



Town of Aurora General Committee Meeting Report

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Attendance

Council Members Councillor Humfryes in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Kim, Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe

Members Absent Councillor Gaertner

Other Attendees Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services, Ilmar Simanovskis, Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services, Dan Elliott, Director of Financial Services, Al Downey, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, Marco Ramunno, Director of Planning and Building Services, Stephanie Mackenzie-Smith, Manager of Corporate Communications, Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor, Lisa Lyons, Town Clerk, and Samantha Yew, Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Legislative Services, with the following additions:

- Item 14 – Correspondence from Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Re: What's Next Ontario? Resolution

- Notice of Motion (a) Councillor Mrakas
Re: Buy and Sell Designated Areas
- Notice of Motion (b) Councillor Mrakas and Councillor Humfryes
Re: Cycling Master Plan
- Notice of Motion (c) Councillor Gaertner
Re: Proposed Community Safety Zone in Town Park Area

3. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 13, and 14 were identified for discussion.

4. Adoption of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion

Items 8, 10, 11, and 12 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:

8. IES16-084 – Municipal Council Blanket Support Resolution

1. That Report No. IES16-084 be received; and
2. That approval of the following Municipal Blanket Support Resolution, previously approved by Council in 2012, 2013 and 2015, be confirmed for a further 12-month period:

Whereas the Province's FIT Program encourages the construction and operation of rooftop solar PV projects (the "Projects"); and

Whereas one or more Projects may be constructed and operated in the Town of Aurora; and

Whereas, pursuant to the FIT Rules, Version 5.0, Applications whose Projects receive the formal support of Local Municipalities will be awarded Priority Points, which may result in the Applicant being offered a FIT Contract prior to other persons applying for FIT Contract;

Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Council of the Town of Aurora supports without reservation the construction and operation of the Projects anywhere in the Town of Aurora; and

Be It Further Resolved That this resolution shall expire twelve (12) months after its adoption by Council.

3. That the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute the new FIT form attached to this Report.

10. IES16-086 – Award of Contract for Consulting Services to Prepare a Town-wide Stream Management Master Plan for the Town of Aurora

1. That Report No. IES16-086 be received; and
2. That the Contract for the provision of consulting services to prepare a Town Wide Stream Management Master Plan for the Town of Aurora be awarded to Aquafor Beech Limited for \$105,230, excluding taxes; and
3. That additional funding for Capital Project No. 42057 in the amount of \$17,790 be approved from the Storm Sewer reserve fund; and
4. 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.

11. IES16-087 – By-law to Establish 0.3m Reserve as Public Highway

1. That Report No. IES16-087 be received; and
2. That a by-law to establish 0.3m reserves on Plans 65M-4075 and 65M-4082 as public highways be enacted.

12. PBS16-092 – Draft Plan of Condominium Application, BG Properties (Aurora) Inc., 14222, 14314, 14358 and 14378 Yonge Street Part Lot 17, Plan 132, Part Lots 74 and 75, Con. 1, Part 1,

**65R-35902, File Number: CDM-2016-03, Related File
Number: SUB-2012-03, ZBA-2012-16**

1. That Report No. PBS16-092 be received; and
2. That the Draft Plan of Condominium File No. CDM-2016-03 (BG Properties (Aurora) Inc. to permit the development of the subject lands for 42 single detached dwelling units on the subject lands be approved; and
3. That the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute any Agreement(s) referenced in the Conditions of Approval, including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same.

Carried

5. Delegations

None

6. Presentations by the Advisory Committee Chair

None

7. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

General Committee consented to consider the items in the following order: 6, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 13, and 14.

1. **Presentation by Lisa Lyons, Town Clerk**
Re: Item 2 – CS16-010 – Draft Procedure By-law and 2017 Meeting Schedule

General Committee recommends:

1. That the presentation regarding Item 2 – CS16-010 – Draft Procedure By-law and 2017 Meeting Schedule be received for information.

Carried

2. CS16-010 – Draft Procedure By-law and 2017 Meeting Schedule

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CS16-010 be received; and
2. **That the start time of Council Closed Session meetings, as outlined in Section 19 e) iii) of the Draft Procedure By-law, be changed to 5:45 p.m.; and**
3. That the final draft Procedure By-law, incorporating Council feedback, be presented at the Council meeting of November 22, 2016, for enactment effective on January 1, 2017; and
4. That the 2017 Meeting Schedule (Attachment 4) be approved; and
5. **That the two (2) full-day capital and operating budget meetings alternate between Monday and Saturday, beginning in 2018.**

Carried as amended

3. CAO16-006 – Economic Development Model Review and Comparison

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CAO16-006 be received; and
2. That the Hybrid Model for Economic Development be endorsed; and
3. That staff be directed to bring forward an implementation plan for 2017.

Carried

4. IES16-083 – Pilot Project for Left Turn Restrictions at Yonge Street and Wellington Street Intersection Follow-up

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. IES16-083 be received; and

2. That staff report back to Council following the completion of the pilot project for left turn restrictions at the intersection of Yonge Street and Wellington Street.

Carried

5. CS16-012 – Proclamation Policy

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CS16-012 be received; and
2. That the “Proclamation Policy” attached to Report No. CS16-012 be approved; and
3. That authority for approving or denying requests for proclamation be delegated to the Town Clerk.

Carried

6. IES16-081 – Acceptance of Municipal Services – Chateaus on Bayview – Registered Plan 65M-4292

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. IES16-081 be received; and
2. That ownership, operation and maintenance of the works within the roads, right-of-ways and other lands dedicated to the Town as contained within Registered Plan 65M-4292, being Chateaus on Bayview Residential Subdivision, be assumed; and
3. That the necessary by-law be brought forward for enactment to assume for public use the highways within Registered Plan 65M-4292 and to establish as public highway any applicable reserves.

Carried

7. IES16-082 – Water Meter Replacement Program Contract Renewal

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. IES16-082 be deferred to a future General Committee meeting, pending further information from staff regarding the Water Meter Replacement Program.

Carried

9. IES16-085 – Award of Tender No. IES 2016-65 for Fire Monitoring and Suppression Services

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. IES16-085 be received; and
2. That Request for Proposal IES 2016-65 – for the Supply of Fire Monitoring and Suppression Services on an as needed basis be awarded to Classic Fire Protection Inc. at the unit prices tendered for a five (5) year contract; and
3. That a purchase order in the amount of \$350,000, excluding taxes, be approved in favour of Classic Fire Protection Inc. for the five (5) years of services; and
4. That the Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services be authorized to renew RFP IES 2016-65 for an additional two (2), one (1) year optional years, pending an annual analysis and satisfactory performance review, for a total contract duration of up to seven (7) years; and
5. That the Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services be authorized to approve additional expenditures within the scope of the contract to an amount up to the approved annual operating budget for these services over the term of the contract; and
6. 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.

Carried

13. PBS16-095 – Public Notification of Site Plan Applications

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PBS16-095 be received; and
2. That the requirement for Public Notification Signage for Site Plan Applications submitted under Section 41 of the *Planning Act* as outlined in the staff report be approved.

Carried

**14. Correspondence from Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Re: What's Next Ontario? Resolution**

General Committee recommends:

1. That the Correspondence from Association of Municipalities of Ontario regarding What's Next Ontario? Resolution be received; and
2. That the following What's Next Ontario? Resolution as put forward by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario be endorsed, as amended:

Whereas recent polling, conducted on behalf of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario indicates 76% of Ontarians are concerned or somewhat concerned property taxes will not cover the cost of infrastructure while maintaining municipal services, and 90% agree maintaining safe infrastructure is an important priority for their communities; and

Whereas infrastructure and transit are identified by Ontarians as the biggest problems facing their municipal government; and

Whereas a ten-year projection (2016-2025) of municipal expenditures against inflationary property tax and user fee increases, shows there to be an unfunded average annual need of \$3.6 billion to fix local infrastructure and provide for municipal operating needs; and

Whereas the \$3.6 billion average annual need would equate to annual increases of 4.6% (including inflation) to province-wide property tax revenue for the next ten years; and

Whereas this gap calculation also presumes all existing and multi-year planned federal and provincial transfers to municipal governments are fulfilled; and

Whereas if future federal and provincial transfers are unfulfilled beyond 2015 levels, it would require annual province-wide property tax revenue increases of up to 8.35% for ten years; and

Whereas Ontarians already pay the highest property taxes in the country; and

Whereas each municipal government in Ontario faces unique issues, the fiscal health and needs are a challenge which unites all municipal governments, regardless of size;

Now Therefore It Be Resolved that the Town of Aurora Council supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in its work to close the fiscal gap; so that all municipalities can benefit from predictable and sustainable revenue, to finance the pressing infrastructure and municipal service needs faced by all municipal governments.

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, Mr. Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, and all Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) in the Province of Ontario.

Carried as amended

8. Notices of Motion

(a) Councillor Mrakas

Re: Buy and Sell Designated Areas

Whereas many residents in the Town of Aurora and York Region utilize online classified ads to purchase and sell products; and

Whereas there is always a risk when meeting a stranger in person; and

Whereas designated exchange areas near or in police stations, such as a couple of parking spots, would help residents safely conduct these transactions;

Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That The Town of Aurora request the York Regional Police Services Board review the possibility of designating areas at police stations or Headquarters for residents to meet buyers and sellers of online classified ads.

**(b) Councillor Mrakas and Councillor Humfryes
Re: Cycling Master Plan**

Whereas the bicycle is a viable and affordable mode of transportation that is not only environmentally sound but supportive of active healthy lifestyles; and

Whereas a Cycling Master Plan will create and improve opportunities throughout the Town of Aurora for active recreation and active transportation for all residents and visitors; and

Whereas the development of active transportation infrastructure, policies and promotion strategies are also supported at the federal, provincial, regional and municipal levels of government; and

Whereas the purpose of a Cycling Master Plan is to guide the development of a long-term, comprehensive, Town-wide, on- and off-road commuter and recreational bicycling network; and

Whereas the creation of a Cycling Master Plan would help support the Town of Aurora's pursuit in becoming Canada's most active municipality;

Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff work with the Trails and Active Transportation Committee in developing a strategy to create a Cycling Master Plan that will ultimately be incorporated into the Town's Official Plan.

**(c) Councillor Gaertner
Re: Proposed Community Safety Zone in Town Park Area**

Whereas the area around the Town Park is home to many families with small children;

Whereas Town Park is used by these children, as well as those from the larger Aurora community;

Whereas concern has been repeatedly expressed about excessive speeding of traffic during the GO Train hours of operation;

Whereas it is appropriate that Council address this concern as soon as possible;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Town declare this a Community Safety Zone; and

Be It Further Resolved That Council ask York Regional Police for their help with measures to control speeding near the Town Park area; and

Be It Further Resolved That when the provincial government gives municipalities the authority to set up photo radar cameras, staff be directed to them in the Town Park area.

9. New Business/General Information

Councillor Pirri inquired about the Cultural Master Plan action items and whether they could be considered by Council at a future meeting.

Councillor Thom requested more information regarding the colour of the brick of the of the condominium development at Yonge Street and Centre Street, and noted that concern was raised at the Heritage Advisory Committee as the colour is inconsistent with the renderings provided as part of the Site Plan process.

Councillor Abel requested a list of the Parks and Recreation special events held by the Town in 2016, along with the cost and resources used by each event. Staff agreed to provide information.

Councillor Mrakas requested an update regarding the soccer field at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex. Staff provided an update.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Sandra Humfries, Councillor

Lisa Lyons, Town Clerk

The report of the General Committee meeting of November 15, 2016, received final approval and Council endorsement of the recommendations on November 22, 2016, with the exception of Item 2 which was approved as presented, and Items 4 and 5 which were approved as amended.