



Town of Aurora
Budget Committee Meeting Report
2018 Budget Consultation

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall
Wednesday, May 31, 2017

Attendance

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

Members Absent Councillors Humfryes and Thom

Other Attendees Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate 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, Michael de Rond, Town Clerk, and Raffi Derderian, Business Support Analyst

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Budget Committee approved the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, with the following addition:

- Delegation (b) Bob Lepp, Resident; Re: Non-Tax Sources of Income

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

3. Delegations

(a) Craig Mather, President, Board of Directors, Aurora Cultural Centre Re: 2018 Budget Request for Aurora Cultural Centre

Mr. Mather presented an overview of a number of Centre initiatives including a Strategic Plan update, participation in the Town's Cultural Partners Review and in the redevelopment of Library Square, and the hiring of a new Executive Director for the Centre. He advised that the Centre was not in a position to make a specific Operating Budget request at this time. Mr. Mather requested that the Town provide funding through its Capital Budget and work with the Centre in the design and construction of a new sign which would identify and locate the Aurora Cultural Centre and Museum.

(b) Stephen Kimmerer, President, Board of Directors, Sport Aurora Re: 2018 Budget Request for Sport Aurora

Mr. Kimmerer presented an overview of Sport Aurora's funding request including a review of its mission, background, community value, sustainability, Sport Plan deliverables, and strategic plans. He requested support in the form of an annual subsidy for 2018 and 2019, and an extension of the Sport Plan Implementation Project services contract for 2018 and 2019.

(c) Bill Albino, President, Board of Directors, Aurora Historical Society Re: 2018 Budget Request for Aurora Historical Society

Mr. Albino presented an update on the financial status and successes of the year, as well as ongoing and upcoming projects and events. He requested additional funding to their 2018 annual operating grant, in the event that it is needed, in order to relocate the Godfrey Collection into an alternate storage facility.

**(d) Javed Khan, Chair, Board of Directors, Aurora Chamber of Commerce
Re: 2018 Budget Request for Aurora Chamber of Commerce**

Mr. Khan provided an overview of the Chamber's mission and activities. He requested Council's consideration of specific sponsorship funds in support of four events: the Aurora Chamber Home Show, April 2018; the Aurora Chamber Tech Expo, October 2018; the Aurora Chamber Business Women's Summit, October 2018; and the Aurora Chamber Youth Entrepreneur Summit, 2018.

**(e) Irene Clement, Chair, Board of Directors, Aurora Community Arboretum
Re: 2018 Budget Request for Aurora Community Arboretum**

Ms. Clement provided a video presentation of the Arboretum's accomplishments and an overview of the plans for a further ten-year partnership. She requested the Town's continued support by accepting the updated master plan and granting the associated funding for its execution over the next ten years.

**(f) Ron Weese, Chair, Aurora Sports Hall of Fame
Re: 2018 Budget Request for Aurora Sports Hall of Fame**

Mr. Weese presented an overview of the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame's funding request including a review of its mission, goals, value, community benefits, and sustainability. He requested support in the form of a long-term, base operating funding subsidy to grow and fulfil its strategic plan, and one-time capital project funding to expand the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex during 2018.

**(g) Bob Lepp, Resident
Re: Non-Tax Sources of Income**

Mr. Lepp presented suggestions for increasing compliance with animal licensing and associated revenues.

General Committee received and referred the comments of Delegations (a) through (g) to staff for consideration in the 2018 Budget deliberations.

4. Public Consultation – Open Session – Opportunity for Members of the Public to Provide Input Regarding the 2018 Budget

No members of the public came forward.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Geoffrey Dawe, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk

The report of the Budget Committee meeting of May 31, 2017, is subject to receipt by Council.