



TOWN OF AURORA GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, November 3, 2015

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS	Councillor Abel in the Chair; Councillors Gaertner, Humfryes, Kim, Mrakas, 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 7:01 p.m.

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Humfryes declared a pecuniary interest respecting Item 11, CFS15-047 – Central York Fire Services Budget for Aurora Comment, as a family member is employed by the Central York Fire Services.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

General Committee consented on a two-thirds vote that the requirements of section 3.8(a) of the Procedural By-law be waived to permit the addition of Delegation (i) Tim Jones, Member of Community Recognition Review Ad Hoc Committee; Re: Item 10 – Community Recognition Review Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2015.

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

- WITHDRAWN: Delegation (b) Jim Tree, Manager, Parks; Re: Item 5 – PR15-033 – McMahon Park Neighbourhood Garden Public Survey Results
- WITHDRAWN: Item 2 – IES15-064 – Extension of Janitorial Services Contract
- Delegation (d) Jim Tree, Manager, Parks; Re: Item 6 – PR15-034 – Pedestrian Underpasses – Leslie Street and St. John’s Sideroad
- Delegation (e) Klaus Wehrenberg, Resident; Re: Item 5 – PR15-033 – McMahon Park Neighbourhood Garden Public Survey Results
- Delegation (f) Klaus Wehrenberg, Resident; Re: Item 6 – PR15-034 – Pedestrian Underpasses – Leslie Street and St. John’s Sideroad
- Delegation (g) Catherine Cook, Resident; Re: Item 5 – PR15-033 – McMahon Park Neighbourhood Garden Public Survey Results
- Delegation (h) Fire Chief Ian Laing, Central York Fire Services; Re: Item 11 – CFS15-047 – Central York Fire Services Budget for Aurora Comment
- Delegation (i) Tim Jones, Member of Community Recognition Review Ad Hoc Committee; Re: Item 10 – Community Recognition Review Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2015
- Item 11 – CFS15-047 – Central York Fire Services Budget for Aurora Comment
- Closed Session Item 1 – Litigation or potential litigation including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the Town or a Local Board (section 239(2)(e) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001); Re: Verbal Update from Town Solicitor regarding Ontario Municipal Board Appeal – 497 Wellington Street West.

3. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 were identified for discussion.

4. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 1, 8, 9, 10, and 11 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:

1. IES15-063 – Acceptance of Municipal Services – Bayview Meadows, Phase 2 & 3 (St. John’s Road Development Corp.), Registered Plan 65M-4075, 65M-4079, 65M-4082

THAT Report No. IES15-063 be received; and

THAT ownership, operation and maintenance of the works within the roads, rights-of-way, and other lands dedicated to the Town contained within Plan 65M-4075, 65M-4079, 65M-4082, being Bayview Meadows Subdivision, Phase 2 & 3, by St. John’s Road Development Corp, be assumed as detailed in Report No. IES15-063; and

THAT the necessary by-law be brought forward for enactment to assume for public use the highways within Plan 65M-4075, 65M-4079, 65M-4082 and to establish as public highway any applicable reserves.

2. IES15-064 – Extension of Janitorial Services Contract

Item withdrawn on approval of agenda.

8. PL15-082 – Applications for Exemption from Part Lot Control:

**Mattamy (Aurora) Limited, Blocks 251, 252 and 253,
Plan 65M-4461, File No.: PLC-2015-08**

**Paradise Homes Inc., Blocks 155, 159 and 162,
Plan 65M-4424, File No.: PLC-2015-09**

THAT Report No. PL15-082 be received; and

THAT the following Applications for Exemption from Part Lot Control be approved:

- Mattamy (Aurora) Limited to divide Blocks 251, 252 and 253 on Plan 65M-4461 into fourteen (14) separate lots for townhouse units; and
- Paradise Homes Inc. to divide Blocks 155, 159 and 162 on Plan 65M-4424 into fourteen (14) separate lots for townhouse units; and

THAT the Part Lot Control Exemption By-laws be enacted at the next available Council meeting.

**9. Memorandum from Manager of Special Projects
Re: Preparation of an Events Package**

THAT the memorandum regarding Preparation of an Events Package be received for information.

**10. Community Recognition Review Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes of
October 27, 2015**

THAT the Community Recognition Review Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of October 27, 2015, be received; and

THAT the Community Recognition Review Ad Hoc Committee recommend to Council:

**1. Memorandum from Acting Manager of Corporate Communications
Re: 2016 Proposed Community Recognition Awards Plan**

THAT the 2016 Proposed Community Recognition Awards Plan, as amended by the Community Recognition Review Ad Hoc Committee, be brought forward to the General Committee meeting of November 3, 2015, for Council's approval.

New Business Motion No. 1

THAT a policy be established by Council to eliminate the use of individual names for Town-sanctioned awards.

New Business Motion No. 2

THAT the mandate of the Community Recognition Review Ad Hoc Committee be extended to permit the Committee to continue working on branding of the event and to ensure a smooth transition into the Awards ceremony.

**11. CFS15-047 – Central York Fire Services Budget for Aurora Comment
(Added Item)**

THAT Report No. CFS15-047 be received; and

THAT Council provide its comments by way of resolution(s) to be conveyed to Newmarket Council for consideration during their final budget reviews and approvals in respect of the 2016 Budget for Central York Fire Services.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS

(a) Bob McRoberts, Resident

**Re: Item 5 – PR15-033 – McMahan Park Neighbourhood Garden
Public Survey Results**

Mr. McRoberts expressed his opposition to a community garden being located in McMahan Park. He also expressed agreement with the concept of providing some land for a community garden.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to Item 5.

(b) Jim Tree, Manager, Parks

**Re: Item 5 – PR15-033 – McMahan Park Neighbourhood Garden
Public Survey Results**

Item withdrawn on approval of agenda.

(c) Jim Tree, Manager, Parks

**Re: Item 7 – PR15-035 – Tree Removal/Pruning and Compensation
Policy**

Mr. Tree presented an overview of the purpose for implementing a Tree Removal/Pruning and Compensation Policy, and provided facts regarding the Town's tree canopy and comparisons to other municipalities.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to Item 7.

(d) Jim Tree, Manager, Parks

**Re: Item 6 – PR15-034 – Pedestrian Underpasses – Leslie Street and St.
John's Sideroad**

(Added Item)

Mr. Tree presented an overview of the Leslie Street underpass locations A, B, C, and D, including the history, timing, funding, and rationale with respect to the Trails Master Plan vision and public consultation.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to Item 6.

(e) Klaus Wehrenberg, Resident

Re: Item 5 – PR15-033 – McMahon Park Neighbourhood Garden Public Survey Results

(Added Item)

Delegation (e) was heard following Delegation (f).

Mr. Wehrenberg stated his opposition to the staff recommendation, expressed his support of an allotment garden program as detailed in the Town's Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and requested that the alternative options in the staff report be considered.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to Item 5.

(f) Klaus Wehrenberg, Resident

Re: Item 6 – PR15-034 – Pedestrian Underpasses – Leslie Street and St. John's Sideroad

(Added Item)

Mr. Wehrenberg expressed his support of the staff recommendation and requested that Council approve all three pedestrian underpasses, which were identified in the Town's Trails Master Plan. He noted survey results which indicated that a majority of the respondents would support the Town increasing its investment in off-road trails.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to Item 6.

(g) Catherine Cook, Resident

Re: Item 5 – PR15-033 – McMahon Park Neighbourhood Garden Public Survey Results

(Added Item)

Ms. Cook expressed her support of a community garden being located in McMahon Park and noted that a majority of the survey respondents also supported a community garden in that location.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to Item 5.

(h) Fire Chief Ian Laing, Central York Fire Services
Re: Item 11 – CFS15-047 – Central York Fire Services Budget for Aurora
Comment

(Added Item)

General Committee consented on a two-thirds vote that the requirements of section 3.8(c) of the Procedural By-law be waived to permit the delegation to speak for more than five minutes.

Fire Chief Laing presented an overview of the 2016 Budget submission for Central York Fire Services, including elements of the 2016 Operating Budget, cost allocations, 2016 Operating Budget drivers, and 2016 Capital Projects.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to Item 11.

(i) Tim Jones, Member of Community Recognition Review Ad Hoc Committee
Re: Item 10 – Community Recognition Review Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
Minutes of October 27, 2015

(Added Item)

Mr. Jones expressed his appreciation to the members of the Community Recognition Review Ad Hoc Committee and members of Council for their support in this initiative. He noted the importance of recognizing volunteers and the ongoing need to inspire volunteerism.

General Committee received the comments of the delegation for information.

6. PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

None

7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

3. IES15-065 – Northern Six Waste Collection Contract Update

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. IES15-065 be received for information.

CARRIED

4. LLS15-059 – 2016 Council and Committee Meeting Calendar

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. LLS15-059 be received; and

THAT the requirements of sections 2.3 and 2.6 of the Procedural By-law be waived to permit the adoption of the 2016 Council and Committee meeting schedule attached to this report as Attachment #1; and

THAT the Special Council – Public Planning meeting to consider the Highland Gate Developments Inc. applications be scheduled prior to the end of January 2016; and

THAT the Meeting Calendar be amended by the addition of two Council meetings on the dates of July 26 and August 23, 2016; and

THAT the 2016 Council and Committee Meeting Calendar, attached to this report as Attachment #1, ***as amended***, be approved; and

THAT the Town Clerk be authorized to make amendments to the 2016 Council and Committee Meeting Calendar as required.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

5. PR15-033 – McMahon Park Neighbourhood Garden Public Survey Results

General Committee consented to consider Item 5 prior to consideration of Item 3.

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. PR15-033 be received; and

THAT a Neighbourhood Garden in McMahon Park not be implemented; ***and***

THAT staff be directed to pursue an alternative location for a neighbourhood garden and report back to Council.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

6. PR15-034 – Pedestrian Underpasses – Leslie Street and St. John's Sideroad

General Committee consented to consider Item 6 following consideration of Item 3.

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. PR15-034 be received; and

THAT the construction of Underpasses C and D, as outlined in this report, and in accordance with the Town of Aurora Trails Master Plan, be approved; and

THAT funding in the amount of **\$212,882** be approved; and

THAT 90% of the funds required to construct the underpasses be allocated from the applicable Development Charge Reserve and that the remaining 10% funding be allocated from the applicable Parks and Recreation related reserves; and

THAT staff be directed to enter into an Agreement with The Regional Municipality of York to facilitate the process of construction of the **two** underpasses, the associated financial arrangements, and any matters dealing with the future operation and maintenance of these underpasses; and

THAT the Town only consider proceeding with the construction of Underpass A in the event that funding is provided by The Regional Municipality of York; and

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

CARRIED AS AMENDED

7. PR15-035 – Tree Removal/Pruning and Compensation Policy

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. PR15-035 be received; and

THAT Report No. PR15-035 and the following recommendation be deferred to the General Committee meeting of November 17, 2015, for consideration:

THAT the draft Tree Removal/Pruning and Compensation Policy attached to Report No. PR15-035 be approved; and

THAT the draft Tree Removal/Pruning and Compensation Policy be applicable to all planning applications that are currently under review by the Town, provided the applicants have been duly notified of this draft Policy and are currently complying with the said draft Policy; and

THAT the Tree Removal/Pruning and Compensation Policy come into full force for all new requests or applications received by the Town as of December 1, 2015.

CARRIED

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

**(a) Councillor Mrakas
Re: Door-to-Door Salespeople**

WHEREAS the financial well-being and personal safety of Aurora residents is of the utmost importance; and

WHEREAS Aurorans—especially seniors—need more protection from unethical, misleading and/or aggressive door-to-door salespeople; and

WHEREAS Part IV of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 authorizes the council of every local municipality to pass by-laws for licensing, regulating and governing any business carried on within the municipality; and

WHEREAS Council considers it desirable to exercise this authority for the purposes of health and safety, nuisance control and consumer protection;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT The Town of Aurora staff develop a By-law that would regulate and control door to door sales, solicitation and distribution of advertising material; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT said By-law be brought back to Council for approval in the first quarter of 2016.

9. NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL INFORMATION

Councillor Thompson inquired about whether York Regional Council would be considering the matter of the election of the Regional Chair at an upcoming meeting. Mayor Dawe advised that a notice of motion had not yet come forward.

10. CLOSED SESSION

General Committee resolved into Closed Session, following adjournment, to consider the following matter:

- 1. Litigation or potential litigation including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the Town or a Local Board (section 239(2)(e) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001); Re: Verbal Update from Town Solicitor regarding Ontario Municipal Board Appeal – 497 Wellington Street West.**

(Added Item)

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

JOHN ABEL, COUNCILLOR

STEPHEN M. A. HUYCKE, TOWN CLERK

THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 3, 2015, IS SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL AND COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON NOVEMBER 10, 2015.