



Town of Aurora Council Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Attendance

Council Members Mayor Dawe in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Humfryes, 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 Development Services, Al Downey, Director of Operations, Lisa Warth, Acting Director of Community Services, Stephanie Mackenzie-Smith, Manager of Corporate Communications, Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor, Michael de Rond, Town Clerk, and Ishita Soneji, Council/Committee Secretary

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

Council consented to recess the meeting at 9:02 p.m. and reconvened at 9:12 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Service, with the following additions, be approved:

- Delegation (b) Javed Khan representing Aurora Chamber of Commerce
Re: Motion (b) Councillor Abel; Re: Sign By-law Review

- Delegation (c) Dr. Brian Moore representing Canadian Disc Institute,
Re: Motion (b) Councillor Abel; Re: Sign By-law Review

Carried

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

Council consented to allow an extension to time for Delegation (a).

- (a) Dennis Hirst, Owner of The Yonge Street Winery**
Re: Motion (a) Councillor Kim; Re: Road Construction

Mr. Hirst spoke in support of the motion and expressed concerns regarding the timeline and impacts of the road reconstruction on Brookland Avenue. He further suggested various communication strategies to keep residents and businesses informed of the impacts and timelines of construction in the Town.

Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Motion (a).

Carried

- (b) Javed Khan representing Aurora Chamber of Commerce**
Re: Motion (b) Councillor Abel; Re: Sign By-law Review

Mr. Khan spoke in support of the motion, and noted that the Sign By-law should be reviewed to include A-frame signage regulations.

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Motion (b).

Carried

(c) Dr. Brian Moore representing Canadian Disc Institute
Re: Motion (b) Councillor Abel; Re: Sign By-law Review

Dr. Moore spoke in support of the motion, and requested that the Sign by-law be reviewed to include regulations for A-frame signs.

Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Motion (b).

Carried

5. Consent Agenda

Council consented to consider Item C1 (sub-items R1, R2, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8 and R14) under Section 6, Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda) as Items R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8, R9 and R10 respectively.

Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Thom

That the following Consent Agenda items—C1 (with the exception of sub-items R1, R2, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8 and R14) to C3 inclusive—be approved:

C1. General Committee Meeting Report of February 20, 2018

1. That the General Committee meeting report of February 20, 2018, be received and the following recommendations carried by the Committee approved:

(C3) Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2017

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

(C5) Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2018

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of February 12, 2018, be received for information.

**(C6) Memorandum from Mayor Dawe
Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting
Highlights of January 26, 2018**

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of January 26, 2018, be received for information.

(R3) PDS18-018 – Proposal for Zoning By-law Amendment Application

1. That Report No. PDS18-018 be received.

(R9) PDS18-015 – Transfer of Review (TOR) Program

1. That Report No. PDS18-015 be received; and
2. That staff be directed to initiate the process of becoming a participating municipality in the Transfer of Review (TOR) Program; and
3. That the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to enter into a Transfer of Review Agreement with Ontario's Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same; and
4. That the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to enter into an Agreement with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same.

(R10) PDS18-019 – Application for Site Plan, York Region Christian Seniors Home Inc., 440 & 460 William Graham Drive, Plan 65M-4442, Block 4, File Number: SP-2017-11, Related Files: OPA-2017-04, ZBA-2016-12

1. That Report No. PDS18-019 be received; and
2. That Site Plan Application File SP-2017-11 (York Region Christian Seniors Homes Inc.), to permit the development of Phase 2 (subject lands) for the construction of a seven (7) storey building with one level of underground parking, 110 independent living units and 80 assisted living units for a total of 190 units, be approved; 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.

(R11) PDS18-024 – Province of Ontario Development Charges Rebate Program

1. That Report No. PDS18-024 be received; and
2. That Aurora's participation in the Province of Ontario's Development Charges Rebate Program be endorsed, authorizing staff to proceed with the application.

(R12) CS18-001 – Pending List

1. That Report No. CS18-001 be deferred to the General Committee meeting of March 20, 2018.

(R13) Summary of Committee Recommendations Report No. 2018-02

1. That Summary of Committee Recommendations Report No. 2018-02 be received; and
2. That the Committee recommendations contained within this report be approved.

(R16) Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2018

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of January 10, 2018, be received for information.

C2. Council Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2018

1. That the Council meeting minutes of February 13, 2018, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C3. Council Public Planning Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2018

1. That the Council Public Planning Meeting minutes of January 24, 2018, be adopted as printed and circulated.

Carried

6. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

Council consented to consider items in the following order: R1, R2, R4, R6, R5, R3, R7, R8, R9, and R10.

R1. FS18-002 – Streetlighting LED Conversion Project: Status and Outcomes

**Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Mrakas**

1. That Report No. FS18-002 be received for information.

Carried

R2. Correspondence from Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), dated February 2, 2018

Re: Call to Action – Fire Medic Protection Needed for Municipal Governments

**Moved by Councillor Thom
Seconded by Councillor Pirri**

1. That the Correspondence from Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), dated February 2, 2018, Re: Call to Action – Fire Medic Protection Needed for Municipal Governments, be received; and
2. That the Town of Aurora calls on the Government of Ontario to act immediately so that legislative amendments, that will protect unwilling municipalities from being forced by arbitrators to have a fire medic pilot or program, are placed within the upcoming Budget Bill before the Ontario Legislature rises for the provincial election; and
3. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Kathleen Wynne, Office of the Premier; Hon. Dr. Helena Jaczek, Minister of Health and Long Term Care; Hon. Marie-France Lalonde, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services; Hon. Kevin Flynn, Minister of Labour, Hon. Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Hon. Chris Ballard, MPP, Newmarket-Aurora; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

R3. CS18-004 – Power of Entry
(Formerly Item C1(R1))

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Thom

1. That Report No. CS18-004 be referred back to staff for further information.

Carried

**R4. PDS18-017 – Application for Zoning By-law Amendment, Joe Stewart,
304 Kennedy Street West, File Number: ZBA-2017-05**
(Formerly Item C1(R2))

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Thom

1. That Report No. PDS18-017 be received; and

2. That Zoning By-law Amendment Application File Number ZBA-2017-05 (Joe Stewart), to amend the site specific 'R2(207)' and 'R3(208)' exception zones applying to portions of the subject lands to a 'Detached Third Density Residential Zone 'R3(XX1)', be approved; and
3. That the front yard setback be amended to 12.0 metres, rather than 7.5 metres; and
4. That the Zoning By-law Amendment be presented at a future Council meeting.

**On a recorded vote the motion
Carried**

Yeas: 8 Nays: 1
Voting Yeas: Councillors Abel, Humfryes, Kim,
Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, Thompson, and
Mayor Dawe
Voting Nays: Councillor Gaertner
Absent: None

R5. PDS18-022 – Proposal for Zoning By-law Amendment Application
(Formerly Item C1(R4))

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Abel

1. That Report No. PDS18-022 be received; and
2. That the Zoning By-law Proposal from the following applicant be accepted as a Zoning By-law Amendment Application:
 - (a) 2419059 Ontario Inc. (103,107 & 111 Metcalfe Street)

Defeated

R6. CMS18-003 – Request for Proposals for Vending and Concession Operations

(Formerly Item C1(R5))

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Pirri

1. That Report No. CMS18-003 and the amendment be referred back to staff for further information, and be brought back to the General Committee meeting of March 20, 2018.

Carried

R7. CMS18-004 – Room/Hall Permitting Policy

(Formerly Item C1(R6))

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Mrakas

1. That Report No. CMS18-004 be received; and
2. That the revised Room/Hall Permitting Policy be approved.

Carried

R8. CS18-002 – Alternate Member of Regional Council for the Town of Aurora

(Formerly Item C1(R7))

Main motion

Moved by Councillor Thom

Seconded by Councillor Mrakas

1. That Report No. CS18-002 be received.

Amendment No. 1

Moved by Councillor Abel

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the main motion be amended by restoring the following clauses:

“That the Deputy Mayor, as defined by the Procedure By-law, be appointed as the Mayor’s alternate on Regional Council; and

That, commencing March 1, 2018, the Deputy Mayor receives an additional \$100.00 per month that includes at least one scheduled Regional Council Meeting as the alternate Member of Regional Council; and

That the Deputy Mayor receives an additional \$100.00 for each Regional Council meeting that he/she attends; and

That a By-law be brought forward at a future Council Meeting to amend By-law No. 6040-17, being a By-law to provide for Council remuneration.”

Defeated

Amendment No. 2
Moved by Councillor Pirri
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

That the main motion be amended by adding the following clause:

“That a rotating alternate member to Regional Council be appointed for the remainder of the term, with no additional pay.”

Defeated

**On a recorded vote the main motion
Carried**

Yeas: 9 Nays: 0
Voting Yeas: Councillors Abel, Humfryes, Gaertner,
Kim, Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, Thompson,
and Mayor Dawe
Voting Nays: None
Absent: None

R9. CS18-003 – Sign By-law Update: Election Signs
(Formerly Item C1(R8))

**Moved by Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

1. That Report No. CS18-003 be received; and
2. That Sign By-law No. 5840-16 be amended to reflect recent changes to the *Municipal Elections Act* respecting Third Party Advertisers; and
3. That a temporary part-time Bylaw Officer, for the purposes of education and enforcement efforts related to election signs and the provisions of the Sign By-law, be approved; and
4. That amendments to Sign By-law No. 5840-16 be brought forward to a future Council meeting for enactment.

Carried

R10. PDS18-020 – Request for Street Name Approval, BG Properties Aurora Inc., 14222, 14314, 14358, and 14378 Yonge Street, File Number: SUB-2012-03, Related File Numbers: ZBA-2012-16
(Formerly Item C1(R14))

**Main motion
Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

1. That Report No. PDS18-020 be received; and
2. That the following street names be approved for the proposed roads within the approved Plan of Subdivision, SUB-2012-03:

Street “D”	Woodhaven Avenue
Street “E”	Pine Hill Crescent
Street “F”	Sunset Vista Court
Street “G”	Maple Fields Circle

**Motion to refer
Moved by Councillor Abel
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

That Report No. PDS18-020 be referred back to staff.

Defeated

**Main motion
Carried**

7. Notices of Motion

None

8. Motions

On a motion by Councillor Pirri seconded by Councillor Humfryes, Council consented to consider Motion (b) after Item R2 and prior to Item R4.

(a) Councillor Kim

Re: Road Construction

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Mrakas

Whereas the Town of Aurora has a Ten-Year Road Construction Program, and each year there are road projects impacting residents and businesses alike; and

Whereas recent road improvement project(s) have had its challenges; and

Whereas in 2018 the Town is anticipating road projects including, but not limited to, Yonge Street stretching from Brookland Avenue to St. John's Sideroad; and

Whereas staff in large part has already analyzed the challenges and successes in the case of the Brookland Avenue road project, and plans to leverage the information for future projects; and

Whereas the Town has a Business Concierge team to partner with local businesses to mediate potential business impacts due to adjacent road construction;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff bring a detailed report to Council which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - (a) Challenges encountered (including incidents in the Brookland Avenue road improvement project);
 - (b) Successes;
 - (c) What was learned;
 - (d) Recommendations to be included for future road projects, including how the Business Concierge team can get involved; and
 - (e) Business owner participation.

Carried

(b) Councillor Abel

Re: Sign By-law Review

Moved by Councillor Abel

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

Whereas Sign By-law No. 5840, being a by-law respecting signs within the Town of Aurora, was enacted in March of 2016 repealing By-law Nos. 4897-07.P and 4898-07.P; and

Whereas the new Sign By-law removed the permission to allow temporary A-Frame signs which has had an impact on the business community; and

Whereas the business community has responded with concerns and complaints regarding the changes, namely with respect to A-Frame signs;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to review best practices in other municipalities, engage the business community, the public and Councillors for comments and suggestions; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That staff be directed to consider and report back to Council on regulatory provisions that may be included in the Sign By-law that would allow for A-frame signs and a nominal fee to offset enforcement efforts.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Pirri

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the first clause be amended by removing the word “Councillor”

“Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to review best practices in other municipalities, engage the business community, **and** the public **Councillors** for comments and suggestions”

Carried

Main motion as amended

Moved by Councillor Abel

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

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2. Be It Further Resolved That staff be directed to consider and report back to Council on regulatory provisions that may be included in the Sign By-law that would allow for A-frame signs and a nominal fee to offset enforcement efforts

Carried

(c) Councillor Mrakas

Re: Petch House

Moved by Councillor Mrakas

Seconded by Councillor Kim

Whereas the future use of the Petch House has been discussed for many years with no resolution to date; and

Whereas the building as a result remains empty and under-utilized; and

Whereas the Town has begun to provide chapel services for marriages, which have been very successful;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff investigate the feasibility and costs for the Petch House to be used for marriage services and/or as a wedding chapel; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That staff bring a report to the May 2018 meeting cycle for Council to make a decision on the future use of the Petch House.

Carried

9. Regional Report

York Regional Council Highlights – February 15, 2018

Moved by Councillor Thom
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

That the Regional Report of February 15, 2018, be received for information.

Carried

10. New Business

Councillor Mrakas inquired about the ongoing culvert repairs on Brookland Avenue, and staff provided clarification.

Councillor Mrakas expressed concern regarding the flashing walkway lights at the Town Park, and staff noted that investigation is ongoing.

Councillor Gaertner noted that the Open House regarding Zoning By-law for Stable Neighbourhoods will be held on February 28, 2018 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Council Chambers, and encouraged members of the public to attend.

Councillor Thompson requested that the Street Naming Policy be brought to a future Council meeting for discussion, and staff agreed to follow up.

Councillor Kim inquired about the format of the Open House regarding Zoning By-law for Stable Neighbourhoods, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Pirri inquired on the status of the appointment of Director of Community Services. Staff informed that Robin McDougall has been appointed as the new

Director of Community Services, and extended their regards to Lisa Warth in her role as Acting Director of Community Services during the interim.

11. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Humfryes announced that the Big Brothers Big Sisters of York will be holding the Rock N Bowl event in Newmarket at Stellar Lanes, on March 3, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Councillor Abel extended his regards to Aurora native, Derek Livingston, who participated in the snowboarding half-pipe event at the 2018 PyeongChang Olympics.

Councillor Abel expressed appreciation to St. Andrew's College, the Aurora Tigers, and all those involved for organizing a successful Aurora Winter Blues Festival.

Councillor Mrakas extended his regards to the Aurora Tigers for a successful season, and noted that Jake Bricknell, Captain, scored 99 points during the season.

Mayor Dawe expressed appreciation to the Aurora Chamber of Commerce for hosting the Mayor's Luncheon on February 21, 2018.

Mayor Dawe noted that Aurora's Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Aurora Senior's Centre on Saturday, March 31, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and details of the event is available at aurora.ca/easteregg hunt.

Mayor Dawe advised that the Town is looking for youth candidates for the John West Memorial Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship Award and information is available at aurora.ca/leadersoftomorrow.

Mayor Dawe announced that registration for Spring and Summer programs is now open, along with summer camps, and further information is available in the recreation guide at aurora.ca/recguide,

Mayor Dawe noted that the Town will be holding various activities and programs during the March Break, from March 12 to 16, 2018, and further information is available at aurora.ca/marchbreak.

Mayor Dawe announced that the Town is accepting nominations for the 2018 Community Recognition Awards and the deadline to apply is April 6, 2018, and further information is available at aurora.ca/CRA.

12. By-laws

Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Thom

That the following by-laws be enacted:

(a) By-law Number 6052-18 Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 6000-17, as amended (440-460 and 480-500 William Graham Drive – York Christian Seniors Home Inc.)

Carried

13. Closed Session

None

14. Confirming By-law

Moved by Councillor Abel
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the following confirming by-law be enacted:

By-law Number 6053-18 Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from a Council Meeting on February 27, 2018.

Carried

15. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Thom
Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Carried

Geoffrey Dawe, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk