



Town of Aurora
Special Meeting of Council
Minutes

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall
Thursday, March 21, 2019

Attendance

Council Members Mayor Mrakas in the Chair; Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland, Humfryes, Kim, and Thompson

Members Absent None

Other Attendees Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services, Jason Gaertner, Acting Director of Financial Services, Anthony Ierullo, Manager of Policy Planning and Economic Development, Stephanie Mackenzie-Smith, Manager of Corporate Communications, Michael de Rond, Town Clerk, and Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:51 p.m.

Council consented to recess the meeting at 8:42 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

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

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, as amended with the following additional items, be approved:

- Delegation (c) Bruce Gorman, Chief Executive Officer, Aurora Public Library;
Re: Library Square Development

- Delegation (d) David Heard, Resident; Re: Library Square Proposal
- Delegation (e) Sandra Ferri, Executive Director, Aurora Chamber of Commerce; Re: Library Square Development

**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. Delegations

(a) Joanne Russo, representing Aurora BIA Re: Library Square

Ms. Russo, on behalf of the Aurora Business Improvement Area (BIA), spoke in support of the proposed redevelopment of Library Square.

**Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Gilliland**

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to the Library Square discussions.

Carried

(b) Suzanne Haines, Executive Director, Aurora Cultural Centre Re: Library Square

Ms. Haines, on behalf of the Aurora Cultural Centre, spoke in support of the proposed redevelopment of Library Square, including the possibility to provide food services in the Addition to Church Street School, and the 'bump out' option for the performance space. She expressed concern regarding the proposed water wall feature and potential impacts related to power source, vibration, and water noise.

Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to the Library Square discussions.

Carried

(c) Bruce Gorman, Chief Executive Officer, Aurora Public Library
Re: Library Square Development

Mr. Gorman, on behalf of the Aurora Public Library, spoke in support of the proposed redevelopment of Library Square, including the parking study and interconnection between the Library and new facility, and expressed interest in the potential construction of a bridge between the two facilities.

Moved by Councillor Gilliland
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to the Library Square discussions.

Carried

(d) David Heard, Resident
Re: Library Square Proposal

Mr. Heard noted that he recently spoke with a number of residents and businesses regarding the proposed redevelopment of Library Square, and he expressed concerns regarding the project costs, parking, ongoing operational costs, drainage, maintaining integrity of the historical buildings, and possible temporary relocation of the Aurora Museum artefacts during construction.

Moved by Councillor Gallo
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to the Library Square discussions.

Carried

**(e) Sandra Ferri, Executive Director, Aurora Chamber of Commerce
Re: Library Square Development**

Council consented to consider Delegation (e) prior to Delegation (a).

Ms. Ferri, on behalf of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the Library Square initiative, and requested that the Town continue to provide updates on taxation and operational implications that the Chamber can share with its members.

**Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Kim**

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to the Library Square discussions.

Carried

4. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion

Council consented to consider and discuss all items prior to voting on each item. The presentation related to Item 5 was provided by Interkom within the discussion of Item 2.

1. PDS19-020 – Library Square – Planning Policy – Conformity Report

**Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Gilliland**

1. That Report No. PDS19-020 be received for information.

Carried

2. CMS19-008 – Library Square – Outdoor Square

**Main motion
Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

1. That Report No. CMS19-008 be received; and
2. That the design of the Library Square outdoor square be approved as presented in the amount of \$8,380,500 to include:

- (a) An ice rink in the shape of a trail; and
 - (b) Water spray feature covering a 1/3 of the space; and
 - (c) Water wall feature; and
3. That staff be authorized to proceed with the detailed design stage of the Library Square outdoor square; and
 4. That staff be authorized to apply for the Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage – Legacy Fund, including entering into any agreements to give effect to same.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That approval of the design of the Library Square outdoor square as presented in the amount of \$8,380,500 be subject to receiving grant funding of \$14,100,000 and, should the Town not be successful, a full funding model be developed including a capital campaign strategy.

Defeated

Main motion

Carried

3. CMS19-007 – Library Square – Addition to Church Street School

Main motion

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

1. That Report No. CMS19-007 be received; and
2. That the design of the Addition to Church Street School including the enlarged stage area be approved in the amount of \$27,189,600 and that staff be authorized to proceed to detailed design stage; and
3. That Council provide direction on the Linkage between the Library and Church Street School Addition for potential further development; and

4. That the budget be increased by 1% in the amount of \$256,600 in support of public art in accordance with the Official Plan requirements.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the third clause of the main motion be replaced with the following clause:

That staff be directed to report back on the options, costs, and visuals for an above-ground and below-ground Linkage between the Library and Church Street School Addition for potential further development.

Carried

Main motion as amended

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

1. That Report No. CMS19-007 be received; and
2. That the design of the Addition to Church Street School including the enlarged stage area be approved in the amount of \$27,189,600 and that staff be authorized to proceed to detailed design stage; and
3. **That staff be directed to report back on the options, costs, and visuals for an above-ground and below-ground Linkage between the Library and Church Street School Addition for potential further development;** and
4. That the budget be increased by 1% in the amount of \$256,600 in support of public art in accordance with the Official Plan requirements.

Main motion as amended

Carried

4. PDS19-018 – Library Square – Parking Strategy

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

1. That Report No. PDS19-018 be received; and

2. That Parking Strategy Phase 1: 'Quick Wins' as outlined in this report be adopted; and
3. That Council approve \$87,882.00 to the Library Square budget to be funded as per Funding Strategy Report FS19-012 for additional on-site parking on Victoria Street, conditional on the approval of the addition to the Church Street School; and
4. That Council approve \$185,376.00 to the Library Square budget to be funded as per Funding Strategy Report FS19-012 for additional on-site parking within the laneway, conditional on the approval of the addition to the Church Street School; and
5. That Council approve \$145,740.00 to the Library Square budget to be funded as per Funding Strategy Report FS19-012 for additional on-site parking on Church Street subject to further public consultation, conditional on the approval of the addition to the Church Street School.

Carried

5. CMS19-009 – Library Square – Proposed Operating Plan

Ms. McDougall, Director of Community Services, introduced Mr. Martin van Zon, President, and Brian McCurdy, Consultant, of Interkom Inc., who presented an overview of the Aurora Museum and Cultural Centre Business Plan and Budget, highlighting the need for expansion, economic impact and benefits, community support, financial plan, and operational considerations.

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

1. That Report No. CMS19-009 be received; and
2. That the draft operating plan be approved and finalized prior to the approval of the final construction tender; and
3. That the hiring of a contract Project Leader position to implement the business plan be approved.

Carried

6. FS19-012 – Library Square – Financial Strategy

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

1. That Report No. FS19-012 be received; and
2. That staff be authorized to apply for any eligible capital or operating grants in support of the Library Square project; and
3. That the recommended preliminary capital investment financial strategy for Library Square be approved; and
4. That the recommended preliminary operating plan financial strategy for Library Square be approved.

Carried

5. Confirming By-law

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the following confirming by-law be enacted:

By-law Number 6161-19 Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from a Special Meeting of Council on March 21, 2019.

Carried

6. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

Carried