



# Town of Aurora General Committee Meeting Report

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall  
Tuesday, September 19, 2017

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## **Attendance**

**Council Members** Councillor Abel in the Chair; Councillors Gaertner (arrived 7:14 p.m.), Humfryes, Kim, Mrakas, Thom, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe

**Members Absent** Councillor 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 Ishita Soneji, Council/Committee Secretary

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

## **1. Approval of the Agenda**

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

- Delegation (a) Anthony Biglieri, The Biglieri Group Ltd., representing 2523059 Ontario Inc.; Re: Item R2 – PBS17-068 – Proposals for Zoning By-law Amendment Applications
- Delegation (b) Bruce Hall, The Planning Partnership, representing 2578461 Ontario Inc.; Re: Item R2 – PBS17-068 – Proposals for Zoning By-law Amendment Applications

- Delegation (c) Jennifer Bentley, Owner, Re: Item R1 – PRCS17-031 – Tree Removal Permit Application – 81 Catherine Avenue
- Notice of Motion (a) Councillor Mrakas; Re: Aurora Christmas Market (Outdoor)

## **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) Julie Stephenson, Youth Programmer, and Shelley Ware, Supervisor, Special Events**  
**Re: Aurora's First Youth Innovation Fair on November 15, 2017**

Ms. Stephenson and Ms. Ware presented an overview of Aurora's Youth Innovation Fair, a new event in celebration of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday and in support of positive youth development and the future of the community, to be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2017, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex.

General Committee received the presentation for information.

## **4. Delegations**

- (a) Anthony Biglieri, The Biglieri Group Ltd., representing 2523059 Ontario Inc.**  
**Re: Item R2 – PBS17-068 – Proposals for Zoning By-law Amendment Applications**

Mr. Biglieri presented a brief overview of the proposed application and highlighted the revisions to the submission as outlined in his letter of September 15, 2017, to Council. He requested that Council allow for a Zoning By-law amendment application to be received for the subject lands located at 132-198 Old Bloomington Road.

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

**(b) Bruce Hall, The Planning Partnership, representing 2578461 Ontario Inc.  
Re: Item R2 – PBS17-068 – Proposals for Zoning By-law Amendment Applications**

Mr. Hall presented a brief overview of the proposed application including background information, and requested that Council receive the Zoning By-law amendment application for the subject lands at 15356 Yonge Street for a proposed in-fill residential use.

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

**(c) Jennifer Bentley, Owner  
Re: Item R1 – PRCS17-031 – Tree Removal Permit Application – 81 Catherine Avenue**

Ms. Bentley advised that she had received a stop work order from the Town respecting the construction of her backyard pool, which cites a violation of the Tree By-law. She provided background information regarding the subject trees and pool permit, and requested that the stop work order be lifted in order to implement their action plan immediately to preserve and protect the trees in question, and to complete the construction of the pool, for which they have a permit that has been reviewed for compliance.

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

## **5. Consent Agenda**

**General Committee recommends:**

That the following Consent Agenda items, C1 to C2 inclusive, be approved:

**C1. IES17-035 – Award of Tender 2017-100-IES, New Service Connections**

1. That Report No. IES17-035 be received; and
2. That Tender No. 2017-100-IES – The Construction of New Sewer and Watermain Service Connections for one (1) year commencing on January 1, 2018, with an option to renew by the Town, in its sole discretion, for an additional two (2) one (1) year periods, in the Town of Aurora, be awarded to V. M. DiMonte Construction Limited at the unit prices tendered; and
3. That the Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services be authorized to renew Tender 2017-100-IES for an additional two, one-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.

**C2. Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2017**

1. That the Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of June 6, 2017, be received for information.

**Carried**

**6. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)**

**R1. PRCS17-031 – Tree Removal Permit Application – 81 Catherine Avenue**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. PRCS17-031 be received for information.

**Carried**

**R2. PBS17-068 – Proposals for Zoning By-law Amendment Applications**

General Committee consented to vote on each clause and proposal separately.

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. PBS17-068 be received.

**Carried**

**General Committee recommends:**

2. That the Zoning By-law Amendment Proposal for (a) 132-198 Old Bloomington Road (The Biglieri Group Ltd.) be received as a Zoning By-law Amendment Application.

**Carried**

**General Committee recommends:**

3. That the Zoning By-law Amendment Proposal for (b) 15356 Yonge Street (2578461 Ontario Inc.) be received as a Zoning By-law Amendment Application.

**Carried**

**General Committee recommends:**

4. That the Zoning By-law Amendment Proposal for (c) Shimvest, Prato and Preserve, Aurora 2B be received as a Zoning By-law Amendment Application.

**Carried**

**R3. PBS17-069 – Mural Sign Request for DNA Bar & Lounge – 15480 Yonge Street**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. PBS17-069 be received; and
2. That the request for a mural sign for the property located at 15480 Yonge Street be denied.

**Carried**

**R4. PBS17-071 – Applications for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment, York Region Christian Seniors' Home Inc., 440, 460, 480 and 500 William Graham Drive, Plan 65M-4442, Block 4 and Block 5, File Number: OPA-2017-04, ZBA-2016-12**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. PBS17-071 be received; and
2. That Application to Amend the Official Plan, File Number OPA-2017-04 (York Region Christian Seniors' Home Inc.), to permit a maximum building height of seven (7) storeys be approved; and
3. That Application to Amend the Zoning By-law File Number ZBA-2016-12 (York Region Christian Seniors' Home Inc.), to amend the 'RA2(423)' and '(H)RA2(424)' exception zones to include assisted living units and accessory uses as permitted uses, and to allow a maximum building height of seven (7) storeys be approved; and
4. That the Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment be presented at a future Council Meeting; and
5. That a Temporary Use By-law for temporary relief of providing 80% of parking spaces underground be presented at a future Council Meeting.

**Carried**

**R5. CAO17-005 – Donation of Naming Rights, Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation Gala**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. CAO17-005 be received; and
2. That the naming of the Trailhead Parkette in the subdivision located at St. John's Sideroad and Thomas Phillip Drive, to be auctioned in support of the Regional Cancer Care Program, be approved.

**Carried**

## **7. Notices of Motion**

### **(a) Councillor Mrakas**

#### **Re: Aurora Christmas Market (Outdoor)**

Whereas special events align with Objective 3: Celebrating and promoting our culture and Objective 5: Strengthening the fabric of our community, of the Town's Strategic Plan; and

Whereas the revitalization of the downtown core is a key priority for our businesses and residents;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff develop a new special event—a one night, outdoor Aurora Christmas Market—to be held prior to Christmas 2017 in Library Square; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That staff report back to Council with dates and costs associated with holding a 2017 Aurora Christmas Market for Council's approval; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That staff include costs associated with holding a 2018 Aurora Christmas Market as a budget option in the 2018 Draft Operating Budget for consideration by Budget Committee.

## **8. New Business**

Councillor Thom extended congratulations to Councillor Paul Pirri on his wedding held on Saturday, September 16, 2017.

Councillor Thompson referred to Delegation (c) and Item R1 and inquired about the pool stop work order in relation to the tree removal permit application, and staff provided clarification.

Councillor Mrakas referred to the Open Forum speaker and inquired about the neighbour's fence installation in relation to any by-laws, heritage policies, and gas line access. Staff provided a response and agreed to investigate and provide further information. Councillor Thompson requested that staff consider how to prevent similar situations in future.

Councillor Gaertner extended birthday wishes to Brock Weir of The Auroran.

Councillor Mrakas expressed safety concerns regarding the trucks parked on each side of Bathurst Street in the afternoon, in relation to the Highland Gate development, and staff agreed to investigate the matter further.

Councillor Humfryes inquired about a possible traffic light installation at the Central York Fire Services station on Wellington Street East, which would alleviate safety concerns, and staff agreed to investigate and provide an update.

Councillor Humfryes advised that Central York Fire Services captain Jeffrey Lee was injured on his bicycle during an off-duty weekend crash, and she extended best wishes for Mr. Lee's recovery.

## **9. Closed Session**

None

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

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**John Abel, Councillor**

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**Michael de Rond, Town Clerk**

The report of the General Committee meeting of September 19, 2017, is subject to final approval and endorsement of the recommendations by Council on September 26, 2017.