



## TOWN OF AURORA FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Tuesday, April 19, 2016

**Time and Location:** 5:30 p.m., Leksand Room, Aurora Town Hall

**Committee Members:** Councillor Michael Thompson (Chair), Councillor Harold Kim, and Mayor Geoffrey Dawe

**Member(s) Absent:** None

**Other Attendees:** Councillor Tom Mrakas, Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Al Downey, Director of Parks and Recreation Services, Dan Elliott, Director of Corporate and Financial Services/Treasurer, Jason Gaertner, Manager of Financial Planning/Deputy Treasurer, and Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Secretary

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:34 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 Mayor Dawe**  
**Seconded by Councillor Kim**

THAT the agenda as circulated by Legal and Legislative Services be approved.

**CARRIED**

**3. RECEIPT OF THE MINUTES**

**Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2016**

**Moved by Councillor Kim  
Seconded by Mayor Dawe**

THAT the Finance Advisory Committee meeting minutes of March 22, 2016, be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**4. DELEGATIONS**

None

**5. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS**

**1. Departmental Budget Review (Continued) – Parks and Recreation Services (PRS); Presentation by Al Downey, Director of Parks and Recreation Services**

Mr. Downey continued the PRS departmental budget review with an examination of the 2015 Budget major variances, items within the budget that require right-sizing, the proposed seniors subsidy program, and priorities for consideration in the 2017 Budget. The Committee and staff discussed options for the reporting of anomalies and their impact on the budget. It was agreed that PRS key performance indicators and relative statistics would be presented at the next meeting, as well as recommendations for budget positioning.

**Moved by Mayor Dawe  
Seconded by Councillor Kim**

THAT the Departmental Budget Review (Continued) – Parks and Recreation Services (PRS) and Presentation by Director of Parks & Recreation Services be received; and

THAT the comments of the Committee be referred to staff for consideration.

**CARRIED**

2. **Review (Part 2) of the BMA Management Consulting Inc. Municipal Study – 2015; Link to full report: <http://www.aurora.ca/bma>; Presentation by Dan Elliott, Director of Corporate and Financial Services/Treasurer**

**Motion to defer**

**Moved by Councillor Kim  
Seconded by Mayor Dawe**

THAT Item 2, Review (Part 2) of the BMA Management Consulting Inc. Municipal Study – 2015; Link to full report: <http://www.aurora.ca/bma>; Presentation by Dan Elliott, Director of Corporate and Financial Services/Treasurer, be deferred to the Finance Advisory Committee meeting of May 17, 2016.

**CARRIED**

3. **Memorandum (Updated) from Treasurer  
Re: History of Residential/Non-residential Assessment Split**

Staff provided background to the updated memorandum including a brief explanation of tax ratios for the non-residential sector, tax classes, and calculations. The Committee suggested that comparators would help to understand how the Town relates to other municipalities and to determine the best ratio. Staff agreed to provide the Committee with comparator information.

**Moved by Mayor Dawe  
Seconded by Councillor Kim**

THAT the memorandum (updated) regarding History of Residential/Non-residential Assessment Split be received for information.

**CARRIED**

4. **Extract from Council Meeting of February 9, 2016  
Re: Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2016**

**Moved by Councillor Kim  
Seconded by Mayor Dawe**

THAT the Extract from Council Meeting of February 9, 2016, regarding the Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2016, be received for information.

**CARRIED**

- 5. Extract from Council Meeting of March 8, 2016  
Re: Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2016**

**Moved by Mayor Dawe  
Seconded by Councillor Kim**

THAT the Extract from Council Meeting of March 8, 2016, regarding the Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2016, be received for information.

**CARRIED**

- 6. NEW BUSINESS**

None

- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councillor Kim  
Seconded by Mayor Dawe**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

**CARRIED**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT BINDING ON THE TOWN UNLESS ADOPTED BY COUNCIL AT A LATER MEETING.