



Town of Aurora
General Committee Meeting Report

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Attendance

Council Members Councillor Abel in the Chair; Councillors Gaertner, Humfries (arrived at 8:00 p.m.), Kim, 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, Allan Downey, Director of Operational Services, 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 9:23 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

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

- Delegation (c) Peter Smith representing Regency Acres Ratepayers Association (RARA); Re: The Human Factor: The Impact of Monster Homes on our Community

- Delegation (d) Angela Sciberras, Macaulay Shiomi Howson Ltd.
Re: Item R8 – PDS18-099 – Application for Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Site Plan Approval, Metropolitan Square Inc., 180,190 and 220 Wellington Street East, File Numbers: OPA-2015-05, ZBA 2015-15 and SP-2016-10
- Item R11 – CS18-026 – Alternate Form of Notice – Sale of Properties to Metrolinx
- Notice of Motion (b) Councillor Gaertner; Re: Consultant for Stable Neighbourhoods

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) Linda Stott, Director, Marketing, Theatre Aurora representing Theatre Aurora Board of Directors**
Re: Theatre Aurora – 60th Anniversary

Ms. Stott, on behalf of the Theatre Aurora Board of Directors, provided an overview of the Theatre Aurora's accolades received over the years for their various productions. She further detailed the challenges with community outreach, provided an overview of upcoming events, the approach towards future fundraising model, and noted the efforts of all the volunteers involved with the Theatre.

General Committee received the comments of the presentation.

4. Delegations

- (a) Brent Kopperson and Jen Atkinson, Windfall Ecology Centre**
Re: Healthy Kids Community Challenge Round-Up

Mr. Kopperson and Ms. Atkinson presented an overview of the various activities and programs carried out by the centre in collaboration with the Town, details of conferences and workshops, community outreach approaches, and extended their regards to Town staff and the Mayor for their continuous support.

General Committee received the comments of the delegation.

**(b) Ariana Dalie representing Our Community, Our Children Our Future!
Re: Ban of plastic straws in Aurora restaurants**

Ms. Dalie highlighted the global awareness on the impacts of excessive straw use and disposal on the environment, and requested Members of Council to consider the reduction of straw use across all Aurora eateries. She proposed a two-phase approach that will help mitigate straw use and enforce alternate environmentally friendly options.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to staff for a report.

**(c) Peter Smith representing Regency Acres Ratepayer Association (RARA)
Re: The Human Factor: The Impact of Monster Homes on our
Community**

Mr. Smith expressed concerns regarding the increase of large homes around Town, spoke in support of the Stable Neighbourhood review and requested that Council consider hiring a consultant to support the ongoing review.

General Committee received the comments of the delegation.

**(d) Ariana Angela Sciberras, Macaulay Shiomi Howson Ltd.
Re: Item R8 – PDS18-099 – Application for Official Plan Amendment,
Zoning By-law Amendment and Site Plan Approval, Metropolitan
Square Inc., 180, 190 and 220 Wellington Street East, File Numbers:
OPA-2015-05, ZBA-2015-15 and SP-2016-10**

Ms. Sciberras provided an update on the application noting that the current submission addresses Council's concerns expressed during previous submissions. She presented details of the updated site plan and the

renderings of the project and an overview of the next steps upon approval from Council.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to Item R8.

5. Consent Agenda

General Committee recommends:

That the following Consent Agenda Items C1 be approved:

C1. Memorandum from Mayor Dawe

Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of June 22, 2018

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of June 22, 2018 be received for information.

Carried

6. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

General Committee recommends:

That the Advisory Committee meeting minutes, Items A1 to A2 inclusive, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committees be approved:

A1. Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2018

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of July 9, 2018, be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend to Council:
 1. **HAC18-012 – Wellington Street Building Evaluations, 136 Wellington Street East, “Railroad Hotel”; 124 Wellington Street East, “Baldwin’s Restaurant”**

- (a) That 136 Wellington Street East “Railroad Hotel” and 124 Wellington Street East “Baldwin’s Restaurant” be designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**3. Memorandum from Manager, Parks and Fleet
Re: Tree Removal Permit Application – 61 Spruce Street**

- (a) That the removal of American Elm tree be approved; and
- (b) That precautionary measures be taken to ensure the safety and protection of the root system of the adjacent Sugar Maple tree.

A2. Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2018

- 1. That the Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee meeting minutes of July 25, 2018 be received for information.

Carried

7. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

General Committee consented to consider items in the following order: R1, R3, R5, R6, R8, R9, R2, R4, R7, R10, and R11.

R1. PDS18-087 – Upper York Sewage Solutions Total Phosphorous Offset Program Framework

Ms. Anca Mihail, Manager of Engineering Services introduced Mr. Shu He, Manager, Engineering, Capital Planning and Delivery, Environmental Services from the Regional Municipality of York. Mr. He presented an overview of the Region’s Total Phosphorus (TP) Off-set Program including details on the proposed program for Aurora and its development, delivery strategy, concept framework, future stormwater maintenance and management opportunities, status of the project, and the next steps.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the presentation to Item R1.

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS18-087 be received; and
2. That Council conceptually approve the Upper York Sewage Solutions Total Phosphorous Offset Program Framework that will be used as a guideline for agreements that will be executed between the Town of Aurora and York Region enabling the Region to retrofit stormwater management facilities within the Town in exchange for the transfer of total phosphorous reduction credits; and
3. That the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary agreements between the Town and York Region enabling the Region to retrofit stormwater management facilities within the Town in exchange for the transfer of total phosphorous reduction credits, including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to the same.

Carried

R2. CS18-023 – Region of York Inclusion Charter

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CS18-023 be received; and
2. That the Town of Aurora endorse the Region of York Inclusion Charter; and
3. That the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign the Inclusion Charter on behalf of the Town.

Carried

R3. CMS18-025 – Cultural Services Master Plan

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CMS18-025 be received; and

2. That this report satisfy Council's conditional budget approval for Capital Project No. 74015 – Cultural Services Master Plan in the amount of \$100,000.

Carried

R4. PDS18-082 – Using the Sewer Use By-law to address pool water discharge

General Committee consented to vote on clause 3 of the main motion separately.

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS18-082 be received; and
2. That staff be directed to add recommended Best Management Practices to discharge pool and hot tub water to the Town website.

Carried

General Committee recommends:

3. That the amendment of By-law Number 5518-13, being the Sewer Use By-law, be referred to staff.

**Motion to refer
Carried**

R5. CMS18-024 – 22 Church Street Exterior Sign

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CMS18-024 be received; and
2. That this report satisfy Council's conditional budget approval for Capital Project No. 72310 – 22 Church St. Exterior Sign in the amount of \$50,000; and
3. That staff be directed to coordinate the 22 Church St. Exterior Sign project with the Town's Library Square project.

Carried

R6. PDS18-095 – Designation of the Aurora Business Improvement Area (BIA) and the establishment of the Aurora Business Improvement Association Board of Management

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS18-095 be received; and
2. That a by-law be enacted at the September 18, 2018 Council meeting to designate the area as a Business Improvement Area, as described in Figure 1, to be named the “Aurora Business Improvement Area” and to establish a board of management to govern the Aurora Business Improvement Area, to be named the “Aurora BIA Board of Management;” and
3. That staff be directed to bring forward a by-law to appoint the Town Clerk as the Town’s representative to the Board of Management at the September 18, 2018 Council meeting.

Carried

R7. PDS18-093 – Parking By-law Amendments – Various Locations

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS18-093 be received; and
2. That Parking By-law No. 4574-04.T be amended to prohibit parking at any time on the north and west sides of Millcliff Circle from a point nine metres north of the beginning of curb return to a point nine metres west of the end of curb return adjacent to property no. 161; and
3. That Parking By-law No. 4574-04.T be amended to prohibit parking at any time on both sides of Mary Street from a point approximately 152 metres south of Wellington Street East to Industry Street; and,
4. That Parking By-law No. 4574-04.T be amended to prohibit parking at any time on the north side of Timpson Drive from the west side of the easterly intersection of Tannery Creek Crescent to Windham Trail; and,

5. That the amending Parking By-law be presented at a future Council Meeting.

Carried

R8. PDS18-099 – Application for Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Site Plan Approval, Metropolitan Square Inc., 180, 190 and 220 Wellington Street East, File Numbers: OPA-2015-05, ZBA-2015-15 and SP-2016-10

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS18-099 be referred to staff to address Council's concerns and comments with the developer, and the report be brought back to a future General Committee meeting.

**Motion to refer
Carried**

R9. PDS18-097 – Application for Zoning By-law Amendment and Site Plan Approval, 15370 Leslie (Skales) Inc., 15370 Leslie Street, File Numbers: ZBA-2017-02 and SP-2017-12

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS18-097 be received; and
2. That the Application for Zoning By-law Amendment File Number ZBA-2017-02 to amend the 'Rural (RU(29)) Exception Zone' and 'Institutional (I) Zone' to 'Townhouse Dwelling Residential (R8) Exception Zone' and 'Environmental Protection (EP) Zone' be approved; and
3. That the Application for Site Plan Approval File Number SP-2017-12 to permit the construction of four townhouse blocks with a total of 32 condominium units be approved; and
4. That a total of 32 units of water and sewage capacity be allocated to the Approval of the Site Plan Application; and
5. That the implementing Zoning By-law be presented at a future Council Meeting; and

6. 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

R10. CS18-024 – Pending List

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CS18-024 be received for information.

Carried

R11. CS18-026 – Alternate Form of Notice – Sale of Properties to Metrolinx

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CS18-026 be received; and
2. That this report be deemed an appropriate alternate form of public notice of the proposed sale of the properties to Metrolinx.

Carried

8. Notices of Motion

(a) Mayor Dawe

Re: Freedom of the City to 140 Aurora Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron

Whereas in 2019 the 140 Aurora Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Squadron in the Town of Aurora; and

Whereas the Squadron has been a proud supporter of the Town of Aurora through their participation in many activities and events; and

Whereas the Squadron is committed to continue to represent the aims of the Canadian Cadet Organization: to promote citizenship, physical fitness and an awareness of the Canadian Forces in Aurora;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Council support this request; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the Squadron be granted “Freedom to the City” to conduct a “Freedom of the City” parade on Saturday, 19 October, 2019 that would end at Aurora Town Hall with a presentation by the Mayor.

(b) Councillor Gaertner

Re: Consultant for Stable Neighbourhoods

Whereas Council will be holding another Public Planning meeting about Stable Neighbourhoods; and

Whereas it would be helpful to have any information that would contribute to the decision making process; and

Whereas many other municipalities have faced this same issue;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That a consultant, expert and experienced in development in mature residential neighbourhoods, be hired to provide an information report for the Public Planning meeting.

9. New Business

Councillor Mrakas requested the traffic signal warrant compliance data for the Ballymore Drive and Bayview Avenue intersection, and staff agreed to follow up.

Councillor Mrakas requested that York Region be contacted to install a “Do Not Block Intersection” sign at the Bayview Avenue and Ballymore Drive intersection to alleviate traffic, and staff agreed to follow up.

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the next steps with the Stable Neighbourhood review, and staff provided an update noting that the item will be brought forward to a future Public Planning meeting in 2019.

Councillor Thom requested for information regarding any amendments to the standard operating guidelines for Right of Entry, and staff agreed to provide an update.

10. Closed Session

None

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

John Abel, Councillor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk