



# Town of Aurora Council Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall  
Tuesday, May 22, 2018

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## **Attendance**

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

**Members Absent** Councillor Pirri

**Other Attendees** Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services, Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services, Dan Elliott, Director of Financial Services, Al Downey, Director of Operations, Marco Ramunno, Director of Planning and Development Services, Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor, Michael de Rond, Town Clerk, and Ishita Soneji, Council/Committee Secretary

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council consented to recess the meeting at 9:31 p.m. and reconvened at 9:41 p.m.

On a motion of Councillor Humfryes seconded by Councillor Kim, Council consented to extend the hour past 10:30 p.m.

Mayor Dawe relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Abel at 10:39 p.m. during the consideration of Motions (b) and (c), and resumed the Chair at 10:50 p.m.

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

**Moved by Councillor Abel**

**Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

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

- Delegation (c) Reg Chappell and Stephen Kimmerer, Sport Aurora;  
Re: General Committee Item R7 – CMS18-016 – 100 Vandorf Slideroad –  
Hallmark Lands Community Park Design
- Delegation (d) David Heard; Re: Motion (a) Councillor Abel, Re: Post  
Secondary Economic Impact Analysis

**On a two-thirds vote the motion  
Carried**

## **2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50*.

## **3. Community Presentations**

### **(a) Daniele Zanotti, President & CEO, United Way of Toronto & York Region Re: Update on United Way Campaign**

Mr. Zanotti presented an overview of the 2017-2018 United Way Campaign and expressed his appreciation to the Town staff and Members of Council for their efforts and contribution towards the campaign.

**Moved by Councillor Thom  
Seconded by Councillor Kim**

That the presentation be received for information.

**Carried**

### **(b) Stephen Forsey, Aurora Sports Hall of Fame Re: Announcement of the 2018 Hall of Fame Inductees**

Mr. Forsey recognized and announced the names of four Aurora athletes/official – Paolina Allan, David Morland IV, Robert Bain, and Loring Doolittle (posthumous) – who will be inducted into the Aurora Sports Hall of

Fame. He noted that the 2018 Induction Celebration will be held on November 8, 2018 at St. Andrew's College and further information is available on [www.aurorashof.ca](http://www.aurorashof.ca)

**Moved by Councillor Thompson**  
**Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

That the presentation be received for information.

**Carried**

#### **4. Delegations**

- (a) Daniel Ger, representing Habitat for Humanity**  
**Re: Motion (c) Mayor Dawe, Re: Deferred Development Charges – Habitat for Humanity**

Mr. Nima Kia, on behalf of Mr. Ger, spoke in support of Motion (c) and provided an overview of the organization's scope of work, services, home ownership model, economics of affordable houses built, and requested Council to consider the deferral of development charges for future affordable housing units produced by Habitat GTA.

**Moved by Councillor Thompson**  
**Seconded by Councillor Mrakas**

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

**Carried**

- (b) Martin Ambrose, representing Aurora Soccer Club**  
**Re: General Committee Item R7 – CMS18-016 – 100 Vandorf Sideroad – Hallmark Lands Community Park Design**

Mr. Ambrose expressed concerns regarding the staff recommendations and emphasized the need for soccer fields at Hallmarks Lands, which would suffice the growing demands within the community.

**Moved by Councillor Thom**  
**Seconded by Councillor Kim**

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to General Committee Item R7.

**Carried**

**(c) Reg Chappell and Stephen Kimmerer, representing Sport Aurora  
Re: General Committee Item R7 – CMS18-016 – 100 Vandorf Sideroad –  
Hallmark Lands Community Park Design**

Mr. Chappell and Mr. Kimmerer emphasized the need for new recreational space within the Town and requested Members of Council to not consider alternative uses for Hallmark Lands.

**Moved by Councillor Thom  
Seconded by Councillor Kim**

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to General Committee Item R7.

**Carried**

**(d) David Heard, Resident  
Re: Motion (a) Councillor Abel, Re: Post Secondary Impact Analysis**

Mr. Heard was not present.

## **5. Consent Agenda**

**Moved by Councillor Kim  
Seconded by Councillor Thom**

That the following Consent Agenda items, C1 to C3 inclusive, be approved:

### **C1. Council Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2018**

1. That the Council meeting minutes of May 8, 2018, be adopted as printed and circulated.

### **C2. Council Closed Session Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2018**

1. That the Council Closed Session meeting minutes of May 8, 2018, be adopted as printed and circulated.

**C3. Council Closed Session Public Minutes of May 8, 2018**

1. That the Council Closed Session Public minutes of May 8, 2018, be adopted as printed and circulated.

**Carried**

**6. Standing Committee Reports**

**S1. General Committee Meeting Report of May 15, 2018**

Council considered the items pulled for separate discussion in the following order: R7, R1, and R2.

**Moved by Councillor Thompson  
Seconded by Councillor Humfries**

1. That the General Committee meeting report of May 15, 2018, be received and the following recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items R1, R2, and R7, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below:

**(C1) PDS18-046 – Request for Street Name Approval, Certas Home and Auto Insurance Company, 333 First Commerce Drive, File Number: STR-2018-01**

1. That Report No. PDS18-046 be received; and
2. That the following street name be approved; and  
Street "A" Desjardins Way
3. That a by-law to rename the street from State Farm Way to Desjardins Way be enacted.

**(A1) Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2018**

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of April 4, 2018, be received for information.

**(A2) Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2018**

1. That the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Committee meeting minutes of April 19, 2018, be received; and
2. That the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

**1. Memorandum from Director Community Services  
Re: Pricing Policy for Recreation Services**

- (a) That a consultant be retained to complete a Pricing Policy.

**(A3) Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Committee  
Special Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2018**

1. That the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Committee special meeting minutes of May 7, 2018, be received for information.

**(R1) CMS18-014 – Enhanced Recreation Facility Advertising and  
Sponsorship Programs**

**Moved by Councillor Thom  
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

1. That Report No. CMS18-014 be received; and
2. That staff be authorized to implement the enhanced Recreation Facility Advertising and Recreation Facility Sponsorship programs; and
3. That the Director of Community Services be given delegated authority to execute all future recreation facility advertising and facility sponsorship agreements.

**Motion to refer**

**Moved by Councillor Thom  
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

That Report No. CMS18-014 be referred to staff for further information.

**Motion to refer  
Carried**

**(R2) CMS18-015 – Menorah Lighting Ceremony**

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

1. That Report No. CMS18-015 be received; and
2. That the addition of a Menorah Lighting Ceremony in partnership with Chabad Aurora to the annual special events starting in 2018 be approved; and
3. That funding be approved for the Menorah Lighting Ceremony event in the amount of \$6,200 for 2018 from the Council Operating Contingency account.

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

That Report No. CMS18-015 be referred to staff for further review regarding the partnership with Chabad Aurora.

**Motion to refer  
Carried**

**(R3) OPS18-013 – Boardwalk at Kwik Kopy Trail**

1. That Report No. OPS18-013 be received; and
2. That the total approved budget for Capital Budget Project No. 73107 – Kwik Kopy Trail be increased to \$815,000, representing an increase of \$630,000 to be funded from the Park Development Charges Reserve.

**(R4) PDS18-050 – Application for Site Plan, Roman Catholic Episcopal Corp. 15347 Yonge Street, File Number: SP-2017-06**

1. That Report No. PDS18-050 be received; and
2. That Site Plan Application File SP-2017-06 (Roman Catholic Episcopal Corp.) to permit the expansion of the existing Church, together with a new steeple, reconfiguration of the existing parking area and restoration to the historical portion of the house fronting on Catherine Street, 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.

**(R5) PDS18-054 – Application for Removal of Holding (H) Provisions, 2412872 Ontario Inc. and 2197616 Ontario Inc., 908 Vandorf Sideroad and 14575 Bayview Avenue, Pt Lot 16 Con 2, W Pt 1, 65R-32933 Except 65M-4292, Pt Lot 16 Con 2, Pt 1, 65R-34618, Related Files: ZBA-2007-12, ZBA-2001-04, SUB-2007-04, and SUB-2001-01, File Number: ZBA-2007-12(H) That Report No. PDS18-047 be received; and**

1. That Report No. PDS18-054 be received; and
2. That the Application to Remove the Holding (H) Provision (ZBA-2007-12(H)) from Lots 1 to 6 inclusive on the Draft Plan at 14575 Bayview Avenue (SUB-2001-01) and Lots 1 to 20 inclusive on the approved Draft Plan of Subdivision at 908 Vandorf Sideroad (SUB-2007-04) be approved; and
3. That the removal of the Holding provision by-laws be presented at a future Council meeting.

**(R6) PDS18-055 – Amendments to the Central Lake Ontario, Toronto Region and Credit Valley (CTC) Source Protection Plan**

1. That Report No. PDS18-055 be received; and

2. That the proposed amendments to the Central Lake Ontario, Toronto Region and Credit Valley (CTC) Source Protection Plan and Toronto & Region Assessment Report be endorsed; and
3. That the Town Clerk circulate this report and Council resolution to the Regional Clerk, Chair of the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee, Chair of the Credit Valley, Toronto Region and Central Lake Ontario Source Protection Committee, and Director of the Source Protection Programs Branch, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.

**(R7) CMS18-016 – 100 Vandorf Sideroad – Hallmark Lands Community Park Design**

**Moved by Councillor Kim**

**Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

1. That Report No. CMS18-016 be received; and
2. That this report satisfy Council's conditional budget for Capital Project No. 73287 – Hallmark Lands – Baseball Diamonds in the amount of \$3,000,000; and
3. That staff be authorized to commence detailed design and tendering process for 100 Vandorf Sideroad and proceed with Capital Project No. 73287 as presented.

**On a tie vote the motion was  
Defeated**

**Moved by Councillor Mrakas**

**Seconded by Councillor Humfries**

1. That Report No. CMS18-016 be received; and
2. That staff be authorized to commence detailed design and tendering process for one baseball diamond and one multi-purpose rectangular field at 100 Vandorf Sideroad.

**Defeated**

Due to the absence of Councillor Pirri, as per Section 46 (h) of the Procedure By-law, item R7 will be placed on the Council meeting agenda of June 12, 2018.

**(R8) CS18-011 – Standard Funding Agreements**

1. That Report No. CS18-011 be received; and
2. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into and execute standard funding agreements wherein Council has approved a funding request through the annual budget or by Council resolution.

**Carried**

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

None

**8. Motions**

**(a) Councillor Abel**

**Re: Post Secondary Economic Impact Analysis**

**Main motion**

**Moved by Councillor Abel**

**Seconded by Councillor Kim**

Whereas the Town of Aurora and Niagara College, through its Canadian Food and Wine Institute (CFWI), have entered into a partnership agreement to establish a post- secondary learning and training campus at the Aurora Armoury; and

Whereas there are economic and social benefits associated with the presence of a post-secondary institute (PSI); and

Whereas a report from the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario (HEQCO) states that measuring the economic impact of a PSI can be done through an economic impact analysis; and

Whereas, as stated in the York Region Post-Secondary Investment Strategy, the economic impacts depend on what type of investment is chosen; and

Whereas those wishing to measure the economic impacts of their institutions, or understand the methods, findings and limitations in studies done elsewhere, would do so through an economic impact analysis;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to undertake an economic impact analysis for the post-secondary Canadian Food and Wine Institute; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the report be completed within two Council meeting cycles, so that Council and the public can be presented with the report on the economic impact analysis.

**Amendment**

**Moved by Councillor Abel**

**Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

That the operative clauses be replaced by the following:

“Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff bring back a Terms of Reference for a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the economic impact analysis regarding the post-secondary partnership with Niagara College.”

**Defeated**

Council consented to vote on each operative clause separately.

**Moved by Councillor Abel**

**Seconded by Councillor Kim**

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to undertake an economic impact analysis for the post-secondary Canadian Food and Wine Institute.

**Defeated**

2. Be It Further Resolved That the report be completed within two Council meeting cycles, so that Council and the public can be presented with the report on the economic impact analysis.

**Defeated**

**(b) Mayor Dawe**

**Re: Right to Approve Landfill Developments**

**Moved by Mayor Dawe**

**Seconded by Councillor Thom**

Whereas municipal governments in Ontario do not have the right to approve landfill projects in their communities, but have authority for making decisions on all other types of development; and

Whereas this out-dated policy allows private landfill operators to consult with local residents and municipal Councils, but essentially ignore them; and

Whereas municipalities already have exclusive rights for approving casinos and nuclear waste facilities within their communities, AND FURTHER that the province has recognized the value of municipal approval for the siting of power generation facilities; and

Whereas the recent report from Ontario's Environmental Commissioner has found that Ontario has a garbage problem, particularly from Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) waste generated within the City of Toronto, where diversion rates are as low as 15%; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are quietly being identified and targeted as potential landfill sites; and

Whereas municipalities should be considered experts in waste management, as they are responsible for this within their own communities, and often have decades' worth of in-house expertise in managing waste, recycling, and diversion programs; and

Whereas municipalities should have the right to approve or reject these projects, and assess whether the potential economic benefits are of sufficient value to offset any negative impacts and environmental concerns;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora calls upon the Government of Ontario, and all political parties, to formally grant municipalities the authority to approve landfill projects in or adjacent to their communities; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora send a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario and the leader of the Official Opposition after the June 7, 2018 Provincial Election.

**Carried**

**(c) Mayor Dawe**

**Re: Deferred Development Charges – Habitat for Humanity**

**Moved by Mayor Dawe**

**Seconded by Councillor Humfries**

Whereas Habitat for Humanity Canada is a national non-profit organization working towards a world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live; and

Whereas Habitat for Humanity provides a unique “mortgage” that makes home ownership affordable for lower income families who provide “sweat equity” of 500 volunteer hours in helping build their home and the homes of others; and

Whereas Habitat for Humanity GTA was able to house 25 families in 2017 in partnership with various communities; and

Whereas Habitat for Humanity GTA is currently seeking a site to build a home for a family in need within the Town of Aurora; and

Whereas Habitat for Humanity GTA has requested that development charges be deferred if and when a location is secured within the Town of Aurora;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Council support this request; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That staff report back to Council on the implications of a deferral of such development charges; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That staff include a policy and/or process for managing such requests in future.

**Carried**

## **9. Regional Report**

None

## **10. New Business**

Councillor Gaertner referred to resident's concern regarding the timeline of the road construction on Brookland Avenue, and staff agreed to investigate.

Councillor Gaertner referred to resident's concern regarding overnight repairs of train tracks behind Thompkins Crescent, and staff agreed to investigate and follow up with Metrolinx.

## **11. Public Service Announcements**

Councillor Thom congratulated the Duke and Duchess of Sussex on their wedding.

Councillor Humfries extended a reminder regarding the Aurora Farmers' Market and Artisan Fair, which is held each Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Town Park, and noted that the Grand Opening will be held on Saturday, May 26, 2018.

Mayor Dawe announced that the "Name Your Square" contest will be open until May 31, 2018, and more information is available on **[placespeak.com/nameyoursqaure](http://placespeak.com/nameyoursqaure)**

Mayor Dawe extended his regards to everyone involved for conducting a successful opening of the Thomas Coates Park (formerly Mavrinac Park).

## 12. By-laws

**Moved by Councillor Kim**  
**Seconded by Councillor Thom**

That the following by-laws be enacted:

- (a) **By-law Number 6078-18** Being a By-law to appoint Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers and Property Standards Officers for The Corporation of the Town of Aurora.
- (b) **By-law Number 6079-18** Being a By-law to exempt Blocks 23, 24, and 25 on Plan 65M-4467 from Part-Lot Control (Brookfield Home (Ontario) Aurora Limited).
- (c) **By-law Number 6080-18** Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 6000-17, as amended, to remove a Holding "(H)" symbol (2412872 Ontario Inc. and 2197616 Ontario Inc.).
- (d) **By-law Number 6081-18** Being a By-law to set and levy the rates of Taxation for the taxation year 2018

**Carried**

## 13. Closed Session

None

## 14. Confirming By-law

**Moved by Councillor Thom**  
**Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

That the following confirming by-law be enacted:

**By-law Number 6082-18** Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from a Council Meeting on May 22, 2018.

**Carried**

## **15. Adjournment**

**Moved by Councillor Thompson  
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

**Carried**

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**Geoffrey Dawe, Mayor**

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**Michael de Rond, Town Clerk**