



Town of Aurora General Committee Meeting Report

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Attendance

Council Members Mayor Dawe in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Humfries, Kim (arrived 7:18 p.m.), Pirri, Thom, and Thompson

Members Absent Councillors Gaertner and Mrakas

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, Anca Mihail, Manager of Engineering and Capital Delivery, Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor, Samantha Yew, Deputy Clerk, and Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Secretary

General Committee nominated Mayor Dawe as Chair in the absence of Councillor Gaertner.

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

General Committee consented to recess the meeting at 9:41 p.m. and reconvene the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

General Committee consented to extend the hour past 10:30 p.m.

General Committee consented on a two-thirds vote to extend the hour past 11 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

General Committee approved the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, with the following additions:

- Presentation (c) Laurie Mueller and Erin Hamilton, Sport Aurora; Re: Sport Plan Progress and Report
- Delegation (a) Jamie Cole, Aurora King Baseball Association; Re: Baseball Diamond Shortage
- Delegation (b) Jamie MacDonald, Music Aurora; Re: Canada 150 Celebrations – New Summer Music Festival
- Delegation (c) Javed Khan, Aurora Chamber of Commerce, and Ron Weese, Sport Aurora; Re: Music Aurora
- Item R9 – Report No. PRCS17-012 – Music Aurora
- Item R10 – Excerpt from Minutes – Central York Fire Services – Joint Council Committee (JCC) Meeting of February 7, 2017, regarding the Consolidation Study

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) Anca Mihail, Manager, Engineering and Capital Delivery**
Re: Item R1 – IES17-015 – Ten-Year Capital Road Reconstruction Program

General Committee consented on a two-thirds vote to waive the requirements of the Procedure By-law to extend the time allowed for the presentation past ten minutes.

Ms. Mihail delivered a presentation on pavement management, including pavement management systems, pavement condition data collection and processing, roads reconstruction and rehabilitation analysis, and next steps.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the presentation to Item R1.

(b) Dan Elliott, Director of Financial Services - Treasurer
Re: Item R2 – FS17-003 – Joint Operations Centre (JOC) Project:
Financial Summary Report

General Committee consented on a two-thirds vote to waive the requirements of the Procedure By-law to extend the time allowed for the presentation past ten minutes.

Mr. Elliott presented an overview of the JOC Project Financial Summary Report, and highlighted key elements including land acquisition, budget development, construction costs, funding sources, interim financing and costs of debt, sale of Scanlon Court properties, and lessons learned.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the presentation to Item R2.

(c) Laurie Mueller and Erin Hamilton, Sport Aurora
Re: Sport Plan Progress and Report

General Committee consented on a two-thirds vote to waive the requirements of the Procedure By-law to extend the time allowed for the presentation past ten minutes.

Ms. Mueller and Ms. Hamilton presented an update on two of the deliverables for Year One of the Aurora Sport Plan, and highlighted elements of Task 15 – Access and Needs to Support Persons with a Disability, and Task 16 – Barriers to Participation and Mechanisms to Increase Participation for Residents of Low-income Backgrounds.

General Committee received the presentation for information.

4. Delegations

(a) Jamie Cole, President, Aurora King Baseball Association
Re: Baseball Diamond Shortage

Mr. Cole presented background on the Aurora King Baseball Association, including the challenges of growth and capacity, and expressed concern regarding the shortage of baseball diamonds in Town.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to staff.

(b) Jamie MacDonald, President, Music Aurora
Re: Canada 150 Celebrations – New Summer Music Festival

Mr. MacDonald presented background on Music Aurora. He provided a brief overview of the new Aurora Summer Music Festival (ASMF) and asked that the Town support the ASMF as a Canada 150 Town-sponsored event, approve funding of \$16,000, and approve the support of Town staff from Communications and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to staff.

(c) Javed Khan, Aurora Chamber of Commerce, and Ron Weese, Sport Aurora
Re: Music Aurora

Mr. Khan and Mr. Weese spoke in support of Music Aurora and the new Aurora Summer Music Festival.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to staff.

5. Consent Agenda

General Committee recommends:

That the following Consent Agenda items, C1 to C5 inclusive, be approved:

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

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

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.

C5. PBS17-020 – Planning Applications Status List

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

Carried

6. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

General Committee consented to consider Items R9 and R2 prior to consideration of Item R1.

R1. IES17-015 – Ten-Year Capital Road Reconstruction Program

General Committee recommends:

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.

Carried

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

General Committee recommends:

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.

Carried

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

General Committee recommends:

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.

Carried

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

General Committee recommends:

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.

Carried

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

General Committee recommends:

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.

Carried

R6. CS17-006 – Vacant Buildings Registry

General Committee recommends:

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

Carried

R7. FS17-006 – 2018 Town of Aurora Budget Workplan

General Committee recommends:

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.**

Carried as amended

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

General Committee recommends:

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.

Carried

R9. PRCS17-012 – Music Aurora

General Committee consented to vote on each clause of the main motion as amended separately.

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PRCS17-012 be received.

Carried

2. That a one-time event grant in the amount of \$16,000 be provided to Music Aurora for its planned music event at Town Park on August 5, 2017, to be funded from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund.

Defeated

3. That the Permit fee be waived in the amount of \$599.

Carried

4. **That, if Town funding is approved, a detailed financial accounting of the event be provided to Council upon completion of the event.**

Carried

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

General Committee recommends:

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

7. Notices of Motion

(a) Councillor Gaertner

Re: Appreciating Diversity in Aurora

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 we want to send a strong message that we reject intolerance based on race, religion, ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation; 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; and
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, 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.

8. New Business

None

9. Closed Session

None

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

Geoffrey Dawe, Mayor

Samantha Yew, Deputy Clerk

The report of the General Committee meeting of April 4, 2017, is subject to final approval and Council endorsement of the recommendations on April 11, 2017.