



Town of Aurora General Committee Meeting Report

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Attendance

Council Members Councillor Kim in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Humfries (arrived 7:26 p.m.), Mrakas, Thom, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe

Members Absent Councillors Gaertner and Pirri

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, Michael de Rond, Town Clerk, Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Secretary, and Sarah Murray, Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

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

- Presentation (a) Laurie Mueller and Erin Hamilton, Sport Aurora; Re: Sport Plan Progress and Final Report
- Delegation (a) Angela Daust, representing Aurora Village Ratepayers Group; Re: Item R6 – Summary of Committee Recommendations Report No. 2017-04, re Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2017, Item 3 –

HAC17-009 – Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications, Aurora United Church, 15186 Yonge Street, 12 and 16 Tyler Street, 55, 57 and 57A Temperance Street, File: OPA-2016-05, ZBA-2016-13

- Delegation (b) Tony Masongsong, representing Aurora Village Ratepayers Group; Re: Item R6 – Summary of Committee Recommendations Report No. 2017-04, re Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2017, Item 3 – HAC17-009 – Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications, Aurora United Church, 15186 Yonge Street, 12 and 16 Tyler Street, 55, 57 and 57A Temperance Street, File: OPA-2016-05, ZBA-2016-13
- Delegation (c) David Cabianca, Resident; Re: Item R6 – Summary of Committee Recommendations Report No. 2017-04, re Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2017, Item 3 – HAC17-009 – Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications, Aurora United Church, 15186 Yonge Street, 12 and 16 Tyler Street, 55, 57 and 57A Temperance Street, File: OPA-2016-05, ZBA-2016-13
- Item C5 – Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2017
- Item R6 – Summary of Committee Recommendations Report No. 2017-04
- Notice of Motion (b) Councillor Kim; Re: Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) Statistics
- Notice of Motion (c) Councillor Mrakas and Councillor Thom; Re: Commemorative Sesquicentennial Plaques

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) Laurie Mueller and Erin Hamilton, Sport Aurora**
Re: Sport Plan Progress and Final Report

Ms. Mueller and Ms. Hamilton presented an overview of the final two deliverables of year one of the Sport Plan, including the Sport Policy purpose, recommendations for principles, best practices, and stakeholder roles, the marketing and communications strategy, and next steps.

General Committee received the presentation for information.

4. Delegations

General Committee consented to consider Delegation (a) following Delegations (b) and (c).

(a) Angela Daust, representing Aurora Village Ratepayers Group

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Ms. Daust expressed concern regarding the direction of development in Aurora and spoke in opposition to the delisting and demolition of the buildings and structures located on the subject properties on Tyler Street and Temperance Street.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to Item R6.

(b) Tony Masongsong, representing Aurora Village Ratepayers Group

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General Committee consented on a two-thirds vote to waive the requirements of the Procedure By-law to allow additional time for the Delegation.

Mr. Masongsong spoke in opposition to the delisting and demolition of the buildings and structures located on the subject properties on Tyler Street and Temperance Street.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to Item R6.

(c) David Cabianca, Resident

Re: Item R6 – Summary of Committee Recommendations Report No. 2017-04, Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2017, Item 3 – HAC17-009 – Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications, Aurora United Church, 15186 Yonge Street, 12 and 16 Tyler Street, 55, 57 and 57A Temperance Street, File: OPA-2016-05, ZBA-2016-13

Mr. Cabianca spoke in opposition to the delisting and demolition of the buildings and structures located on the subject properties on Tyler Street and Temperance Street.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to Item R6.

5. Consent Agenda

Item C3 was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion under Section 6, Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion, as Item R7.

General Committee recommends:

That the following Consent Agenda items—C1, C2, C4, and C5—be approved:

C1. IES17-022 – Drinking Water Quality Management Standard – Management Review

1. That Report No. IES17-022 be received; and
2. That the meeting minutes of the Annual Management Review by Top Management be received.

C2. IES17-023 – Award of Tender 2017-27-IES, Structural Watermain Relining, Tamarac Trail, Milgate Place and Albery Crescent

1. That Report No. IES17-023 be received; and
2. That Tender 2017-27-IES under Capital Project No. 43054 for Structural Watermain Relining on Tamarac Trail, Milgate Place and Albery Crescent be awarded to Fer-Pal Construction Limited in the amount of \$692,355 excluding taxes; and
3. That the budget variance in the amount of \$220,605 be returned to source; 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. Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2017

1. That the Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting minutes of March 9, 2017, be received for information.

C5. Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2017

That the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of April 10, 2017, be received for information.

Carried

6. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

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

R1. PRCS17-020 – Property Use Agreement: York Catholic District School Board Soccer Fields

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PRCS17-020 be received; and
2. 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
3. That the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services be authorized to renew the License Agreement on an on-going, annual basis, 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

R2. PRCS17-019 – Award of Tender 2017-33-PRCS – Treatment of Trees for Emerald Ash Borer

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PRCS17-019 be received; and
2. That Tender 2017-33-PRCS be awarded to Green Lawn Ltd., Capital Project 73160, for the treatment of ash trees for the Emerald Ash Borer for a one-year period with an option to renew the agreement for four additional years based on contractor performance and future budget approval; and
3. That Option #1, the use of TreeAzin in the amount of \$215,400 for 2017, be approved; 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

R3. CS17-013 – Proposed Taxi Licensing By-law Amendments

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CS17-013 be received; and
2. That amendments to Schedule 13 of Licensing By-law No. 5630-14, being a by-law to regulate licensing of business establishments, be enacted at a future Council meeting.

Carried

R4. IES17-021 – Award of Tender 2017-24-IES – Supply and Delivery of One (1) 5000lb Capacity Forklift

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. IES17-021 be received; and
2. That Tender No. 2017-24-IES for the supply and delivery of one (1) new 5000lb capacity forklift be awarded to Liftow Limited, in the amount of \$30,550 excluding taxes; and
3. That additional funding in the amount of \$11,088 for Capital Project No. 34408 be provided from Fleet R&R reserve; 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

R5. PBS17-030 – Application for Site Plan Approval, 458021 Ontario Inc. (Tilemaster), Lots 8 and 9, Registered Plan 65M-4324, 21 and 33 Eric T. Smith Way, File Number: SP-2016-08, Related Files: D14-05-04 and D12-05-1A

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PBS17-030 be received; and
2. That site plan application number SP-2016-08 (458021 Ontario Inc.) to permit the development of the subject lands for a warehouse and office be approved subject to the resolution of any outstanding issues; and

3. That the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute the site plan agreement, including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same.

Carried

R6. Summary of Committee Recommendations Report No. 2017-04

General Committee consented to consider Item R6 prior to consideration of Item R1.

General Committee recommends:

1. That Summary of Committee Recommendations Report No. 2017-04 be received; and
2. That the Committee recommendations contained within this report be approved.

Carried

R7. PBS17-027 – Long-Term Development Activity Projections

General Committee consented to consider Item R7 (formerly Consent Agenda Item C3) following consideration of Item R6 and prior to consideration of Item R1.

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PBS17-027 be received for information.

Carried

7. Notices of Motion

(a) Councillor Mrakas

Re: Vacant Property Tax

Whereas housing prices have seen a significant increase in the past couple of years; and

Whereas residents—especially young residents—are experiencing difficulty entering the housing market due to a lack of affordable homes; and

Whereas there has been an increase in buyers purchasing properties and, upon closing, many of these homes remain unoccupied; and

Whereas some buyers are not living or working in Aurora and may or may not be properly reporting and paying income tax on their investment capital gains; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario has announced a new tax authority on vacant homes that will give Toronto and other interested municipalities the power to impose such a tax to encourage owners to sell or rent such spaces;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to investigate options for imposing a vacant home tax under the new provincial initiative, and report back with recommendations in Q3 for Council's consideration.

(b) Councillor Kim

Re: Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) Statistics

Whereas the updated provincial Growth Plan has identified a population forecast for York Region of 1.79 million people to the year 2041 and is targeting infill intensification in Ontario municipalities; and

Whereas the province is proposing to increase the density and intensification targets for the Growth Plan; and

Whereas more and more municipalities have disagreed with infill development and intensification projects by builders as a result of neighborhood mobilization; and

Whereas developers, large and small, have appealed municipal decisions to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB); and

Whereas there is information available from disclosing the characteristics of past OMB appeals and results; and

Whereas residents, builders and municipal Council would benefit from historical information, current information, and statistics from past OMB appeals to make more-informed decisions in current and future appeals; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora has information regarding the results of its own OMB hearings, characteristics, and the financial outlays involved in each;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to prepare a report to Council that would provide OMB appeals information from the past ten (10) years from the Town of Aurora; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That staff is not limited to but includes the following characteristics:
 - Number of units involved;
 - Infill or large scale open field;
 - Low, mid and high rise (number of floors);
 - Total financial outlay of the municipality; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That staff be directed to return the report back to Council within a reasonable time frame.

(c) Councillor Mrakas and Councillor Thom
Re: Commemorative Sesquicentennial Plaques

Whereas the Town of Aurora takes pride in preserving and promoting Heritage properties; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora provides commemorative plaques to recognize properties with Heritage significance; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora has many buildings that were constructed in 1867; and

Whereas 2017 is Canada's Sesquicentennial;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora create a commemorative plaque celebrating Canada's 150 and the Town of Aurora buildings constructed in 1867; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That staff identify the buildings that were constructed in 1867 to be so plaqued; and

3. Be It Further Resolved That funding for Aurora's Canadian Sesquicentennial Plaque program be funded from the Heritage Reserve Fund; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That the plaques be presented during Canada Day Festivities to the properties identified by staff.

8. New Business

Councillor Thompson suggested, in reference to Item R2 regarding the treatment of trees for Emerald Ash Borer, that the Emerald Ash Borer treatment program be referred to the Environmental Advisory Committee for further discussion.

New Business Motion No. 1

General Committee recommends:

That the Emerald Ash Borer treatment program be referred to the Environmental Advisory Committee for further discussion.

Carried

Councillor Humfries extended a reminder about the Aurora Farmers' Market and Artisan Fair, which will begin its outdoor market season on Saturday, May 6, 2017, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Town Park.

Mayor Dawe extended a reminder about the 55th Annual Aurora Art Show and Sale, being held on Saturday, May 6 and Sunday, May 7, 2017, at Town Hall.

Councillor Thompson noted that a Big Bike fundraising event in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation will take place on Saturday, May 6, 2017, at St. Andrews Plaza in Aurora.

Councillor Mrakas noted that Wednesday, May 3, 2017, is McHappy Day and several Council members would be participating at the McDonald's locations on Allaura Boulevard and Earl Stewart Drive.

9. Closed Session

None

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Harold Kim, Councillor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk

The report of the General Committee meeting of May 2, 2017, is subject to final approval and Council endorsement of the recommendations on May 9, 2017.