



Town of Aurora Council Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Attendance

Council Members Mayor Mrakas in the Chair; Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland, Humfryes (arrived 7:04 p.m.), Kim, and Thompson

Members Absent None

Other Attendees Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services, Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services, Jason Gaertner, Acting Director of Financial Services, Allan Downey, Director of Operational Services, David Waters, 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 Coordinator

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Council consented to recess the meeting at 9:35 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:35 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, be approved with the following additions:

- Delegation (b) Dr. Brian Moore, Resident
Re: By-law (a) Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 5840-16, as amended, respecting signs within the Town of Aurora.

- Item R3 – FS19-010 – 2019 Operating Budget Final Approval
- Item R5 – OPS19-009 – Wildlife Crossing on Henderson Drive
- Replacement By-law (c) Being a By-law to amend By-law 6106-18, to designate a site plan control area.
- By-law (e) Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 6048-18, as amended, to impose interim controls on the use of land, buildings, or structures within certain areas of the Town of Aurora.

Carries as amended

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) Theresa Buck, Communication Coordinator, Special Olympics Aurora Re: Special Olympics Aurora Overview

Ms. Buck presented an overview of Special Olympics Aurora including a brief history of the organization, its collaborations with various local sport teams, details of the programs offered, volunteer program, major annual fundraisers, and highlights of 2018 achievements and rewards. The Mayor and Members of Council recognized Gary Freeman, Overall Athlete of the Year and Provincial Special Olympics Medalist, and Deb Finniear, 2018 Volunteer of the Year recipient.

**Moved by Councillor Gilliland
Seconded by Councillor Kim**

That the presentation be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

(a) Doug MacPherson, Resident

Re: General Committee Item R5 – PDS19-004 – Stop Control Removal at Corbett Crescent and Cossar Drive

Mr. MacPherson requested that the stop sign at Corbett Crescent and Cossar Drive not be removed, and noted that the stop sign is an important traffic calming measure in the area.

**Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to General Committee Item R5.

Carried

(b) Dr. Brian Moore, Resident

Re: By-law (a) Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 5840-16, as amended, respecting signs within the Town of Aurora.

Dr. Moore expressed concerns regarding the proposed amendments to the Sign By-law and requested that By-law (a) be deferred to a future meeting of Council. It was requested that comments from the Aurora Business Improvement Area (BIA) and other business owners regarding the proposed amendments be considered.

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

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to By-law (a).

Carried

5. Consent Agenda

**Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Gilliland**

That the following Consent Agenda Items, C1 to C2 inclusive, be approved:

C1. Council Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2019

1. That the Council Meeting minutes of February 26, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C2. Special Meeting of Council Minutes of March 19, 2019

1. That the Special Meeting of Council minutes of March 19, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

Carried

6. Standing Committee Reports

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

That the following Standing Committee Report, Item S1, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items R3 and R5, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below:

S1. General Committee Meeting Report of March 19, 2019

(A1) Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2019

1. That the Finance Advisory Committee meeting minutes of January 30, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

(R1) PDS19-001 – Sidewalk Construction on Kitimat Crescent

1. That Report No. PDS19-001 be received; and
2. That staff report back on alternative solutions to safety concerns around the Kitimat Crescent area and identify alternative pick-up and drop-off zones for Aurora Heights Public School.

Carried

**(R2) OPS19-004 – Winter Maintenance Report No. 2 Future Roads
Maintenance Operations**

1. That Report No. OPS19-004 be received; and
2. That the recommendations associated with future Winter Roads and Sidewalk Maintenance Operations as outlined in the Financial Impact Table, be approved in principle; and
3. That each recommendation having a financial impact as outlined in the Financial Impact Table be presented in the applicable year capital and/or operating Budgets for final consideration and approval.

Carried

(R3) FS19-009 – Development Charges By-law Approval

**Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

1. That Report No. FS19-009 be received; and
2. That the Development Charges Background Study report presented at the Special Meeting of Council held on March 19, 2019, be adopted; and
3. That Council directs staff to report back regarding any comments received from the preceding public meeting, if necessary; and
4. That Council confirms that it intends to ensure:
 - a) that the increase in the need for services attributable to the anticipated development will be met, subject to sufficient development charge revenues being generated and other Town affordability criteria being met; and
 - b) that the future excess capacity identified in the Development Charges Background Study for the Town of Aurora shall be paid for by the development charges or other similar charges; and

5. That Council adopts the capital forecasts prepared in conjunction with the Development Charges Background Study for the Town of Aurora subject to each project or undertaking set out therein being subject to annual operating and capital budget approval processes of the corporation; and
6. That the Town continue the development charge approach to calculate the charges on a uniform Town-wide basis for all services; and
7. That the proposed by-law included with the Development Charges Background Study, as amended, being a by-law for the imposition of development charges, be enacted March 26, 2019, which also repeals By-law No. 5585-14, the predecessor by-law.

Carried

(R5) PDS19-004 – Stop Control Removal at Corbett Crescent and Cossar Drive

Motion to refer

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That Report No. PDS19-004 – Stop Control Removal at Corbett Crescent and Cossar Drive, be referred back to staff.

Motion to refer

Carried

(R6) PDS19-016 – Appointments to the Aurora Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) Board of Directors

1. That Report No. PDS19-016 be received; and
2. That Council appoint the Mayor and Councillors Humfryes and Thompson to the Aurora Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) Board of Directors; and
3. That Council appoint the following seven (7) citizen members of the Aurora Economic Development Working Group (AEDCWG) to the

Aurora Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) Board of Directors:

- Vern Cunningham
- Richard Gong
- Tim Hammill
- Marilee Harris
- Steve Hinder
- Mae Khamissa
- Craig Youdale.

Carried

**(R7) PDS19-019 – Heritage Permit Application, 22 Church Street, File:
HPA-19-03**

1. That Report No. PDS19-019 be received; and
2. That the following recommendations be approved:
 - a) That Heritage Permit Application HPA-19-03 be approved to permit the addition to the subject property as shown on the submitted plans; and
 - b) That the property owner photo document any original construction revealed during the proposed addition to the property; and
 - c) That Planning Staff continue to liaise with the Ontario Heritage Trust and ensure the addition remains sympathetic of the heritage resource through all phases of the development.

Carried

**Moved by Councillor Humfries
Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

That the following Standing Committee Reports, Item S2 to S7, be received, with the exception of items S2, S3, and S7, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below:

S2. Budget Committee Meeting Report of February 2, 2019

Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

1. That the Budget Committee meeting report of February 2, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

S3. Budget Committee Meeting Report of February 19, 2019

Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

1. That the Budget Committee meeting report of February 19, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

S4. Budget Committee Meeting Report of February 21, 2019

1. That the Budget Committee meeting report of February 21, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

S5. Budget Committee Meeting Report of February 25, 2019

1. That the Budget Committee meeting report of February 25, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

S6. Budget Committee Meeting Report of March 4, 2019

1. That the Budget Committee meeting report of March 4, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

S7. Budget Committee Meeting Report of March 18, 2019

Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

1. That the Budget Committee meeting report of March 18, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

7. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

R1. FS19-005 – 2019 Water, Wastewater, Stormwater Budgets and Rates

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

1. That Report No. FS19-005 be received; and
2. That the 2019 combined Water, Wastewater and Stormwater budget of \$27,013,565 be approved; and
3. That the 2019 retail water rate of \$2.18 per cubic metre and the retail wastewater rate of \$2.65 per cubic metre be approved; and
4. That the 2019 flat rate stormwater charges of \$5.44 per unit per month for residential and condominium properties and \$69.08 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 rate become effective for all billings issued by the Town on or after May 1, 2019, and be retroactive for all consumption newly billed on such billings; and
6. That the 2019 bulk water purchase rate of \$4.83 per cubic metre dispensed effective May 1, 2019 be approved; and
7. That the necessary by-law be enacted to implement the 2019 retail water rate, retail wastewater rate, stormwater charge and bulk water purchase rate.

Carried

R2. FS19-007 – 2019 Final Capital Budget Report

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

Recommended:

1. That Report No. FS19-007 be received; and

2. That the Town's Strategic Asset Management Policy be approved; and
3. That the renewed 2018 Asset Management Plan be approved; and
4. That the updated 2018 Ten Year Capital Investment Plan be received; and
5. That the 2019 Capital Budget for Repair and Replacement of existing infrastructure totaling \$10,521,210 as listed in Attachment 4, be approved; and
6. That the 2019 Capital Budget for Growth and New Capital totaling \$49,062,550 as listed in Attachment 5 be approved; and
7. That the 2019 Capital Budget for Studies and Other Projects totaling \$980,000 as listed in Attachment 6 be approved; and
8. That the funding sources for each capital project included in this report be approved as those reviewed and recommended by Budget Committee on February 2 and February 19, 2019.

Carried

R3. FS19-010 – 2019 Operating Budget Final Approval

Council consented to vote on each clause of the motion separately.

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

1. That Report No. FS19-010 be received; and

Carried

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

2. That the 2019 Operating Budget summarized in Attachment #1, which reflects all revisions recommended for approval by the Budget Committee, resulting in a total expenditure plan of \$67,454,900 and a total tax levy of \$47,258,500, resulting in an estimated 3.3% increase on the Aurora share of property tax bills, and a 3.1% residential tax bill

increase when combined with the regional and education shares of the tax bill, be approved;

Carried

Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

3. That the Town's full-time staff complement be increased by eight (8) to 231 staff (excluding Library Board and Central York Fire Services) as presented in Attachment #2 and funded in the 2019 operating budget;

Carried

Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

4. That a general wage increase of 2.0% effective April 1, 2019, be approved and applied to the Salary Schedule for Full-time Permanent Non-Bargaining Unit Positions, and to the Rate Schedule for Other-Than-Continuous-Full-time Non-Bargaining Unit Positions, both being Attachments to Policy #7 and funded in the 2019 operating budget;

Carried

Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

5. That Council fund its share of the Kaleidoscope in Schools pilot program through the creation of a capital project in the amount of \$100,000 to be funded from the Rate Stabilization Reserve;

Carried

Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

6. That the necessary by-law be enacted at a future Council Meeting to set the final billing 2019 tax rates and payment dates;

Carried

Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

7. That the Library Square Operating Plan in the amount of \$240,000, be approved.

Carried

**R4. OPS19-005 – Approval of Capital Project No. 71103 and No. 34420
("Wide Area Mower")**

Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

1. That Report No. OPS19-005 be received; and
2. That this report satisfy Council's conditional budget approval for Capital Project No. 71103 – Wide Mower Unit (#255-20) in the amount of \$140,000; and
3. That this report satisfy Council's conditional budget approval for Capital Project No. 34420 – New Wide Area Mower in the amount of \$140,000; and
4. That the total approved budget for Capital Project No. 71103 be increased to \$175,000, representing an increase of \$35,000 to be funded from the Fleet R&R Reserve; and
5. That the total approved budget for Capital Project No. 34420 be increased to \$175,000, representing an increase of \$35,000 to be funded by \$3,500 from the Growth and New Reserve and \$31,500 from the Parks DC Reserve.

Carried

R5. OPS19-009 – Wildlife Crossing on Henderson Drive

Main Motion
Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

1. That Report No. OPS19-009 be received; and

2. That silt fencing be erected on both sides of Henderson Drive in the vicinity of the crossing; and
3. That amphibian and reptile crossing measures be incorporated into the design for the reconstruction of Henderson Drive presently scheduled in 2020.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Humfries

That the main motion be amended by adding the following clause:

“That staff investigate the possibility of installing various road signs and the necessary measures to protect the turtle nesting structures, and that \$7,000 be allocated from the 2019 Operating Budget for these purposes.”

Carried

Main Motion as amended

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

1. That Report No. OPS19-009 be received; and
2. That silt fencing be erected on both sides of Henderson Drive in the vicinity of the crossing; and
3. That amphibian and reptile crossing measures be incorporated into the design for the reconstruction of Henderson Drive presently scheduled in 2020; **and**
4. **That staff investigate the possibility of installing various road signs and the necessary measures to protect the turtle nesting structures, and that \$7,000 be allocated from the 2019 Operating Budget for these purposes.**

Carried

8. Motions

(a) Councillor Gaertner

Re: Information Regarding 672 and 684 Henderson Drive

Main Motion

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Kim

Whereas there is a significant public interest in the proposed development of the properties located at 672 and 684 Henderson Drive; and

Whereas the community is requesting more information with respect to the history of the property and any contact between the owners and the Town; and

Whereas it is important to recognize the public expectation of open and accessible information;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That any and all Town information regarding the properties located at 672 and 684 Henderson Drive, including but not limited to prior correspondence and Closed Session Reports and Minutes, excluding anything currently being considered by Council in Closed Session, be released to the general public and the Committee of Adjustment before a Meeting is held regarding these properties.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

That the operative clause be amended to remove all references to Closed Session Reports and Minutes:

“Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That any and all Town information regarding the properties located at 672 and 684 Henderson Drive, ~~including but not limited to prior correspondence and Closed Session Reports and Minutes, excluding anything currently being considered by Council in Closed Session~~, be released to the general public and the Committee of Adjustment before a Meeting is held regarding these properties.”

Carried

Main Motion as amended
Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by Councillor Kim

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That any and all Town information regarding the properties located at 672 and 684 Henderson Drive be released to the general public and the Committee of Adjustment before a Meeting is held regarding these properties.

Carried

9. Regional Report

York Regional Council Highlights – February 28, 2019

Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the Regional Report of February 28, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

10. New Business

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the status of a previous motion regarding the Sewer Use By-law respecting hot tub and pool drainage, and staff agreed to follow up.

11. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Gallo announced that registrations are now open for Spring & Summer Programs, Summer Camps and Spring Aquatic Programs, and noted that a copy of the Program Guide is available at recreation facilities, Town Hall, Aurora Public Library, Aurora Cultural Centre, and at aurora.ca/recguide.

Councillor Thompson announced that the Town is accepting applications for the John West Memorial “Leaders of Tomorrow” Scholarship Award until May 1, 2019, and noted that details are available at aurora.ca/leadersoftomorrow.

Councillor Gaertner extended a reminder that Aurora's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2019, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Aurora Seniors' Centre, and noted that details of the event is available at aurora.ca/easteregghunt.

Councillor Kim extended a reminder about the winter overnight parking restrictions that continue to be in effect from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. until April 15, 2019.

Councillor Humfryes extended a reminder that the Town is currently accepting nominations for the 2019 Community Recognition Awards and the deadline to apply is April 5, 2019, and noted that nomination forms are available at aurora.ca/CRA.

Councillor Humfryes extended a reminder that the Bowl for Kids' Sake event by the Big Brothers Big Sisters of York will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2019, at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at Newmarket Stellar Lanes, and encouraged members of public to participate.

Councillor Gilliland extended a reminder that the Aurora's Movies in the Park event will be held on April 27, 2019 in the Pfaff Arena at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex where pre-games and activities will be from 4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. and Marry Poppins Returns! movie will being at 6 p.m.

Mayor Mrakas extended a reminder that the Annual Clean-Up Day will be on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 8 a.m., and more information is available at aurora.ca/wasteandrecycling.

12. By-laws

On a motion by Councillor Humfryes seconded by Councillor Thompson, Council consented to consider By-law (a) prior to Motion (a).

Main Motion

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That the following by-law be enacted:

- (a) By-law Number 6163-19** Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 5840-16, as amended, respecting signs within the Town of Aurora.

Motion to refer

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That By-law (a) Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 5840-16, as amended, respecting signs within the Town of Aurora, be referred back to staff and be brought back to the Council meeting in May.

**Motion to refer
Defeated**

**Main Motion
Carried**

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the following by-laws be enacted:

- (b) By-law Number 6164-19** Being a By-law to designate a property to be of cultural heritage value or interest (124 Wellington Street East).
- (c) By-law Number 6165-19** Being a By-law to amend By-law 6106-18, to designate a site plan control area.
- (d) By-law Number 6166-19** Being a By-law to establish development charges for the Town of Aurora and to repeal Development Charges By-law Number 5585-14.
- (e) By-law Number 6167-19** Being a By-law to to amend By-law Number 6048-18, as amended, to impose interim controls on the use of land, buildings, or structures within certain areas of the Town of Aurora.

Carried

13. Closed Session

None

14. Confirming By-law

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Gallo

That the following confirming by-law be enacted:

By-law Number 6168-19 Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council
Resulting from a Council Meeting on March 26, 2019.

Carried

15. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk