



Town of Aurora
General Committee Meeting Report

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Attendance

Council Members Councillor Gaertner in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Humfryes (arrived 7:45 p.m.), 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, Jim Tree, Manager of Parks, 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 7:03 p.m.

General Committee consented to recess the meeting at 9:08 p.m. and reconvene the meeting at 9:22 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. to 11:15 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

General Committee consented on a two-thirds vote to waive the requirements of the Procedure By-law to permit the addition of Delegation (b) to the agenda.

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

- Delegation (b) Graham Brown, York North Basketball Association (YNBA)
Re: YNBA 3 on 3 Tournament during Street Festival
- Item C8 – Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2017
- Item R10 – Summary of Committee Recommendations Report No. 2017-03
- Notice of Motion (b) Councillor Kim; Re: Multi-use Sports Facility
- Notice of Motion (c) Councillor Kim; Re: Baseball Diamonds

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

None

4. Delegations

(a) Kevin McHenry, St. Andrew's College

Re: Item R1, Report No. IES17-020 – Agreement with St. Andrew's College to Display Banners on Town Property

Mr. McHenry spoke in support of the staff report and stated that the purpose of the banners is to beautify the gateway from Newmarket into Aurora along Yonge Street to better identify the College property lines and increase awareness of St. Andrew's College. He noted that the theme of this year's banner is about reinforcing the importance of diversity at the College and in the Town of Aurora.

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

**(b) Graham Brown, York North Basketball Association (YNBA)
Re: YNBA 3 on 3 Tournament during Street Festival**

Mr. Brown, on behalf of the YNBA Board, Executive, and more than 500 participating families from the Aurora and Newmarket area, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to be involved in the annual Aurora Chamber of Commerce Street Festival. He noted that 60 to 70 teams, with a majority of the male and female participants under 18 years of age, will be playing 3 on 3 basketball at the Street Festival.

General Committee received the comments of the delegation for information.

5. Consent Agenda

General Committee recommends:

That the following Consent Agenda items, C1 to C8 inclusive, be approved:

C1. FS17-002 – Financial Health Review

1. That Report No. FS17-002 be received for information.

C2. FS17-012 – Capital Projects Status and Closures as of December 31, 2016

1. That Report No. FS17-012 be received; and
2. That the capital project closures and capital funding adjustments outlined in Attachments #1 and #2 be approved.

C3. IES17-018 – Award of Tender 2017-10-IES – Water Box Repairs and Cathodic Protection of Watermains

1. That Report No. IES17-018 be received; and

2. That unit price Tender No. 2017-10-IES for Water Box Repairs and Cathodic Protection of Watermains be awarded to Grand-Mac Construction Ltd. in the upset limit of \$300,000 excluding taxes for three (3) years, with an option to renew for an additional two (2) one (1) year periods; and
3. That the Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services be authorized to renew Tender 2017-10-IES 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.

C4. IES17-019 – Award of Tender 2017-16-IES – Street Lighting Maintenance

1. That Report No. IES17-019 be received; and
2. That unit price Tender No. 2017-16-IES for Street Lighting Maintenance be awarded to ALine Utility Limited in the upset limit amount of \$270,000 excluding taxes, for three (3) years, with an option to renew for an additional two (2) one (1) year periods; and
3. That the Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services be authorized to renew Tender 2017-16-IES 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.

C5. PRCS17-014 – Award of Tender 2017-51-PRCS – Boulevard Tree Plantings in 2C Development Area

1. That Report No. PRCS17-014 be received; and

2. That Tender 2017-51-PRCS Boulevard Tree Plantings in 2C Development Area be awarded to Royal Oak Tree Services Inc. in the amount of \$442,857, excluding taxes, for a two-year term; 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.

C6. Trails and Active Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2017

1. That the Trails and Active Transportation Committee meeting minutes of February 17, 2017, be received for information.

C7. Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2017, and March 28, 2017

1. That the Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of February 28, 2017, and March 28, 2017, be received for information.

C8. Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2017

1. That the Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of April 11, 2017, be received for information.

Carried

6. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

General Committee consented to refer Items R4, R5, R6, R9, and R10 to the Council meeting of April 25, 2017.

R1. IES17-020 – Agreement with St. Andrew’s College to Display Banners on Town Property

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. IES17-020 be received; and

2. That the use of Town-owned light standards for displaying banner signs be authorized in accordance with section 3.5 of By-law No. 5840-16; and
3. That the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement to facilitate St. Andrew's College ("SAC") use of the space on Town-owned light standards for a five (5) year term.

Carried

R2. CS17-010 – Machell Avenue Parking Permits

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CS17-010 be received; and
2. That the **Town remove any permit** parking spaces on Machell Avenue.

Carried as amended

R3. CS17-011 – 2018 Municipal Election – Adoption of Voting Method

Mr. de Rond and Ms. Yew presented historical context related to municipal elections in Aurora, the guiding principles for consideration when selecting an alternate voting method, internet voting and potential challenges, and the next steps in the election process should internet voting be approved.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the presentation to Item R3.

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CS17-011 be received; and
2. That an internet-only voting model for the 2018 Municipal Election be approved; and
3. That in accordance with Section 42 (a) and (b) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, a by-law be brought forward to the April 25, 2017 Council meeting authorizing the use of alternative voting equipment and an alternative voting method in the 2018 Municipal Election.

Defeated

R4. CAO17-002 – Cultural Partners Review

(Referred to Council meeting of April 25, 2017)

**R5. FS17-016 – Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program (Intake II)
Grant Approvals**

(Referred to Council meeting of April 25, 2017)

R6. PRCS17-013 – Ice Allocation Policy

(Referred to Council meeting of April 25, 2017)

R7. PRCS17-015 – Aurora’s Multicultural Festival

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PRCS17-015 be received; and
2. That Aurora’s Multicultural Festival take place at Town Park on Saturday, September 9, 2017.

Carried

**R8. PRCS17-017 – Award of Tender 2017-18-PRCS – Construction of
Mavrinac Park**

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PRCS17-017 be received; and
2. That Capital Project No. 73285 Mavrinac Park budget be increased by \$423,076 with the funding source for this project being Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland; and
3. That Tender 2017-18-PRCS Construction of Mavrinac Park be awarded to Melfer Construction Inc. in the amount of \$1,502,690, excluding taxes; 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.

Carried

R9. PBS17-026 – Removal of Holding (H) Provision, Zoning By-law Amendment, St. John’s Road Development Corp. (Metrus) 88 Cosford Street and 119 Pointon Street, Lot 55 Plan 65M-4075, Lot 101 Plan 65M-4082, File Number: ZBA(H)-2017-01, Related File Number: D12-00-1A (SUB-2000-1A)

(Referred to Council meeting of April 25, 2017)

R10. Summary of Committee Recommendations Report No. 2017-03

(Referred to Council meeting of April 25, 2017)

7. Notices of Motion

(a) Councillor Abel

Re: Community Energy Plan

Whereas municipalities around the world are taking the lead on climate change with sustainable and responsible policies that will reduce their Carbon Footprint; and

Whereas municipalities are developing Energy Plans that are both environmentally progressive and economically viable; and

Whereas Aurora’s Infrastructure and Environmental Services (IES) Project 10-Year Plan has already allocated \$100,000 for such a potential project, for future Budget consideration; and

Whereas the Provincial Ministry of Energy has established, and is funding through the Ministry of Environment, a Municipal Energy Plan Program, which may offer municipalities matching funds of up to \$90,000 to support the development of a Community Energy Plan; and

Whereas Newmarket’s Community Energy Plan received \$90,000, Markham’s received \$90,000, and Vaughan’s received \$54,000;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to prepare a Terms of Reference and a budget for a Community Energy Plan for Council’s consideration as part of the 2018 Budget.

(b) Councillor Kim

Re: Multi-use Sports Facility

Whereas the Regional Growth Plan targets Aurora's population growth at 70,000 by 2031 and 80,000 by 2041; and

Whereas that Aurora will likely have a population of 70,000 by 2024; and

Whereas Aurora is striving to be the most active community in Canada; and

Whereas the Parks & Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) acknowledged that the Town needs to proactively secure land of sufficient size to accommodate a future indoor or outdoor recreation complex to better prepare for a future population increase; and

Whereas that expanding the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex (SARC) is not a plausible option given that the current footprint will not allow for an additional indoor aquatics centre and demand for aquatic sports and recreation has only increased over the years; and

Whereas adequate sporting facilities promote good physical and mental health for a community and even help towards developing pride and identity in one's community; and

Whereas sport tourism consumption hit \$5.2 billion in 2012; \$5.8 billion in 2014 and \$6.5 billion in 2015; and

Whereas the construction of a multi-use sports facility in conjunction with the current plans for a hotel would allow Aurora to host major sporting events allowing us to capitalize on the sports tourism industry and bringing much needed economic capital to Aurora; and

Whereas the soon-to-be-created Economic Development Board can assist with bringing business partners to complement the multi-use sports facility;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff work with Aurora's various sports partners and come back to Council with a report regarding a proposed facility fit for a new multi-use sports facility; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That the report be presented to the Finance Advisory Committee prior to Council's 2018 budget deliberations.

(c) Councillor Kim

Re: Baseball Diamonds

Whereas Aurora is striving to be the most active community in Canada; and

Whereas Aurora and King had to combine as a children's baseball league in order to share scarce resources including baseball diamonds; and

Whereas the Aurora King Baseball Association's (AKBA) enrollment has doubled between 2014 and 2017, from 553 to 1,062 players; and

Whereas Council received Jamie Cole's (President of the AKBA) delegation on April 4, 2017, which emphasized the need for at least two more baseball diamonds; and

Whereas the Parks and Recreation Master Plan outlines the need for more baseball diamonds in Aurora;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff report back to Council in time for the 2018 capital budget deliberations with options for at least two (2) baseball diamonds indicating costs, potential locations and other ancillary needs.

8. New Business

None

9. Closed Session

None

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 p.m.

Geoffrey Dawe, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk

The report of the General Committee meeting of April 18, 2017, is subject to final approval and Council endorsement of the recommendations on April 25, 2017.