



Town of Aurora
Special General Committee
2017 Operating Budget
Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Monday, November 21, 2016

Attendance

Council Members Mayor Dawe in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Gaertner (arrived 7:09 p.m.), Humfryes, Kim, Mrakas, Thom, and Thompson

Members Absent Councillor Pirri

Other Attendees Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Dan Elliott, Director of Financial Services, Al Downey, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, Jason Gaertner, Manager of Financial Planning, Lisa Lyons, Town Clerk, and Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

General Committee consented to recess at 9:18 p.m. and reconvened at 9:22 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 addition:

- Memorandum from Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services; Re: Special Event Budget for 2016

3. Delegations

**(a) Irene Clement, Chair, Board of Directors, Aurora Community Arboretum
Re: Aurora Community Arboretum Budget Update**

Ms. Clement presented an overview of the Aurora Community Arboretum achievements in 2016, the plans and budget for 2017, and plans for the future. She expressed appreciation to Town staff or their ongoing collaboration.

General Committee received the comments of the delegation for information.

**(b) Mr. Javed Khan, Chair, Board of Directors, Aurora Chamber of
Commerce
Re: Aurora Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards**

Mr. Khan presented an overview of the Chamber's mission, goals, and activities. He requested Council's consideration of sponsorship funds in support of the following events: (1) Business Excellence Awards and Gala to be held on November 16, 2017 in the amount of \$10,000; (2) the Aurora Women's Business Summit, a new annual event to be launched in the spring of 2017, in the amount of \$2,500; and (3) the second annual Tech Expo, in the amount of \$2,500.

General Committee received the comments of the delegation and referred the Aurora Chamber of Commerce funding requests to the 2017 Budget Options list.

4. Public Consultation – Open Session – Opportunity for Members of the Public to Provide Input Regarding the 2017 Budget

None

5. Closed Session

None

6. Consideration of Items

1. 2017 Operating Budget – Aurora Public Library Board (Budget Binder Tab 7); Presentation by Jill Foster, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary-Treasurer, Aurora Public Library Board; and Discussion

Ms. Foster presented an overview of the Aurora Public Library including: the Library's mission, vision and growth; 2016 key achievements; 2017 plans; 2017 Budget development process and framework; and the 2017 Budget highlights, pressures, and assessment growth.

General Committee recommends:

1. That the presentation from the Aurora Public Library Board be received; and
2. That the 2017 Operating Grant to the Aurora Public Library Board in the amount of \$3,767,700 be approved.

Carried

2. 2017 Operating Budget – Aurora Cultural Centre Board 2017 Operating Grant; Presentation by Craig Mather, President, Board of Directors, and Laura Schembri, Executive Director, Aurora Cultural Centre; and Discussion

Mr. Mather and Ms. Schembri presented an overview of the Aurora Cultural Centre including: elements of the Centre's activities including programming, fundraising, and community facility rentals; volunteer contributions; governance; partnership with the Town; 2017 Budget pressures; 2017 Operating Budget and highlights; and the 2017 new initiatives.

General Committee recommends:

1. That the presentation from the Aurora Cultural Centre Board be received;
and
2. That the 2017 Operating Grant to the Aurora Cultural Centre Board in the amount of \$405,600 be approved.

Carried

3. 2017 Operating Budget – Aurora Historical Society Board 2017 Operating Grant; Presentation by Bill Albino, President, Board of Directors, Aurora Historical Society Board; and Discussion

Mr. Albino presented an overview of the Aurora Historical Society's 2017 Operating Budget including: mission statement; request for Town support; background; Hillary House National Historic Site; 2015 highlights including exhibitions, programs, and fundraising; 2015 key performance and financial metrics; plans and special projects for 2016; and plans for 2017.

General Committee recommends:

1. That the presentation from the Aurora Historical Society Board be received; and
2. That the 2017 Operating Grant to the Aurora Historical Society Board in the amount of \$72,600 be approved.

Carried

4. 2017 Operating Budget – Departmental Business Plan (Budget Binder Tab 6)

Review of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

and

**5. Memorandum from Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
Re: Special Event Budget for 2016**

(Added Item)

General Committee recommends:

1. That Items 4 and 5 be deferred to the Special General Committee – 2017 Operating Budget meeting of November 28, 2016.

Motion to defer

Carried

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Geoffrey Dawe, Mayor

Lisa Lyons, Town Clerk

The minutes of the Special General Committee – 2017 Operating Budget meeting of November 21, 2016, are subject to being received by Council on December 13, 2016.