



TOWN OF AURORA GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, November 17, 2015

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS Councillor Abel in the Chair; Councillors Gaertner (arrived 7:05 p.m.), Humfryes (arrived 7:04 p.m.), Kim, Mrakas, Thom, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe (arrived 7:08 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT Councillor Pirri

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, Acting Director of Legal and Legislative Services/Associate 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 7:02 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 change:

- Replacement Memorandum – Item 1 – Memorandum from Director of Parks & Recreation Services; Re: Tree Protection By-law

3. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 14, and 15 were identified for discussion.

4. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 16, and 17 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. CFS15-046 – Annual Cancellation, Reduction or Refund of Property Taxes under Sections 357 and 358 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*

THAT Report No. CFS15-046 be received; and

THAT a meeting be held in accordance with Sections 357 and 358 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25 as amended (the “Act”) in respect of the applications filed with the Treasurer by the owners of property listed in this report at which applicants may make representations; and

THAT property taxes in the amount \$35,747.80 be adjusted pursuant to Section 357 of the Act; and

THAT property taxes in the amount of \$12,879.66 be adjusted pursuant to Section 358 of the Act; and

THAT the associated interest applicable be cancelled in proportion to the property taxes adjusted; and

THAT the Director of Corporate & Financial Services/Treasurer be directed to remove said property taxes from the Collector’s Roll to reflect these property tax adjustments.

8. BBS15-015 – Request for Sign Variance to Sign By-Law No. 4898-07.P for the Canadian Tire at 15400 Bayview Avenue

THAT Report No. BBS15-015 be received; and

THAT a request for variance to Sign By-law No. 4898-07.P to allow three (3) wall signs on the east elevation of the Canadian Tire at 15400 Bayview Avenue, whereas Sign By-law 4898-07.P only permits one (1) wall sign, be approved.

9. IES15-064 – Extension of Janitorial Services Contract

THAT Report No. IES15-064 be received; and

THAT Tender No. IES2010-71 – for Janitorial Services and Supplies be extended to Royal Building Cleaning Ltd. to July 31, 2016, an additional six (6) months, for the amount of \$225,000 excluding taxes.

11. IES15-066 – Supply of Alternative De-icer

THAT Report No. IES15-066 be received; and

THAT Tender IES15-67 for the supply of Thawrox be awarded to Sifto Compass Minerals Canada Corporation in the value of \$260,000 plus taxes per year for a contract period of two (2) years starting January 1, 2016; and

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

12. IES15-067 – Purchase Order Increase to Purchase Water Meters for 2C

THAT Report No. IES15-067 be received; and

THAT the purchase order for the supply of water meters from Wamco Municipal Products Inc. be increased by \$133,000 to a revised amount of \$270,000, excluding taxes; and

THAT the budget for water meter supply expenses be increased by \$120,000 and that the revenue for water meter sales be increased by \$138,000, be approved.

13. PR15-036 – Purchase Order Increase for Street Tree Pruning and Removal

THAT Report No. PR15-036 be received; and

THAT Purchase Order 2014000002 (Weller Tree Services Ltd.) be increased by \$70,000.00, excluding taxes; and

THAT the option to renew the Arboriculture Services contract be exercised for the third and final year of the Contract ending December 31, 2016.

16. PL15-085 – Delegated Development Agreements, 2015 Summary Report

THAT Report No. PL15-085 be received for information.

17. Central York Fire Services (CYFS) – Joint Council Committee (JCC) Meeting Minutes of June 2, July 21, September 8, and October 13, 2015

THAT the Central York Fire Services – Joint Council Committee meeting minutes of June 2, 2015, July 21, 2015, September 8, 2015, and October 13, 2015, be received; and

THAT the Central York Fire Services – Joint Council Committee, at its meeting of October 13, 2015, recommended to Council:

3. Corporate Services Report – Financial Services 2015-46, dated September 22, 2015 regarding Central York Fire Services Reserve Fund

a) THAT Corporate Services Report - Financial Services 2015-46 dated September 22, 2015 regarding Central York Fire Services Reserve Fund be received and the following recommendations be adopted:

- i) THAT JCC set a target level for the CYFS Reserve fund as proposed in this report;
- ii) AND THAT any 2015 CYFS operating surplus be allocated back to each municipality based on their budgeted allocation percentage;
- iii) AND THAT JCC recommend that the Councils of each municipality waive the requirements specified in Schedule D of the Fire/Emergency Services Agreement between the Town of Aurora and the Town of Newmarket dated November 1, 2001, in this one instance.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS

(a) Isobel Ralston, Resident

Re: Item 1 – Memorandum from the Director of Parks & Recreation Services, Re: Tree Protection By-law

Ms. Rolston gave a brief presentation regarding the Tree Protection By-law and spoke in support of regulating tree removal on golf courses.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to Item 1.

(b) Jim Tree, Manager of Parks

Re: Item 3 – PR15-026 – Urban Forest Management Plan & Policies

Mr. Tree gave a brief presentation regarding the Urban Forestry Management Plan and policies, the Tree Removal and Compensation Policy (Item 2), and the chronology and highlights of the Tree Protection By-law (Item 1).

General Committee received the comments of the delegation.

(c) Dr. Brian Moore, Canadian Disc Institute

Re: Item 6 – BBS15-013 – Request for Sign Variance to Sign By-law No. 4898-07.P for the Canadian Disc Institute at 15000 Yonge Street

Dr. Moore, on behalf of the Canadian Disc Institute, expressed his support for approval of the Request for Sign Variance.

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

**(d) Jim Abrams, President, and Carol Hedenberg,
Aurora Seniors' Association**

Re: Item 15 – PR15-038 – Aurora Seniors' Centre Operating Agreement Renewal 2016-2021

Mr. Abrams gave a brief overview of the operations of the Aurora Seniors' Association, and expressed his support for the Aurora Seniors' Centre Operating Agreement Renewal.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to Item 15.

6. PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

None

7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

**1. Memorandum from the Director of Parks & Recreation Services
Re: Tree Protection By-law**

General Committee consented to consider Item 1 following consideration of Item 6.

General Committee recommends:

THAT the memorandum regarding Tree Protection By-law be received; and

THAT staff be directed to prepare and report back on a revised Draft Tree Protection By-law, substantially in the form as attached to Report No. PR14-004, with the following changes:

- 1) Rules pertaining to trees on golf courses be similar to section 4.2 of the City of Markham By-law No. 2008-96, "Tree Preservation By-law"; and***
- 2) Permit owners of larger properties (0.25 ha or greater) to remove 2 (two) trees per 0.25 ha in a twelve (12) month period.***

CARRIED AS AMENDED

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

General Committee recommends:

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

3. PR15-026 – Urban Forest Management Plan & Policies

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. PR15-026 be received; and

THAT the Urban Forest Management Plan and Policy (TAUFMPP), Attachment 1 to Report No. PR15-026, be posted on the Town of Aurora's website for the purposes of public information and stakeholder notification; and

THAT, unless any significant comments or feedback are received from the public or stakeholders that staff determines needs to be brought to Council attention, the (TAUFMPP) be deemed to be adopted by Council effective December 1, 2015.

CARRIED

4. IES15-069 – Aurora Family Leisure Complex Additional Modification Requests

General Committee consented to consider Item 4 following consideration of Item 14.

General Committee recommends:

THAT Item 4 – Aurora Family Leisure Complex Additional Modification Requests be referred to the Council Meeting of November 24, 2015.

**Motion to refer
CARRIED**

6. BBS15-013 – Request for Sign Variance to Sign By-law No. 4898-07.P for the Canadian Disc Institute at 15000 Yonge Street

General Committee consented to consider Item 6 following consideration of Item 15.

General Committee recommends:

THAT Item 6 – Request for Sign Variance to Sign By-law No. 4898-07.P for the Canadian Disc Institute at 15000 Yonge Street be referred to the Heritage Advisory Committee and the Economic Development Advisory Committee for comments and discussion at their next meetings.

**Motion to refer
CARRIED**

7. BBS15-014 – Request for Sign Variance to Sign By-law No. 4898-07.P for Panera Bread at 15610 Bayview Avenue

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. BBS15-014 be received; and

THAT a request for variance to Sign By-law No. 4898-07.P to allow wall signs on four (4) elevations of Panera Bread at 15610 Bayview Avenue, whereas Sign By-law 4898-07.P only permits signs on two (2) elevations, be approved.

CARRIED

10. IES15-068 – Facility Projects Status Report

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. IES15-068 be received for information.

CARRIED

14. PR15-037 – Culture & Recreation Grant Bi-Annual Allocation for September 2015

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. PR15-037 be received for information.

CARRIED

15. PR15-038 – Aurora Seniors' Centre Operating Agreement Renewal 2016-2021

General Committee consented to consider Item 15 prior to consideration of Item 1.

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. PR15-038 be received; and

THAT the Amended Operating Agreement between the Aurora Seniors Association and the Town of Aurora be approved; and

THAT the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute the Operating Agreement Renewal 2016-2021 with the Aurora Seniors Association including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same.

CARRIED

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Councillor Abel

Re: Deployment of Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV) at the Aurora Cenotaph

WHEREAS Aurora Council recently approved up to \$15,000 for a concrete pad to permanently mount a decommissioned military Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV) at the Aurora Cenotaph; and

WHEREAS this decision was made without the benefit of public engagement; and

WHEREAS the public has since learning of the decision, contacted Members of Council via email, letters, and letters to the Editor, to voice their concerns; and

WHEREAS the Aurora Cenotaph, like many cenotaphs throughout the province, the country, and the world is about a unique, stately and poignant monument to recognize and honour those who have sacrificed and suffered in defending our country; and

WHEREAS the LAV is not a work of art, but a purpose built machine; and

WHEREAS upon second reflection, the LAV may be more suitably mounted and displayed in another location in Town;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council reconsider this recent decision; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to report back for Council's consideration options for locations for the display of the LAV.

(b) Councillor Abel
Re: Regional GO Transit Shuttle

WHEREAS the Aurora GO station has a commuter parking building and surface lot, and those facilities are full almost every business day; and

WHEREAS GO Transit commuters often park at the Town Park and on local residential streets; and

WHEREAS the Town wants to restrict GO Transit commuter parking at the Town Park; and

WHEREAS the number of cars in the very congested Wellington Corridor around the GO station will likely increase; and

WHEREAS commuters should be encouraged to use Transit to get to the GO station and refrain from driving their cars to eliminate traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has recently announced an increase in Provincial Gas Tax contributions to municipalities exclusively for transit initiatives, with the Region of York receiving an additional \$15 million; and

WHEREAS the Region of York is responsible for providing transit within the Town of Aurora;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Region of York ("the Region") be requested to use the increased provincial funding to develop and implement a pilot rapid, dedicated, intensified, innovative GO Station Shuttle Service, to encourage residents to use Public Transit to travel to and from the GO Station; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Region be requested to consult with the Town of Aurora on the development of the pilot GO Station Shuttle Service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Metrolinx be requested to discourage commuters from driving to the Aurora Go Station by charging a nominal parking fee, and that revenue from the parking fees be used to fund the rapid, dedicated, intensified, innovative GO Station Shuttle Service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Region be requested to support the Town's request that Metrolinx implement a nominal parking fee for the Aurora GO Station, and that the revenue from the parking fees be used to fund the rapid, dedicated, intensified, innovative GO Station Shuttle Service.

(c) Councillor Abel
Re: Temperance Street Cultural Precinct

WHEREAS the Aurora Promenade Urban Design Strategy sets out eight overarching strategies highlighting key aspects that will shape the future of the Aurora Promenade; and

WHEREAS these strategies are important “big moves” that will help achieve long-term planning and urban design objectives; and

WHEREAS the establishment of a Cultural Precinct(s) is identified within the Aurora Promenade Concept Plan as a priority action and one of the key strategies for the revitalization of the downtown core; and

WHEREAS the Cultural Precinct Study approved by Council in September 2015 is a specific area bounded on the east side of Yonge Street, and

WHEREAS there is an area, bounded by Yonge Street to the east, Mill Street to the west, Wellington Street to the north, and Tyler Street to the south, with many significant Historic buildings and buildings of Heritage value which could be considered the Cultural Precinct West or the "Temperance Street Cultural Precinct" and could benefit from a study for the same reasons;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to conduct a Request for Proposal ("RFP") to engage a design firm to establish a Vision and Conceptual Plan for the Temperance Street Cultural Precinct area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the final report and conceptual plan for the Temperance Street Cultural Precinct area be presented to Council for consideration in the first quarter of 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon completion of the RFP process, staff report back on the outcomes and any required budget consideration.

9. NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL INFORMATION

None

10. CLOSED SESSION

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

1. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee (section 239(2)(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*); Re: Report No. LLS15-067 - Appointments to the Heritage Advisory Committee
2. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee (section 239(2)(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*); Re: Chief Administrative Officer Recruitment

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

JOHN ABEL, COUNCILLOR

STEPHEN M. A. HUYCKE, TOWN CLERK

THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 2015, IS SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL AND COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON NOVEMBER 24, 2015.