playing, and suggested that Council and other departments should be informed of such programs in advance of their implementation. Councillor Kim inquired about the possibility of additional signs being purchased and staff indicated that they were working with Corporate Communications toward the production of handouts and other details of the program.

Mayor Dawe noted that he and the Interim CAO had just returned from a summit held in Toronto today. He advised that a working group had been established earlier in the year and this was the second meeting between Premier Kathleen Wynne and the Mayors and Chairs of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area. Mayor Dawe further noted that the meeting had resulted in a letter being sent to the Prime Minister and leaders of the other major federal parties emphasizing the need to establish a partnership with respect to infrastructure funding. He also advised that three sub-committees had been formed earlier and that action items were developed to move forward those elements deemed to be most important: implementation of a high speed broadband network under the scope of Economic Development; development charges under the scope of Planning; and fare integration between transit systems under the scope of Transportation, the sub-committee in which the Mayor participates. Mayor Dawe stated that he would keep Council informed of developments and agreed to forward a copy of the aforementioned letter to Council.

10. CLOSED SESSION

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

PAUL PIRRI, COUNCILLOR

PATTY THOMA, DEPUTY CLERK

THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCTOBER 6, 2015, RECEIVED FINAL APPROVAL AND COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON OCTOBER 13, 2015 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 4 WHICH WAS PULLED AND APPROVED AS PRESENTED.