



# Town of Aurora General Committee Meeting Report

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall  
Tuesday, October 17, 2017

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## **Attendance**

**Council Members** Councillor Pirri in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Kim, Mrakas, Thom, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe

**Members Absent** Councillor Humfryes

**Other Attendees** Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Dan Elliott, Director of Financial Services, Al Downey, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, Marco Ramunno, Director of Planning and Building Services, Mandie Eddie, Manager of By-law Services, Stephanie Mackenzie-Smith, Manager of Corporate Communications, Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor, Michael de Rond, Town Clerk, and Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Secretary

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In the absence of the scheduled Chair, the Town Clerk requested a motion to appoint a Chair for the meeting. General Committee consented to appoint Councillor Pirri as Chair.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

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

- Delegation (a) Austin Clark, Resident; Re: Item R1 – CS17-031 – Winter Parking Restrictions to Facilitate Snow Clearing
- Item C7 – Memorandum from Mayor Dawe; Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of September 22, 2017

- Item R6 – CS17-032 – N6 Initiative – Animal Shelter Services – Memorandum of Understanding
- Item R7 – CS17-033 – Animal Control Service

## **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) Austin Clark, Resident**

#### **Re: Item R1 – CS17-031 – Winter Parking Restrictions to Facilitate Snow Clearing**

Mr. Clark expressed concern regarding the reinstatement of the winter parking restrictions between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., during which time he would have no place to park, and he proposed that the Town consider the concept of alternating which side of the street vehicles may park on to facilitate snow clearing.

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 C7 inclusive, be approved:

- C1. Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2017**

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 6, 2017, be received for information.

**C2. Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2017**

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 11, 2017, be received for information.

**C3. Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2017**

1. That the Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of September 12, 2017, be received for information.

**C4. Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2017**

1. That the Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of September 26, 2017, be received for information.

**C5. Central York Fire Services – Joint Council Committee Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2017**

1. That the Central York Fire Services – Joint Council Committee meeting minutes of May 16, 2017, be received for information.

**C6. PBS17-077 – Town of Aurora Strategic Plan Workplan Update**

1. That Report No. PBS17-077 be received for information.

**C7. Memorandum from Mayor Dawe**

**Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of September 22, 2017**

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of September 22, 2017, be received for information.

**Carried**

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

General Committee consented to consider items in the following order: R1, R4, R2, R3, R5, R6, and R7.

### **R1. CS17-031 – Winter Parking Restrictions to Facilitate Snow Clearing**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. CS17-031 be received for information.

**Carried**

### **R2. PRCS17-036 – Space Accommodation for 52 and 56 Victoria Street**

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

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. PRCS17-036 be received.

**Carried**

**General Committee recommends:**

2. That Council recommend that the 140 Aurora Air Cadet Squadron, the Aurora Bridge Club, and the Faith Fellowship Baptist Church be provided subsidization as outlined in this report.

**Defeated**

**General Committee recommends:**

3. That an increase to the Aurora Senior Centre Operating Budget in the amount of \$10,000 to deploy staff to open and close the facility be approved.

**Defeated**

### **R3. PRCS17-030 – Sports Field and Parks Use Policy Revisions**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. PRCS17-030 be received; and

2. That the revised Sports Field and Parks Use Policy be approved.

**Carried**

**R4. PBS17-075 – Application for Draft Plan of Condominium, BG Properties (Aurora) Inc. (Phase 2), 14222, 14314, 14358 and 14378 Yonge Street, Part Lot 17, Plan 132, Part Lots 74 and 75, Con. 1, Part 1 65R-35902, File Number: CDM-2017-04, Related File Numbers: SUB-2012-03, ZBA-2012-16, and CDM-2016-03**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. PBS17-075 be received; and
2. That the Application for Draft Plan of Condominium CDM-2017-04 (BG Properties (Aurora) Inc.) (Phase 2) to permit the development of the subject lands for 153 single detached dwelling units, subject to the conditions outlined in Appendix 'A' of this report be approved; and
3. That the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute any Agreement(s) referenced in the Conditions of Approval, including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same.

**Carried**

**R5. Summary of Committee Recommendations Report No. 2017-09**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Summary of Committee Recommendations Report No. 2017-09 be received; and
2. That the Committee recommendations contained within this report be approved.

**Carried**

**R6. CS17-032 – N6 Initiative – Animal Shelter Services – Memorandum of Understanding**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. CS17-032 be received; and
2. That the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Towns of Newmarket, East Gwillimbury, and Georgina for the provision of Animal Shelter Services for a five-year term with an optional one-year extension; and
3. That the Director of Corporate Services be authorized to renew the agreement for an additional one (1) year period, pending an annual analysis and satisfactory performance review by the Director.

**Carried**

**R7. CS17-033 – Animal Control Service**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. CS17-033 be received; and
2. That a new full-time Animal Control Officer position, and the attached Capital Project No. 24016 for Animal Control Start-up, be approved in advance of the 2018 Budget.

**Carried**

**7. Notices of Motion**

**(a) Councillor Gaertner**

**Re: Review of Stable Neighbourhoods Policies**

Whereas the purpose of Aurora's Official Plan (OP) is to shape development decisions and manage growth of the Town [OP 1.1 a)]; and

Whereas this Plan provides specific policies through which to evaluate the appropriateness of change and the degree to which the proposed changes are considered compatible development and are in the public interest [OP 1.1 c)]; and

Whereas one of the Fundamental Principals of the Plan is to Protect Stable Neighbourhoods by ensuring 'that the stability and vibrancy of these existing neighbourhoods is protected from the negative impacts of potential incompatible development and growth pressures' [OP 2.1 vi.]; and

Whereas the purpose of Section 3.0 of the Plan is to Promote Responsible Growth Management; and

Whereas the importance of protecting the stability of our older residential areas of Aurora is demonstrated in Section 8, six pages of policies intended to provide protection from incompatible forms of development while permitting these neighbourhoods to evolve and be enhanced over time; and

Whereas Section 8.1.3 d) states that "All development within the Stable Neighbourhoods' designation may be subject to Site Plan Control...including, without limitation, the control of building materials, colour and architectural detail"; and

Whereas the review of Aurora's By-laws did not include a specific review of by-laws pertaining to our older neighbourhoods; and

Whereas these by-laws have been in place for many years preceding the 2010 Official Plan protections intended to shape appropriate development in these areas;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Council and Staff do a study of the By-laws governing development of stable neighbourhoods to ensure that the intent of our planning policy is being realized and reflected through these By-laws.

**(b) Councillor Kim**

**Re: Tree Lighting Ceremony**

Whereas the Tree Lighting Ceremony, held annually at Town Hall, is well known to be a Christmas Tree; and

Whereas, when the ceremony began in 2005, the word "Christmas" was not included for reasons unknown;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the annual "Tree Lighting Ceremony" be called the "Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony" beginning with the 2017 Christmas season.

**(c) Councillor Humfryes**

**Re: Reduction of Council Size**

Whereas Council deemed it appropriate to undertake a review of the Town's governance model to ensure that it best serves the future needs of our residents; and

Whereas in the 2014 municipal election a question was put on the ballot asking voters if they were in favour of reducing the number of Aurora Councillors from eight (8) to six (6); and

Whereas nearly two-thirds of those who voted said they were in favour of reducing the size of Council; and

Whereas any substantive changes to the governance structure of Aurora Town Council would need to be passed by a by-law on or before December 31, 2017;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the composition of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora be changed from nine (9) members to seven (7) members, comprised of one (1) Mayor, who shall be the Head of Council, and six (6) Councillors; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the change in the composition of Council come into force for the 2018 municipal election in accordance with the provisions of the *Municipal Act*; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That staff be directed to bring forward the necessary by-law prior to December 31, 2017, to change the composition of Council for The Corporation of the Town of Aurora from nine (9) members to seven (7) members, comprised of one (1) Mayor, who shall be the Head of Council, and six (6) Councillors.

## **8. New Business**

Councillor Thompson inquired about the plans for the Town's electronic sign board at Orchard Heights Boulevard and Yonge Street, which is currently out of commission, and staff provided an update.

Councillor Mrakas inquired about whether the matter of low water levels in the McKenzie Marsh had been discussed by the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, and the Mayor provided a response.

## **9. Closed Session**

None

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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**Paul Pirri, Councillor**

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**Michael de Rond, Town Clerk**

The report of the General Committee meeting of October 17, 2017, is subject to final approval and endorsement of the recommendations by Council on October 24, 2017.