



# Town of Aurora General Committee Meeting Report

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall  
Tuesday, April 3, 2018

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## **Attendance**

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

**Members Absent** None

**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, 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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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 (b) Kevin Bechard, Weston Consulting; Re: Item R6 – PDS18-033 – Proposal for Zoning By-law Amendment Application
- Item R9 – CMS18-008 – Facility Sponsorship Program – Treasure Hill

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

Mayor Dawe declared a potential pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50* respecting Item C1 – PDS18-031 – Award of Tender 2018-23-PDS-ENG – For Roadway Rehabilitation on Orchard Heights Boulevard, Whispering Pine Trail and Harmon Avenue, as he is a resident on one of the streets. Mayor Dawe did not participate in the discussion or voting of this item.

## **3. Presentations**

None

## **4. Delegations**

### **(a) Anna Kennedy, representing Aurora Duplicate Bridge Club Re: Seniors and Duplicate Bridge**

General Committee consented to allow an additional five minutes for the delegation.

Ms. Kennedy presented background on the Aurora Duplicate Bridge Club and its diverse membership, and highlighted the importance of this non-profit Bridge Club for seniors and the community. She noted that the Club is temporarily accommodated in Newmarket and is seeking a more permanent home back in Aurora, requiring 2,000 square feet of affordable, accessible, rental space.

General Committee received the comments of the delegation for information.

### **(b) Kevin Bechard, Weston Consulting Re: Item R6 – PDS18-033 – Proposal for Zoning By-law Amendment Application**

Mr. Bechard, Planner of Weston Consulting, and representing the owners of the property at 254 Kennedy Street West, presented a brief overview of the proposal to redevelop and rezone the property from R1 to R3, and to proceed with the usual course of review with staff and consideration of Council.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to Item R6.

## **5. Consent Agenda**

Item C1 was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion under Section 6, Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion, as Item R10.

### **General Committee recommends:**

That the following Consent Agenda Items, C2 to C4 inclusive, be approved:

#### **C2. Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2018**

1. That the Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee meeting minutes of February 26, 2018, be received for information.

#### **C3. Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2018**

1. That the Finance Advisory Committee meeting minutes of February 28, 2018, be received for information.

#### **C4. Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2018**

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of March 5, 2018, be received for information.

**Carried**

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

General Committee consented to consider items in the following order: R1, R6, R7, R2, R3, R4, R5, R8, R9, and R10 (formerly C1).

### **R1. CAO18-003 – Joint Operations Centre (JOC) Project Independent Review Report**

Mr. Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced Mr. Paul Duggan and Ms. Janis Haugh, of Brook Laker and Associates, to give an overview of their JOC project independent review report.

Mr. Duggan and Ms. Haugh highlighted elements of the review report, including management summary and overall conclusion, observations, schedules, and recommendations respecting project methodology and review.

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. CAO18-003 be received; and
2. That the Chief Administrative Officer implement and oversee a comprehensive project management discipline for the oversight of the current major construction projects underway with the Town, pending completion of the Town's internal project management initiative; and
3. That staff bring forward for approval a report of the items required to complete the JOC as were conditionally approved in the 2018 capital budget.

**Carried**

**R2. CS18-006 – Entry onto Private Property Protocol**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. CS18-006 be received; and
2. That the standard operating guideline regarding entry onto private property and immediate access protocols ("SOG") for Municipal Law Enforcement Officers as outlined on Attachment #1 be endorsed; and
3. That staff report back to Council after one year of implementation of the standard operating guideline with recommendations on the continuance of practice.

**Carried**

**R3. FS18-011 – Funding Strategy for Pending Major Projects**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. FS18-011 be received; and
2. That the funding strategies for the various pending projects outlined in Report No. FS18-011 be endorsed.

**Carried**

**R4. PDS18-025 – Parking Restrictions on Lensmith Drive**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. PDS18-025 be received; and
2. That Parking By-law No. 4574-04.T be amended to prohibit parking at any time on the south and west sides of Lensmith Drive from the westerly property limit of house no. 38 Lensmith Drive to a point nine metres south of the corner radius.

**Carried**

**R5. PDS18-035 – Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Incentive Program,  
CIP Agreement Authorization, PMK Capital Inc.,  
95 Wellington Street East, File No. CIP-2014-02**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. PDS18-035 be received; and
2. That the Director of Planning and Development Services be authorized to enter into a Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Agreement to allow for the Tax-Based Redevelopment Grant to be awarded to PMK Capital Inc., including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same.

**Carried**

**R6. PDS18-033 – Proposal for Zoning By-law Amendment Application**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. PDS18-033 be received; and
2. That the Zoning By-law Proposal from the following applicant be accepted as a Zoning By-law Amendment Application:
  - (a) Weston Consulting (254 Kennedy Street West).

**Carried**

**R7. PDS18-037 – Small Cell Technology Pilot with Rogers Communications**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. PDS18-037 be received; and
2. That the Director of Planning and Development Services be authorized to execute facility licensing agreements with Rogers Communications, including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same; and
3. That revenue from the licensing agreement with Rogers Communications be directed to the Economic Development Reserve Fund.

**Carried**

**R8. Summary of Committee Recommendations Report No. 2018-04**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Summary of Committee Recommendations Report No. 2018-04 be received; and
2. That the Committee recommendations contained within this report be approved.

**Carried**

**R9. CMS18-008 – Facility Sponsorship Program – Treasure Hill**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. CMS18-008 be received; and
2. That the Director of Community Services be authorized to execute the Agreement between the Town of Aurora and Treasure Hill for the Facility Sponsorship of the Spin Cycle Room at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex, including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same; and
3. That the Director of Community Services be given delegated authority to execute all future recreation facility sponsorship agreements.

**Carried**

**R10. PDS18-031 – Award of Tender 2018-23-PDS-ENG – For Roadway Rehabilitation on Orchard Heights Boulevard, Whispering Pine Trail and Harmon Avenue**

(Formerly Item C1)

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. PDS18-031 be received; and
2. That Tender 2018-23-PDS-ENG, Capital Project No. 31126, for Roadway Rehabilitation on Orchard Heights Boulevard (from Bathurst Street to Hill Drive), Whispering Pine Trail (from Aurora Heights Drive to Orchard Heights Boulevard) and Harmon Avenue be awarded to RA Crete-Scape Ltd. in the amount of \$688,652.28 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.

**Carried**

## 7. Notices of Motion

### (a) Councillor Gaertner

#### Re: Sewer Use By-law and Environmental Concerns

Whereas many of Aurora's streams and creeks are in the Oak Ridges Moraine, or are the Headwaters of the Holland River Watershed which flows to Lake Simcoe; and

Whereas the Headwaters and the Oak Ridges Moraine are where water is filtered and recharged; and

Whereas the moving water picks up sediments and nutrients that will be delivered to the aquatic life downstream; and

Whereas these creeks and streams are extremely sensitive, and greatly influence water quality and quantity across the Watershed; and

Whereas the quality of this water influences the viability of healthy habitats for native plants, animals, and aquatic life; and

Whereas Environmental Stewardship and protection of these Headwaters, the Holland River Watershed, Lake Simcoe and the Oak Ridges Moraine is an important responsibility for all of us who live in Aurora; and

Whereas preventing toxins, used for maintenance and cleaning of swimming pools and hot tubs, from entering the streams and creeks provides necessary protection; and

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to come back with recommendations as to how the Sewer Use By-law could be amended to address environmental concerns relating to discharge of water from swimming pools and hot tubs, and that mechanisms are in place for the enforcement of the By-law.

**(b) Councillor Kim and Councillor Humfries**  
**Re: Residential Zoning Amendment Applications**

Whereas the Planning Act stipulates that once the municipality passes a new comprehensive zoning by-law review, a two-year moratorium takes effect; and

Whereas Council, at its June 27, 2017 meeting, approved a resolution regarding exempting classes of applications from the two-year freeze on accepting an application for an amendment to the new Zoning By-law, but said resolution did not include residential zoning amendment applications;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Council pass a resolution to allow the receipt of all classes of residential zoning amendment applications, thereby removing the two-year freeze on residential Planning Act applications.

## **8. New Business**

Councillor Abel and Councillor Gaertner inquired about the timing and next steps on the matter of stable neighbourhoods, and staff provided a response regarding an upcoming staff report for Council's consideration.

Councillor Abel inquired about the public notice and process respecting the Hydro Fund spending guidelines. Staff provided clarification and agreed to provide an update report in the next meeting cycle.

Councillor Mrakas conveyed a resident's concern, noting that a large notice sign, which has been placed on the street to advise residents that Timberland Trail will be closed temporarily to facilitate sewer construction, is blocking the sightline from the driveway of one home. Staff agreed to investigate the matter.

Councillor Thompson inquired about a recent Regional Council communication regarding the *Retail Business Holidays Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. R.30* and possible public consultation and reconsideration of the matter later this year, and Mayor Dawe confirmed that this matter would be debated at the next Regional Council meeting.

Councillor Kim requested an update on the construction of a baseball diamond and soccer field on the Hallmark lands, and staff provided a response.

**9. Closed Session**

None

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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**Harold Kim, Councillor**

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**Michael de Rond, Town Clerk**