



Town of Aurora  
Special Council Meeting  
Workshop Minutes

Council Chambers  
Aurora Town Hall  
Wednesday, December 14, 2016

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**Attendance**

**Council Members** Mayor Dawe in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Humfryes (arrived 7:22 p.m.), Kim, Mrakas, Pirri (arrived 8:21 p.m.), and Thompson

**Members Absent** Councillor Thom

**Other Attendees** Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Lisa Lyons, Town Clerk, and Samantha Yew, Council/Committee Secretary

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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**

**Moved by Councillor Abel**  
**Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, **with the following addition**, be approved:

- Delegation (a) Sandra Manherz, Resident  
Re: Proposed Secondary School

**Carried**

### **3. Introduction**

Mayor Dawe provided a brief overview of the events leading to the Council Workshop regarding the proposed secondary school, and noted that the Workshop is an opportunity for Council to ask the York Region District School Board (YRDSB) Trustee for Aurora and King, Peter Adams-Luchowski, questions regarding the proposed secondary school to be located at Bayview Avenue between St. John's Sideroad and Wellington Street East.

### **4. Delegations**

- (a) Sandra Manherz, Resident**  
**Re: Proposed Secondary School**

Ms. Manherz spoke in support of the proposed secondary school.

**Moved by Councillor Mrakas**  
**Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

That the comments of the delegation be received for information.

**Carried**

### **5. Presentation by York Region District School Board Trustee**

Ms. Dawn Adams, Senior Manager of School & System Operations, YRDSB, provided a brief presentation outlining the history of the proposed site, the new school funding process, the current state of YRDSB secondary schools in Aurora, and next steps.

Council discussed various aspects of the proposed secondary school.

On a motion of Councillor Kim seconded by Councillor Humfryes, Council consented on a two-thirds vote to waive the requirements of the Procedural By-law to permit the residents to engage with the York Region District School Board Trustee.

Aurora residents Sandra Manherz, Julia Charendoff, Lia Zacharopoulos, Emilie Inakazu, and Anthony Pullano inquired about aspects of the proposed secondary school, including:

- Delegating to the YRDSB;
- Implementation of International Baccalaureate program and Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School;
- Population thresholds for closing a school;
- Processes around Pupil Accommodation Reviews by the YRDSB; and
- Ways in which residents can appeal to the YRDSB.

**Moved by Councillor Mrakas**  
**Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

That the presentation from the York Region District School Board be received for information.

**Carried**

**Moved by Councillor Humfryes**  
**Seconded by Councillor Mrakas**

That a letter be sent by the Mayor, on behalf of Council, to the Minister of Education, MPP Chris Ballard, and the Principals of Aurora High School and Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School, expressing support for the proposed secondary school, and requesting the attendance of representatives from each respective body at York Region District School Board meetings regarding the proposed secondary school.

**Carried**

## **6. By-laws**

**Moved by Councillor Thompson**  
**Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

That the following confirming by-law be given first, second, and third readings and enacted:

**5938-16** Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from a Special Council Meeting on December 14, 2016.

**Carried**

## **7. Adjournment**

**Moved by Councillor Kim**  
**Seconded by Councillor Pirri**

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

**Carried**

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**Geoffrey Dawe, Mayor**

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**Lisa Lyons, Town Clerk**

The minutes of the Special Council meeting of December 14, 2016, are subject to final approval by Council on January 31, 2017.