



Town of Aurora Council Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Attendance

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

Members Absent None

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, Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor, Samantha Yew, Deputy Clerk, and Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Council consented to recess the meeting at 8:22 and reconvened at 8:42 p.m. Council consented to recess the meeting at 10:29 p.m. and reconvened at 10:36 p.m.

On a motion of Councillor Pirri seconded by Councillor Thom, Council consented to extend the hour past 10:30 p.m. The motion of Councillor Pirri seconded by Councillor Thompson to extend the hour past 11 p.m. was defeated due to lack of unanimous support.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Pirri
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

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

3. Presentations

(a) Jessica Kerr, Jacqueline Betterton, and Councillor Avia Eek, Southlake Regional Health Centre (SRHC) Foundation
Re: Run or Walk for Southlake 2017

Ms. Kerr, Ms. Betterton, and Councillor Eek, presented an overview of the achievements and services provided by Southlake Regional Health Centre, highlighted elements of the Run or Walk for Southlake fundraising event being held on Sunday, April 30, 2017, and extended a challenge to the Town of Aurora to further participate in the Mayor's Team Challenge.

Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Thom

That the presentation be received for information.

Carried

(b) Ferguson Mobbs, Chairman, 100th Anniversary of Vimy Ridge Event
Re: 100th Anniversary of Vimy Ridge Event

Mr. Mobbs presented an overview of plans to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of The Battle of Vimy Ridge through a special commemorative evening event, presented by the Regimental Council of the Queen's York Rangers, to be held at 6 p.m. on April 8, 2017, at the Aurora Royal Canadian Legion.

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the presentation be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

- (a) **Javed Khan, Aurora Chamber of Commerce**
Re: Item R7 – PBS17-010 – Proposed Amendment to the Sign By-law to Use Official Languages in Signs

Mr. Khan spoke in support of the proposed amendment to the Sign By-law.

Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Thom

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Item R7.

Carried

- (b) **Vicky McGrath, Aurora Chamber of Commerce**
Re: Item R1 – CAO17-001 – Economic Development Board – Terms of Reference

Ms. McGrath spoke in support of the staff report regarding the establishment of an Economic Development Board and a stronger connection with the Aurora Chamber of Commerce.

Moved by Councillor Pirri
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Item R1.

Carried

5. Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That Consent Agenda Items C1 and C2 be approved:

C1. Council Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2017

1. That the Council meeting minutes of January 31, 2017, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C2. Council Public Planning Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2017

1. That the Council Public Planning meeting minutes of January 25, 2017, be adopted as printed and circulated.

Carried

6. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

Items were discussed in the following order: R1, R6, R7, R2, R3, R4, R5, R8, and R9.

R1. CAO17-001 – Economic Development Board – Terms of Reference

Moved by Councillor Pirri

Seconded by Councillor Humfries

1. That Report No. CAO17-001 be received; and
2. That the attached Economic Development Board – Terms of Reference be endorsed and staff be directed to proceed with the creation of the Aurora Economic Development Board.

Motion to refer

Moved by Councillor Pirri

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That Report No. CAO17-001 – Economic Development Board – Terms of Reference, be referred to the next meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee for comment, and be brought back to Council in the first meeting cycle in March 2017.

Motion to refer

Carried

R2. FS17-001 – Fire Station 4-5 Project Funding – Aurora Share

Moved by Councillor Thom

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

1. That Report No. FS17-001 be received; and
2. That the design phase and construction phase of the Fire Station 4-5 capital project #21006 be funded as set out in Report No. FS17-001; and
3. That a budget of \$520,000 be approved and funded for the location and design phases of the project as set out in Report No. FS17-001.

Defeated

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

1. That Report No. FS17-001 be received; and
2. That the design phase of Fire Station 4-5 capital project #21006 be approved and funded as set out in Report No. FS17-001; and
3. That staff report back with a funding report for Aurora's share of the construction phase of the project.

Carried

R3. IES17-004 – Approval of Capital Project No. 24006 (Replacement of By-law Services vehicle No. 403)

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Thom

1. That Report No. IES17-004 be received; and
2. That this report satisfy Council's conditional approval of Capital Project No. 24006; and
3. That staff be authorized to proceed with Capital Project No. 24006, "Replacement of By-law Services vehicle No. 403".

Carried

R4. IES17-005 – Purchase Order Increase for Roads Salt

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Pirri

1. That Report No. IES17-005 be received; and
2. That Purchase Order No. 78 be extended to Compass Mineral Canada Corp. for the final optional year for the York Co-Op for untreated highway coarse rock salt supply; and
3. That Purchase Order No. 78 to Compass Minerals Canada Corp. be increased by \$200,000 from the amount of \$355,806 to \$555,806, excluding taxes, for the two-year contract term of 2016 and 2017; and
4. That Purchase Order No. 752 to Compass Minerals Canada Corp. be increased by \$40,000 from the amount of \$260,000 to \$300,000, excluding taxes, for the contract term of 2016 for Thawrox.

Carried

R5. PBS17-002 – Application for Zoning By-law Amendment, Worthman & Cwenar, 19-21 Machell Avenue, Lot 5, Registered Plan No. 36, File Number: ZBA-2016-11

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

1. That Report No. PBS17-002 be received; and
2. That Application to Amend the Zoning By-law File No. ZA-2016-11, Worthman & Cwenar to rezone the subject lands from “Central Commercial (C2) Zone” to “Special Mixed Density Residential (R5-X) Exception Zone be approved; and
3. That the implementing Zoning By-law Amendment be presented at a future Council meeting for enactment.

Carried

R6. PBS17-004 – Application for Zoning By-law Amendment, Canadian Tire Real Estate Limited, 14700 Yonge Street, Part of Lots 76 and 77, Concession 1, File Number: ZBA-2016-05

On a motion of Councillor Thompson seconded by Councillor Humfries, Council consented to consider Item R6 following consideration of Item R1.

**Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by Councillor Pirri**

1. That Report No. PBS17-004 be received; and
2. That the Application to Amend the Zoning By-law File Number ZBA-2016-05 (Canadian Tire Real Estate Limited), to amend the site specific C4-15 zoning provisions to allow additional commercial uses be approved; and
3. That the implementing Zoning By-law Amendment be presented at a future Council meeting.

Motion to defer

**Moved by Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

That Report No. PBS17-004 – Application for Zoning By-law Amendment, Canadian Tire Real Estate Limited, 14700 Yonge Street, Part of Lots 76 and 77, Concession 1, File Number: ZBA-2016-05, be deferred to the last Council meeting of June 2017.

**Motion to defer
Carried**

R7. PBS17-010 – Proposed Amendment to the Sign By-law to Use Official Languages in Signs

On a motion of Councillor Kim seconded by Councillor Thom, Council consented to consider Item R7 following consideration of Item R6.

**Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Pirri**

1. That Report No. PBS17-010 be received; and
2. That a by-law be enacted to amend By-law Number 5840-16, being a by-law respecting signs within the Town of Aurora, by including a provision that regulates the language of signs.

Carried

R8. PBS17-009 – Next Steps Report for Library Square

Main motion

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Kim

1. That Report No. PBS17-009 be received; and
2. That the next steps regarding the design for Library Square as outlined in this report be approved.

Motion to defer

Moved by Councillor Abel

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That Report No. PBS17-009 – Next Steps Report for Library Square be deferred to the next meeting cycle.

Motion to defer

Withdrawn

On a recorded vote the main motion

Carried

Yeas: 6

Nays: 3

Voting Yeas: Councillors Humfryes, Kim, Mrakas,
Pirri, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe

Voting Nays: Councillors Abel, Gaertner, and Thom

R9. Memorandum from Mayor Dawe

Re: Correspondence from The Honourable Peter Van Loan, MP, York-Simcoe – Proposed Private Member's Bill C-323

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

1. That the memorandum regarding Correspondence from The Honourable Peter Van Loan, MP, York-Simcoe – Proposed Private Member's Bill C-323, be received; and
2. That Council support this initiative by resolution; and
3. That a copy of Council's resolution be forwarded to the offices of Kyle Peterson, MP, Newmarket-Aurora, Leona Alleslev, MP, Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill, and The Honourable Peter Van Loan, MP, York-Simcoe.

Carried

7. Notices of Motion

None

8. Motions

(a) Councillor Abel
Re: Library Square

Upon the reading of the motion, Councillor Abel withdrew the first operative clause of the motion.

Moved by Councillor Abel
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

Whereas the Town of Aurora has declared the old Library and the old Fire Hall, both on Victoria Street, as surplus properties; and

Whereas these two properties are known as 'Library Square'; and

Whereas the Town has completed approximately 11 studies on the uses and purposes of Library Square prior to 2012; and

Whereas, during the last term of Council, the Town in 2013 undertook another study, to engage the community as to what uses Library Square might have, to better enhance the businesses in the downtown heritage core, cultural activities and the community at large; and

Whereas the development of Library Square is documented in the Aurora Promenade Study and the Cultural Master Plan, as a recommended action to be undertaken; and

Whereas many business, cultural, and community partners have expressed support for the concept of developing Library Square; and

Whereas residents and Members of Council have expressed support for the concept of developing Library Square;

~~1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That, based on the previous studies, staff be directed to report back on options, including costs and time lines, to implement the conceptual architectural designs; and~~

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff report back on options and/or a Terms of Reference for the formation of a Task Force, Round Table, or Ad Hoc Committee to engage the Town's business, cultural, and community partners in the development of Library Square; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That staff report back by March 2017.

**On a recorded vote the motion was
Defeated**

Yeas: 1	Nays: 8
Voting Yeas:	Councillor Abel
Voting Nays:	Councillors Gaertner, Humfryes, Kim, Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe

(b) Councillor Abel
Re: Downtown Revitalization Plan

Moved by Councillor Abel
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

Whereas the Town of Aurora has declared the old Library and the old Fire Hall, both on Victoria Street, as surplus properties; and

Whereas these two properties are known as “Library Square”; and

Whereas the development of Library Square is documented in the Aurora Promenade Study and the Cultural Master Plan as a recommended action to be undertaken; and

Whereas, there are four overarching plans and studies, namely the Aurora Promenade Study, the Cultural Master Plan, the Strategic Plan, and the Community Tourism Plan, which all speak to the revitalization of the downtown core; and

Whereas these plans and studies provide guidelines and recommendations on provisions to develop a Downtown Revitalization Plan, through engagement, collaboration, and communication; and

Whereas many business, cultural, and community partners have expressed the need for the revitalization of the downtown core; and

Whereas residents and Members of Council of past and present have expressed the need to revitalize the downtown core; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora has recently resolved that a new Office of Economic Development be formed, with terms of reference to form a Board;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Council endorse the concept of the development of a Downtown Revitalization Plan; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the new Office of Economic Development be tasked to deliver a draft Downtown Revitalization Plan, in collaboration with the newly-formed Board, before the third quarter of 2017 for Council's consideration.

The consideration of this item was not completed due to termination of the meeting; therefore, this item will be included on the Council agenda of February 28, 2017.

(c) Councillor Mrakas
Re: Property Tax Vacancy Rebates

This item was not considered due to termination of the meeting and will be included on the Council agenda of February 28, 2017.

9. Regional Report

York Regional Council Highlights – January 26, 2017

This item was not considered due to termination of the meeting and will be included on the Council agenda of February 28, 2017.

10. New Business

None

11. Public Service Announcements

None

12. By-laws

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Pirri

That the following by-laws be enacted:

- (a) 5952-17** Being a By-law to amend Zoning By-law Number 2213-78, as amended (Coppervalley Estates Inc.).
- (b) 5953-17** Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 5840-16 respecting signs within the Town of Aurora.
- (c) 5954-17** Being a By-law to declare as surplus and sell municipal lands (Part of Lot 26, Allaura Boulevard).

(d) **5955-17** Being a By-law to amend Parking and Traffic Control By-law Number 4574-04.T, as amended, with respect to No Parking on various highways in the Town of Aurora.

(e) **5956-17** Being a By-law to amend Parking and Traffic Control By-law Number 4574-04.T, as amended, with respect to Restricted Parking Maximum Period on various highways in the Town of Aurora.

Carried

13. Closed Session

None

14. Confirming By-law

Moved by Councillor Thom
Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the following confirming by-law be enacted:

5957-17 Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from a Council Meeting on February 14, 2017.

Carried

15. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Thom
Seconded by Councillor Pirri

That the meeting be adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

Carried

Geoffrey Dawe, Mayor

Samantha Yew, Deputy Clerk

The minutes of the Council meeting of February 14, 2017, are subject to final approval by Council on February 28, 2017.