



Town of Aurora Council Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, April 11, 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, Marco Ramunno, Director of Planning and Building Services, Al Downey, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, Stephanie Mackenzie-Smith, Manager of Corporate Communications, Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor, Michael de Rond, Town Clerk, and Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Secretary

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

Mayor Dawe relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Abel at 8:21 p.m., during the consideration of Motion (a), and resumed the Chair at 8:24 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Pirri

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, with the following change, be approved:

- Withdrawn: Item C1(R9) PRCS17-012 – Music Aurora

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

4. Delegations

(a) John Gallo, Resident

Re: Item C1(R2) FS17-003 – Joint Operations Centre (JOC) Project: Financial Summary Report

Mr. Gallo expressed concern regarding the lack of follow-up to the issues he raised at Open Forum prior to last week's General Committee meeting. He requested that Council direct staff to provide further information on: next steps respecting the Town's public art policy in relation to the JOC project; reasons for the Town not receiving funding from the Green Municipal Fund; and an explanation for the inequities in garbage and recycling services in certain areas of Town.

Moved by Councillor Mrakas

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Item C1(R2).

Carried

5. Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Pirri

Seconded by Councillor Mrakas

That the following Consent Agenda item be approved:

C1. General Committee Meeting Report of April 4, 2017

1. That the General Committee meeting report of April 4, 2017, be received and the following recommendations carried by the Committee approved **(with the exception of sub-items C1, C5, and R2, which were pulled for discussion under Section 6, Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda) as Item R1):**

(C2) IES17-016 – Award of Tender IES 2016-103 – Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Sewer Inspection Services

1. That Report No. IES17-016 be received; and
2. That Tender No. IES 2016-103 for Capital Project No. 41011 – Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Sewer Inspection Services for sewer inspection services at various locations in the Town of Aurora for one (1) Year (with an option to renew for an additional two (2) one (1) year periods), be awarded to Infrastructure Intelligence Services Inc. in the amount of \$134,460 excluding taxes; and
3. That the Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services be authorized to renew Tender IES 2016-103 for an additional two (2), one (1) year periods, pending an annual analysis and satisfactory performance review by the Director; 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.

(C3) IES17-017 – Award of Tender 2017-26-IES – For the Reconstruction of Brookland Avenue from Yonge Street to Banbury Court

1. That Report No. IES17-017 be received; and
2. That Tender No. 2017-26-IES for the reconstruction of Brookland Avenue, from Yonge Street to Banbury Court, be awarded to MGI Construction Corp. in the amount of \$1,567,450.35, excluding taxes; and

3. 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.

(C4) PRCS17-011 – Purchase Order Increase for Summer Camp Bussing

1. That Report No. PRCS17-011 be received; and
2. That the option to renew the Student Transportation of Canada contract be exercised for the third and final year of the Contract ending December 31, 2017; and
3. That Purchase Order No. 957 be increased by \$40,000, excluding taxes, to a total of \$103,547, excluding taxes, to accommodate bussing for 2017.

(R1) IES17-015 – Ten-Year Capital Road Reconstruction Program

1. That Report No. IES17-015 be received; and
2. That a service standard be approved whereby the road network be maintained at a Pavement Quality Index (PQI) score of 65 (“Fair”), on average; and
3. That the Town’s 2018 operating and ten-year capital plans for the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation (R&R) of its road network, as well as the Asset Management Plan (AMP), be updated to align with a service standard of maintaining a Pavement Quality Index (PQI) of 65 (“Fair”), on average.

(R3) FS17-014 – Proposed Changes to Regional Property Tax Ratios

1. That Report No. FS17-014 be received; and
2. That the Town of Aurora supports revenue neutral tax ratios when the matter is considered by York Region at its Committee of the Whole meeting of April 13, 2017.

(R4) FS17-015 – Results of Tax Sale Held April 23, 2015

1. That Report No. FS17-015 be received; and
2. That the Treasurer be authorized to write off the outstanding property tax balances as uncollectible, and vest the parcel of land, Property Roll number 1946-000-096-70000-0000, that was not sold in the Tax Sale of April 23, 2015, and that this parcel of land be offered for sale to the abutting landowners.

(R5) CS17-001 – Council Chambers and Holland Room Use Policy

1. That Report No. CS17-001 be received; and
2. That Policy No. CORP-13 – Council Chambers and Holland Room Use, be approved; and
3. That the 2017 Fees and Charges By-law be amended to include the associated staff resourcing fee for Council Chambers and Holland Room bookings; and
4. That the attached list of Town Council Events be approved.

(R6) CS17-006 – Vacant Buildings Registry

1. That Report No. CS17-006 be received; and
2. That a Vacant Buildings Registry By-law be enacted at a future Council meeting.

(R7) FS17-006 – 2018 Town of Aurora Budget Workplan

1. That Report No. FS17-006 be received; and
2. That the proposed 2018 budget workplan be approved; and
3. That the handling of requests for funding, assistance or services in kind received during the budget year outside of the planned

special Budget Committee consultation meeting be referred back to staff for a more-detailed report back to Council.

(R8) PRCS17-009 – Property Use Agreement – St. Andrew’s College Soccer Fields

1. That Report No. PRCS17-009 be received; and
2. That a License Agreement for the 2017 playing season for the use of soccer fields owned by St. Andrew’s College be approved; and
3. That the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services be authorized to execute the 2017 License Agreement, including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same; and
4. That, going forward, the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services be authorized to renew the License Agreement on an annual basis, provided that there is no financial impact to the Town, with the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services being authorized to execute the necessary renewal Agreements, including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same.

(R10) Excerpt from Minutes – Central York Fire Services – Joint Council Committee (JCC) Meeting of February 7, 2017, regarding the Consolidation Study

1. That the Excerpt from Minutes – Central York Fire Services – Joint Council Committee (JCC) Meeting of February 7, 2017, and Joint Chief Administrative Officers (Newmarket & Aurora) & CYFS Fire Chief, Corporate Services Report – Financial Services 2017-05 dated January 24, 2017, regarding the Consolidation Study, be received for information purposes; and
2. That the consolidation of Central York Fire Services (CYFS) with Richmond Hill Fire and Emergency Services (RHFES) not be

pursued, as there is not a sufficient business case for CYFS at this time; and

3. That staff continue to identify, report on, and implement efficiencies through partnerships with neighbouring municipalities relative to Fire Services; and
4. That JCC provide any further direction relative to Fire Services; and
5. That Richmond Hill be so advised of the recommendations of Newmarket and Aurora Councils.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Abel

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

That the following Consent Agenda items, C2 to C7 inclusive, be approved:

C2. Council Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2017

1. That the Council meeting minutes of March 28, 2017, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C3. Council Public Planning Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2017

1. That the Council Public Planning meeting minutes of March 22, 2017, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C4. Council Closed Session Minutes of March 21, 2017, and April 4, 2017

1. That the Council Closed Session minutes of March 21, 2017, and April 4, 2017, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C5. Council Closed Session Public Minutes of March 21, 2017, and April 4, 2017

1. That the Council Closed Session Public minutes of March 21, 2017, and April 4, 2017, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C6. Memorandum from Mayor Dawe

**Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting
Highlights of February 24, 2017**

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of February 24, 2017, be received for information.

C7. Memorandum from Mayor Dawe

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Highlights of March 24, 2017**

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Carried

6. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

R1. General Committee Meeting Report of April 4, 2017

(C1) IES17-014 – Submission of Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

1. That Report No. IES17-014 be received for information.

Carried

(C5) PBS17-020 – Planning Applications Status List

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Humfries

1. That Report No. PBS17-020 be received for information.

Carried

(R2) FS17-003 – Joint Operations Centre (JOC) Project: Financial Summary Report

Main motion

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Pirri

1. That Report No. FS17-003 and Report No. IES17-001 (Attachment #3) be received; and
2. That the overspending of \$103,027 on Capital Project No. 34217 be funded as set out in Report No. FS17-003, and that the capital project be closed; and
3. That the JOC Financial Monitoring Task Force Committee previously established by Council be disbanded; and
4. That the outstanding items be referred to future capital budgets.

Amendment No. 1

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Abel

That the main motion be amended by adding the following clause:

That staff be directed to request that York Region conduct an independent auditor's review of the Joint Operations Centre project.

Carried

Amendment No. 2

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Abel

That the main motion be amended by adding the following clause:

That staff be directed to compile a comprehensive list of "lessons learned" respecting the Joint Operations Centre and Aurora Family Leisure Complex projects for future reference by staff and Council.

Carried

Amendment No. 3

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Mrakas

That the main motion be amended by adding the following clause:

That staff be directed to report back on the total cost of the Joint Operations Centre project.

On a recorded vote the amendment

Carried

Yeas: 9

Nays: 0

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

Voting Nays: None

Main motion as amended

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Pirri

1. That Report No. FS17-003 and Report No. IES17-001 (Attachment #3) be received; and
2. That the overspending of \$103,027 on Capital Project No. 34217 be funded as set out in Report No. FS17-003, and that the capital project be closed; and
3. That the JOC Financial Monitoring Task Force Committee previously established by Council be disbanded; and
4. That the outstanding items be referred to future capital budgets;
and
5. **That staff be directed to request that York Region conduct an independent auditor's review of the Joint Operations Centre project; and**
6. **That staff be directed to compile a comprehensive list of "lessons learned" respecting the Joint Operations Centre and**

Aurora Family Leisure Complex projects for future reference by staff and Council; and

7. **That staff be directed to report back on the total cost of the Joint Operations Centre project.**

Carried as amended

7. Notices of Motion

(a) Mayor Dawe

Re: Beacon Hall Flyover Request – Soldier On to St. Andrews

Whereas the “Soldier On” program was created to support ill and injured serving members and veterans to regain their confidence and rebuild their lives through sport and physical activities that promote connection and active lifestyles; and

Whereas Beacon Hall hosts an annual charity golf tournament entitled “Soldier On to St. Andrews” which supports Canadian soldiers who have sustained an illness or injury while serving Canada; and

Whereas the 2017 event will be held at Beacon Hall on Monday, June 5, 2017, and is supported by various donors and sponsors with TD Insurance being the title sponsor; and

Whereas the program this year includes guest speaker Rick Hillier, former Chief of Defence Staff at the Canadian Armed Forces; and

Whereas the program also includes a flyover by an aircraft during opening announcements; and

Whereas under Federal General Operating and Flight Rules the municipality must be advised and not object to the flyover;

1. **Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Council support the request for a flyover at Beacon Hall on June 5, 2017.**

8. Motions

(a) Mayor Dawe

Re: By-law Number 5642-14 – Relating to the Keeping, Licensing and Controlling of Animals in the Town of Aurora

Moved by Mayor Dawe

Seconded by Councillor Pirri

Whereas the City of Toronto has enacted amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 349 with respect to Animals; and

Whereas the amendments include a clear definition of “dangerous dog” and “dangerous act and attack” and requirements for dangerous dogs which are intended to address dog behaviour and responsible dog ownership among other things; and

Whereas Aurora residents have requested that Aurora By-law Number 5642-14 be amended to include provisions with respect to the protection of persons and animals from dangerous dogs, similar to what has been introduced in the City of Toronto;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff investigate and report back to Council on the implications of introducing amendments to By-law Number 5642-14 similar to those enacted by the City of Toronto.

Carried

(b) Councillor Gaertner

Re: Appreciating Diversity in Aurora

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Humfries

Whereas Aurora is a community that values inclusion, acceptance and diversity; and

Whereas the Town Council affirms that diversity is welcome and serves to make our community stronger; and

Whereas the Town wants to send a strong message that we reject intolerance based on race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and all other forms of discrimination under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms; and

Whereas respect and acceptance for our differences are fostered by knowledge and understanding; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora has the capability to use its communication tools to provide information and foster positive conversations about our diversity;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town utilize communications opportunities to provide information, share knowledge and promote events that celebrate the values of inclusion, acceptance and diversity.

**On a recorded vote the first operative clause of the motion
Carried**

Yeas: 9 Nays: 0
Voting Yeas: Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Humfryes,
Kim, Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, Thompson,
and Mayor Dawe
Voting Nays: None

2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town's social media platforms be used to celebrate and recognize key community and global events that further LGBTQ rights, religious celebrations, persons with disabilities, human rights, and serve to assist in the elimination of discrimination of any kind. These events include—but are not limited to—Pride Week, the Town of Aurora Multicultural Festival, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Black History Month, Asian Heritage Month, and International Women's Day.

**On a recorded vote the second operative clause of the motion
Carried**

Yeas: 7 Nays: 2
Voting Yeas: Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Humfryes,
Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, and Mayor Dawe
Voting Nays: Councillors Kim and Thompson

9. Regional Report

York Regional Council Highlights – March 23, 2017

Moved by Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by Councillor Pirri

That the Regional Report of March 23, 2017, be received for information.

Carried

10. New Business

Councillor Mrakas inquired about the Highland Gate park proposal presented at a recent open house and about whether information will be made available on the Town website. Staff confirmed that links and information will be provided on the website.

Councillor Mrakas requested an update regarding the artificial turf soccer fields at Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex and Sheppard's Bush, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Gaertner requested an update regarding the Seniors' art classes that were moved to the Aurora Family Leisure Complex, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Thompson requested an update on Hartwell Way and the closures on St. John's Sideroad, and staff indicated that information will be forwarded to Council and posted on the Town website.

Councillor Humfryes inquired about the process for residents to communicate any questions or concerns regarding the Highland Gate development, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Kim referred to the concerns raised in the delegation by John Gallo regarding garbage and recycling service discrepancies and requested whether staff would be providing a follow-up report. Staff indicated that information will be provided to Mr. Gallo and to Council.

Councillor Pirri inquired about when electronic voting will be operational at Council meetings, and staff indicated that electronic voting will be launched on April 25, 2017.

Councillor Pirri requested an update on New Business Motion No. 3 from the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of November 24, 2016, regarding the containment or removal of phragmites and a public education strategy regarding phragmites, dog-strangling vine, and Japanese knotweed. Staff provided a response.

11. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Thom extended appreciation to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 385, the Regimental Council of the Queen's York Rangers (1st American Regiment), the Queen's York Rangers (1st American Regiment), all Canadians who have made sacrifices, and all those who attended the event on Saturday, April 8, 2017, at the Aurora Legion to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

Councillor Humfries announced that NewRoads Automotive Group will be hosting a Girls and Guys Night Out on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, starting at 6:30 p.m., featuring a fashion show and live silent auction, to raise awareness and funds for the Multiple Sclerosis Society and Women's Centre of York Region.

Councillor Abel announced that Portraits of Giving is holding their annual recognition of community members on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at H.J. Pfaff Audi on Leslie Street in Newmarket.

Councillor Abel noted that he and Mayor Dawe attended the GO Transit station for the announcement of federal funding in the amount of \$1.9 billion toward GO Transit's regional express rail program, including the Barrie corridor.

Councillor Abel noted that he also attended the Aurora Chamber of Commerce's federal budget discussions, along with MP Leona Alleslev and MP Kyle Peterson, where he highlighted aspects of the federal budget and the impacts on Aurora.

Councillor Gaertner noted her attendance at a ceremony at the Cenotaph on Sunday, April 9, 2017, and expressed appreciation for the sacrifices of those who stood up for Canada and the world in the service of peace.

Councillor Gaertner extended wishes for a happy holiday celebration of Passover to the Jewish members of the community.

Councillor Mrakas noted that the topic of Hartwell Way is included in a report on the General Committee agenda of April 18, 2017, which indicates that the Hartwell Way extension is estimated to open prior to September 2017.

Mayor Dawe extended a reminder about the Run or Walk for Southlake being held on Sunday, April 30, 2017, and encouraged the community to support this initiative by joining Team Aurora or sponsoring a member of the Team.

Mayor Dawe extended a reminder about Aurora's Easter Egg Hunt, which will take place on Saturday, April 15, 2017.

Mayor Dawe advised that applications to display art at Aurora's Annual Juried Art Show and Sale may be submitted until Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

Mayor Dawe invited members of the community to register by Tuesday, April 18, to participate in Aurora's Annual Clean-up Day, which will take place on Saturday, April 22, 2017.

Mayor Dawe welcomed the new Town Clerk, Michael de Rond.

12. By-laws

None

13. Closed Session

None

14. Confirming By-law

Moved by Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the following confirming by-law be enacted:

5973-17 Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from a Council Meeting on April 11, 2017.

Carried

15. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Thom

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Carried

Geoffrey Dawe, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk

The minutes of the Council meeting of April 11, 2017, are subject to final approval by Council on April 25, 2017.