



# Town of Aurora General Committee Meeting Report

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall  
Tuesday, March 20, 2018

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## **Attendance**

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

**Members Absent** None

**Other Attendees** Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, 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, Lisa Warth, Acting Director of Community Services, Stephanie Mackenzie-Smith, Manager of Corporate Communications, Slawomir Szlapczynski, Associate 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 7:01 p.m.

General Committee consented to recess the meeting at 9:14 p.m. and reconvened at 9:24 p.m.

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

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

- Delegation (a) Kasie Savage representing Real Food First  
Re: Item R2 – CMS18-005 – Request for Proposals for Vending and Concession Operations

- Item C10 – Parks, Recreation and Cultural Advisory Committee Meeting  
Minutes of February 15, 2018
- Item R9 – Summary of Committee Recommendation Report No. 2018-03
- Item R10 – Memorandum from Mayor; Re: Celebration of Spring Fashion  
Show – Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation
- Notice of Motion (d) Councillor Gaertner  
Re: Flood Preparation

**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**

### **(a) Kasie Savage representing Real Food First**

**Re: Item R2 – CMS18-005 – Request for Proposals for Vending and Concession Operations**

Ms. Savage expressed appreciation to Members of Council and staff for incorporating the suggestions from the residents and including 55% healthy food choices in the request for proposal for vending and concession operations, and spoke in support of the staff recommendations.

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

## **5. Consent Agenda**

### **General Committee recommends:**

That Consent Agenda Items C1 to C10 be approved:

#### **C1. OPS18-002 – Purchase Order Increase for Road Lining and Zone Painting**

1. That Report No. OPS18-002 be received; and
2. That the contract between the Town of Aurora and Guild Electric Ltd., as established through RFQ IES2016-66, be extended to include the 2018 option year; and
3. That Purchase Order No. 901 to Guild Electric Ltd. be increased by \$45,000 to \$128,101, excluding taxes, for the contract term of 2018.

#### **C2. OPS18-003 – Purchase Order Increase for Supply and Delivery of Trees**

1. That Report No. OPS18-003 be received; and
2. That the contract between the Town of Aurora and Dutchmaster Nurseries Ltd., as established through RFQ 2017-30-PRCS, be extended to include the 2018 option year; and
3. That Purchase Order No.1096 to Dutchmaster Nurseries Ltd. be increased by \$80,000 to \$160,000, excluding taxes, for the contract term of 2018.

#### **C3. OPS18-004 – Purchase Order Increase for Landscape Maintenance**

1. That Report No. OPS18-004 be received; and
2. That the contract between the Town of Aurora and Municipal Maintenance Inc., as established through RFQ 2017-19-PRCS, be extended to include the 2018 option year; and

3. That Purchase Order No.1101 to Municipal Maintenance Ltd. be increased by \$65,000 to \$139,176, excluding taxes, for the contract term of 2018.

**C4. OPS18-007 – Purchase Order Increase to Priestly Demolition Inc. for Interior Works at 89 Mosley Street**

1. That Report No. OPS18-007 be received; and
2. That Purchase Order No.1203 to Priestly Demolition Inc. be increased by \$36,169.75 to \$245,309.75, excluding taxes, for the contract term of 2018.

**C5. FS18-012 – Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for Members of Council, Committees and Local Boards**

1. That Report No. FS18-012 be received for information.

**C6. CMS18-007 – Dasher Board System in the Arena of the Aurora Family Leisure Complex Capital Project No. 72171**

1. That Report No. CMS18-007 be received; and
2. That Tender No. 2018-39-CMS for the supply and installation of the dasher board system in the arena of the Aurora Family Leisure Complex (AFLC) building be awarded to Welmar Recreational Products in the amount of \$216,496.00, excluding taxes; and
3. 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.

**C7. Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2018**

1. That the Finance Advisory Committee meeting minutes of January 24, 2018, be received for information.

**C8. Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2018**

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

**C9. Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2018**

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of February 7, 2018, be received for information.

**C10. Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2018**

1. That the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Committee meeting minutes of February 15, 2018, be received for information.

**Carried**

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

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

**R1. CS18-001 – Pending List**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. CS18-001 be received for information.

**Carried**

**R2. CMS18-005 – Requests for Proposals for Vending and Concession Operations**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. CMS18-005 be received; and
2. That the Director of Community Services be authorized to issue a Request for Proposal for the operation of vending machines and concession stands in Town facilities; and

3. That the Request for Proposal include mandatory requirements for a minimum of 55% healthy food and beverage options, as described herein; and
4. That the Request for Proposal include the following requirements:
  - (a) Vending machines to be included at all locations currently identified for the RFP; and
  - (b) No change to current practice of requiring the concession operator to provide all marketing and promotion in a neat and professional manner; and
  - (c) Eliminate plain bottled water, but continue to allow the sale of flavoured and/or carbonated water. (Empty refillable bottles can be made available for sale); and
  - (d) Staff to work within existing resources to promote the inclusion of healthy choices by working with facility user groups and York Region Public Health.

**Carried**

**R3. FS18-013 – 2018 Water, Wastewater, Stormwater Budgets and Rates**

Mr. Dan Elliott, Director of Finance, presented an overview of the 2018 water, wastewater and stormwater budgets, and provided details on the 2018 outlook for the proposed rates and budgets, the stormwater cost recovery rate structure, and the determining factors of the proposed rates.

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. FS18-013 be received; and
2. That the 2018 combined Water, Wastewater and Stormwater budget of \$23,637,600, be approved; and
3. That the 2018 retail water rate of \$2.01 per cubic metre and the retail wastewater rate of \$2.72 per cubic metre of water, be approved; and

4. That the 2018 flat rate stormwater charges of \$5.28 per unit per month for residential and condominium properties and \$67.07 per unit per month for metered non-residential commercial/industrial and multi-residential properties, be approved; and
5. That the new approved retail water, retail wastewater and stormwater charge rates become effective for all billings issued by the Town on or after May 1, 2018, and be retroactive for all consumption newly billed on such billings; and
6. That the 2018 bulk water purchase rate of \$4.73 per cubic metre dispensed effective May 1, 2018, be approved; and
7. That the Town's full time staff complement for all work areas except Library and Central York Fire be increased by 2 to 223 to reflect the operational requirements of the water, wastewater and stormwater areas; and
8. That the necessary By-law to implement the 2018 retail water rate, retail wastewater rate, stormwater charge and bulk water purchase rate, be enacted.

**Carried**

**R4. CS18-005 – Amendments to the Use of Corporate Resources for Election Campaign Purposes Policy**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. CS18-005 be received; and
2. That amendments to the Use of Corporate Resources for Election Campaign Purposes Policy regarding Third Party Advertisers and Nomination Day, be approved.

**Carried**

**R5. FS18-004 – 2019 Budget Development Direction**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. FS18-004 be received; and
2. That the key principals for the 2019 operating budget development, be endorsed.

**Carried**

**R6. PDS18-023 – Application for Draft Plan of Condominium, Navelli Dwellings Inc., 15278 Yonge Street, File Number: CDM-2017-04, Related File Numbers: SP-2015-08, OPA-2015-04 and ZBA-2015-10**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. PDS18-023 be received; and
2. That the Application for Draft Plan of Condominium (Standard Condominium) CDM-2017-04 (Navelli Dwellings Inc.), be approved, subject to the conditions outlined in Appendix “A” of this report; 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**

**R7. PDS18-026 – Implementation of Train Whistle Cessation for GO Train Crossings Design and Peer Review Budget**

General Committee consented to vote on clause 1 and clauses 2 to 4 of the motion separately.

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. PDS18-026 be received.

**Carried**



**General Committee recommends:**

2. That this report satisfy Council's conditional budget approval for capital project no. 34532 – Train Whistle Cessation in the amount of \$235,000; and
3. That approval be given for staff to proceed with capital project No. 34532; and
4. That the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute agreements between the Town of Aurora, the Region and/or Metrolinx, including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same.

**Defeated**

**R8. PDS18-028 – Application for Zoning By-law Amendment, Canadian Tire Real Estate Limited, 14700 Yonge Street, Part of Lots 76 and 77, Concession 1, File Number: ZBA-2016-05**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. PDS18-028 be referred to staff.

**Motion to refer  
Carried**

**R9. Summary of Committee Recommendations Report No. 2018-03**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Summary of Committee Recommendations Report No. 2018-03 be received; and
2. That the Committee recommendations **of the February 1, 2018 Environmental Advisory Committee meeting, be approved; and**
3. **That the Committee recommendations of the January 10, 2018 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be referred to staff for further information.**

**Carried as amended**

**R10. Memorandum from Mayor**

**Re: Celebration of Spring Fashion Show – Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That the memorandum regarding Celebration of Spring Fashion Show – Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation be received; and
2. That the Celebration of Spring Fashion Show be declared as an “event of Town significance”.

**Carried**

**7. Notices of Motion**

**(a) Councillor Mrakas**

**Re: Complete Streets**

Whereas municipalities are moving towards becoming complete communities; and

Whereas the Town’s Official Plan establishes the vision, corresponding principles and supporting policies to guide the Town’s evolution and development, for all lands in the Town of Aurora; and

Whereas the Official Plan is written to direct change in accordance with Provincial and York Region policy, with a new emphasis on the development of a complete community, environmental responsibility, support for transit and the efficient use of infrastructure; and

Whereas residents and businesses, current and future, have a right to complete streets, streets that are “designed for all ages, abilities, and modes of travel, with safe and comfortable access for pedestrians, bicycles, transit users and the mobility-impaired as an integral planning feature; and

Whereas a Complete Streets policy ensures that transportation planners and engineers consistently design and operate the entire street network for all road users, not only motorists; and

Whereas Complete Streets offer wide-ranging benefits, are cost effective, sustainable, and safe;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff add a Complete Streets policy as part of the Official Plan update, so that a “complete streets” philosophy be applied to the future development of the Town’s road network; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That a focus on “Designing, constructing and integrating new streets and retrofitting existing streets, where appropriate, to focus on the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and persons with disabilities and ensuring safety, accessibility, convenience, and comfort of all street users be considered”.

**(b) Councillor Mrakas**

**Re: Centre of Excellence**

Whereas the York Region District School Board has announced the relocation of Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School from Dunning Avenue to Bayview Avenue; and

Whereas the Dunning Avenue property is located in the middle of the downtown core; and

Whereas the relocation of the school will have an impact on businesses in the downtown area; and

Whereas one of the pillars of success identified in the Town Strategic Plan is to actively promote and support the plan to revitalize the downtown; and

Whereas the Strategic Plan identifies that the Town continue to pursue partnerships/initiatives to drive efficiency and potential cost savings; and

Whereas the relocation of Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School provides an opportunity for the Town and York Region District School Board to collaborate and partner on community initiatives; and

Whereas this site would be an ideal location of a new sport facility, that would be another anchor to the downtown core;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff contact the York Region District School Board and begin conversations about a possible partnership in developing the Dunning Ave property into a Centre of Excellence (Sport Facility).

**(c) Mayor Dawe**

**Re: Future Vision with York Region District School Board**

Whereas the Ministry of Education and the York Region District School Board (YRDSB) recently announced a new high school will be built in east Aurora replacing Dr. G. W. Williams by 2023; and

Whereas discussions have commenced between the Town of Aurora and the newly appointed York Region District School Board Director of Education with respect to the proposed new high school; and

Whereas the YRDSB is open to receiving comments from the Town of Aurora on what is envisioned for the new high school to best serve our residents and school community at large; and

Whereas the YRDSB is commencing their visioning process for the proposed new high school; and

Whereas there may be an opportunity to develop a “shared space” agreement with YRDSB when planning the development of the new high school;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff initiate discussions with YRDSB and prepare a report that outlines a vision for the new proposed high school in east Aurora that includes a “shared space” opportunity and meets the needs of students, parents, faculty and residents of Aurora.

**(d) Councillor Gaertner**

**Re: Flood Preparation**

Whereas the Insurance Bureau now expects a severe flood event somewhere in Canada every two to three weeks between April and November; and

Whereas Aurora needs to be prepared for flood events by ensuring that our storm water drainage systems are functioning at an optimum level; and

Whereas the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's Flood Plain Map shows many Aurora homes currently sitting within the flood plain;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff ask the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority to present to Council about whether they are revising any of their assumptions about flood plain boundaries based on the realities of climate change; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That staff be directed to prepare a report on the following:
  - (a) The condition of the dams and flood control measures located in the old part of Aurora, including when they were last inspected and updated;
  - (b) What challenges the new development in this area will present for our old infrastructure;
  - (c) Identify infrastructure throughout the Town that is in need of remedial capital work to be ready to safely and efficiently cope with heavy rains;
  - (d) The budget that will be required for these capital works and the maintenance of the system.

## **8. New Business**

Councillor Thompson referred to the transit partnership between Uber Canada and Town of Innisfil, and suggested Mayor Dawe and Region of York to investigate the possibility of collaborating with Uber Canada to improve public transit cost reduction within York Region.

Councillor Abel inquired about the status on the removal of Rogers cameras in the Council Chambers, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Abel expressed concerns regarding the condition of stairs behind Aw Shucks Seafood Bar & Bistro, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Abel inquired about the cost related to the reception with Niagara College, which was held in December 2017.

Councillor Pirri referred to the partnership between Magna and Lyft regarding the development and manufacturing of self-driving automobiles, and suggested that the regulations for operations of autonomous vehicles in York Region should be investigated.

Councillor Thompson requested staff to provide an update regarding any pending lot line disputes behind businesses on Yonge Street.

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the Procurement Policy and the parameters of finalizing a bid, and staff provided a response.

## **9. Closed Session**

None

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

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**Wendy Gaertner, Councillor**

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**Michael de Rond, Town Clerk**