



Town of Aurora
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 15, 2016

Time and Location: 7 p.m., Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Councillor Michael Thompson (Chair), Councillor Tom Mrakas (Vice Chair), Juergen Daurer, Richard Doust, Stephen Kimmerer, Eric McCartney, and Brian Trussler

Member(s) Absent: None

Other Attendees: Al Downey, Director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, and Samantha Yew, Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7 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 Juergen Daurer
Seconded by Stephen Kimmerer

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

3. Receipt of the Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2016

Moved by Stephen Kimmerer

Seconded by Richard Doust

That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 16, 2016, be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

None.

5. Matters for Consideration

1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference – Revised

Staff provided an overview of the proposed changes to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference. The Committee provided suggestions, including:

- A new mandate that includes open space in addition to parks; and
- As per the Sport Plan, the addition of “Sport” to the Committee name, and inclusion of sport-related matters in the Committee mandate; and
- Increase to two (2) members from the Sports Council; and
- The increase in frequency of meetings from bi-monthly to monthly.

Moved by Councillor Mrakas

Seconded by Richard Doust

1. That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference – Revised be received; and
2. That the comments provided by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) be considered by staff in preparation of the revised PRAC Terms of Reference.

Carried

6. Informational Items

2. Memorandum from Manager of Parks Re: Pet Waste in Public Parks and Open Space

The Committee discussed possible strategies to deal with pet waste in public parks and open spaces.

**Moved by Richard Doust
Seconded by Juergen Daurer**

1. That the memorandum regarding Pet Waste in Public Parks and Open Spaces be received; and
2. **That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommend to Council:**
 1. **That staff be directed to investigate a public education program and public survey regarding pet waste in public parks and open spaces.**

Carried as amended

3. Club Aurora Membership Pass Summary Report for June and July 2016

**Moved by Richard Doust
Seconded by Stephen Kimmerer**

1. That the Club Aurora Membership Pass Summary Report for June and July 2016 be received for information.

Carried

4. Extract from Council Meeting of June 14, 2016 Re: Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee and Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of May 31, 2016

**Moved by Eric McCartney
Seconded by Juergen Daurer**

1. That the Extract from Council Meeting of June 14, 2016, regarding the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee and Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting minutes of May 31, 2016, be received for information.

Carried

**5. Extract from Council Meeting of July 12, 2016
Re: Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of
June 16, 2016**

**Moved by Richard Doust
Seconded by Councillor Mrakas**

1. That the Extract from Council Meeting of July 12, 2016, regarding the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 16, 2016, be received for information.

Carried

7. New Business

Juergen Daurer noted that a member of Club Aurora expressed concern regarding the state of the lockers at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex, noting more than half of the lockers are not in working condition. Staff indicated that Infrastructure and Environmental Services will be notified.

Eric McCartney inquired about the ownership and maintenance of feature walls to entrances of neighbourhoods, and the demolition of the feature walls that were located at the north-east and south-east corners of Batson Drive and Yonge Street. Staff indicated that the ownership and maintenance of feature walls varies, and that the feature walls at Batson Drive and Yonge Street were demolished as they required very extensive restoration. Staff noted that there are no plans to rebuild them at this time.

**New Business Motion No. 1
Moved by Eric McCartney
Seconded by Juergen Daurer**

That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

1. That staff be directed to provide a review of the ownership, maintenance, and replacements of all existing feature walls in the Town; and
2. That staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of replacing the feature walls at the north-east and south-east corners Batson Drive and Yonge Street.

Carried

Stephen Kimmerer requested an update regarding the proposed Ice Allocation Policy update. Staff indicated that a report to Council is forthcoming.

Staff provided the Committee with an update on the Tender and construction timelines of Mavrinac Park, and noted that construction will likely commence in 2017.

Stephen Kimmerer inquired about the development of the turf field at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex. Staff indicated that it is currently in the Tendering process, and that a report to Council is expected in the fall.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Mrakas

Seconded by Stephen Kimmerer

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Carried

Committee recommendations are not binding on the Town unless adopted by Council at a later meeting.