



Town of Aurora
General Committee Meeting Report

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Attendance

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

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, 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 7:00 p.m.

General Committee consented to recess the meeting at 9:07 p.m. and reconvened at 9:17 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

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

- Delegation (a) John Gallo; Re: Item R7 – CMS18-016 – 100 Vandord Sideroad – Hallmark Lands Community Park Design

- Item A2 – Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2018
- Item A3 – Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Committee Special Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2018
- Item R7 – CMS18-016 – 100 Vandorf Sideroad – Hallmark Lands Community Park Design
- Item R8 – CS18-011 – Standard Funding Agreements
- Notice of Motion (c) Mayor Dawe; Re: Deferred Development Charges – Habitat for Humanity

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. Presentations

(a) Sheena Griffith, Past President, Pine Tree Potters' Guild Re: Activities and Community Involvement of Pine Tree Potters' Guild

Ms. Griffith presented an overview of the organization's history, their involvement in partnership and sponsorship programs, details of classes and workshops, community projects and fundraising events, and expressed appreciation to the Town for its continuous support.

General Committee received the presentation for information.

4. Delegations

(a) John Gallo, Resident Re: Item R7 – CMS18-016 – 100 Vandorf Sideroad – Hallmark Lands Community Park Design

Mr. Gallo expressed concern regarding the staff recommendations and requested staff and Members of Council to consider alternative uses for the Hallmark Lands.

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

5. Consent Agenda

General Committee recommends:

That the following Consent Agenda Item C1 be approved:

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.

Carried

6. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

General Committee recommends:

That the Advisory Committee meeting minutes, A1 to A3 inclusive, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committees approved:

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.

Carried

7. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

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

R1. CMS18-014 – Enhanced Recreation Facility Advertising and Sponsorship Programs

General Committee recommends:

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.

Carried

R2. CMS18-015 – Menorah Lighting Ceremony

General Committee recommends:

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.

Carried

R3. OPS18-013 – Boardwalk at Kwik Kopy Trail

General Committee recommends:

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.

Carried

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

General Committee recommends:

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.

Carried

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)

General Committee recommends:

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.

Carried

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

General Committee recommends:

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.

Carried

R7. CMS18-016 – 100 Vandorf Sideroad – Hallmark Lands Community Park Design

General Committee recommends:

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.

Carried

R8. CS18-011 – Standard Funding Agreements

General Committee recommends:

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

8. Notices of Motion

(a) Councillor Abel

Re: Post Secondary Economic Impact Analysis

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.

(b) Mayor Dawe

Re: Right to Approve Landfill Developments

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 supports *Bill 16, Respecting Municipal Authority Over Landfilling Sites Act* introduced by MPP Ernie Hardeman and 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 MPP Ernie Hardeman and all municipalities.

(c) Mayor Dawe

Re: Deferred Development Charges – Habitat for Humanity

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.

9. New Business

Councillor Gaertner expressed appreciation to the volunteers involved in the Scout Canada 2017-2018 Youth Recognition Ceremony which was held on Monday, May 15, 2018.

Councillor Thompson extended his regards to the Aurora Museum & Archives, staff, volunteers, and the cast for successfully staging performances of the Temple of Fame play to commemorate its 100th anniversary.

Councillor Humfryes extended her regards to various staff members and the rest of the cast involved in the Temple of Fame play.

Councillor Humfryes extended a reminder that the Aurora Farmers' Market and Artisan Fair will be on Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. She noted that the official grand opening of the Market will take place on Saturday, May 26, 2018.

Councillor Kim acknowledged the efforts of all those involved in conducting a successful Paws in the SARC event and requested a post event summary. Staff agreed to provide an update.

10. Closed Session

None

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Tom Mrakas, Councillor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk