



# Town of Aurora Council Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall  
Tuesday, April 9, 2019

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## **Attendance**

- Council Members** Mayor Mrakas in the Chair; Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland, Humfryes, and Thompson
- Members Absent** Councillor Kim
- Other Attendees** Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services, Karen Bates-Denney, Acting 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, Slav Szlapczynski, Associate Solicitor, Samantha Yew, Deputy Town Clerk, and Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator
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The Chair called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

## **1. Approval of the Agenda**

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

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

**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. Community Presentations**

**(a) Julie Stephenson and Nichole Campsall, Town of Aurora Youth Services  
Re: Youth Friendly Communities Platinum Designation**

Ms. Stephenson and Ms. Campsall presented an overview of the Town's recent three-year (2019-2021) Platinum Designation as a Youth Friendly Community, including aspects of the Youth Friendly Communities Designation Program and criteria created and supported by Play Works Partnership. They highlighted the benefits of designation and expressed appreciation to the many local organizations that serve and support youth in the community and participated in the application process for designation.

Mr. Bill Allen, past Chair of Parks and Recreation Ontario, congratulated the Town and presented the Youth Friendly Communities Platinum Designation Award to the Mayor, Council and staff.

**Moved by Councillor Gilliland  
Seconded by Councillor Gallo**

That the presentation be received for information.

**Carried**

**(b) Martin Ambrose, representing Aurora Soccer Club  
Re: Aurora Soccer Club – 2019 Council Update**

Mr. Ambrose, President of the Aurora Soccer Club, presented an update on the Aurora Soccer Club, including its history, revitalization and new branding, business and long-term plans, integration into the community, sustainability, future visioning, and development of facility and programs.

Mr. Benny Steinhorst, Mr. David Geering, and Mr. Andrew Pendlebury were recognized for their contributions to the community and were each presented with the Town's Excellence in Sports award from the Mayor and Council.

**Moved by Councillor Gallo  
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

That the presentation be received for information.

**Carried**

#### **4. Delegations**

None

#### **5. Consent Agenda**

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

That the following Consent Agenda Items, C1 to C7 inclusive, be approved:

##### **C1. Council Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2019**

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

##### **C2. Council Closed Session Minutes of March 26, 2019**

1. That the Council Closed Session minutes of March 26, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

##### **C3. Council Closed Session Public Minutes of March 26, 2019**

1. That the Council Closed Session Public minutes of March 26, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

##### **C4. Special Meeting of Council Minutes of March 21, 2019**

1. That the Special Meeting of Council minutes of March 21, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

##### **C5. Council Closed Session Minutes of March 18, 2019**

1. That the Council Closed Session minutes of March 18, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

##### **C6. Council Closed Session Public Minutes of March 18, 2019**

1. That the Council Closed Session Public minutes of March 18, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

**C7. Council Public Planning Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2019**

1. That the Council Public Planning meeting minutes of March 27, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

**Carried**

**C8. Memorandum from Councillor Gaertner**

**Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights – Annual General Meeting of January 25, 2019, and Board Meeting Highlights of February 22, 2019**

Item C8 was considered following consideration of Item S1.

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

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights – Annual General Meeting of January 25, 2019, and Board Meeting Highlights of February 22, 2019, be received for information.

**Carried**

**6. Standing Committee Reports**

**Moved by Councillor Humfryes  
Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

That the following Standing Committee Report, Item S1, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved:

**S1. General Committee Meeting Report of April 2, 2019**

**(A1) Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2019**

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of March 5, 2019, be received for information.

**Carried**

**(A2) Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2019**

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of March 6, 2019, be received for information.

**Carried**

**(R1) CS19-014 – Council-Staff Relations Policy**

1. That Report No. CS19-014 be received; and
2. That Attachment 1, Council-Staff Relations Policy, be approved; and
3. That Attachment 2, Council/Staff Communications Policy, be repealed.

**Carried**

**(R2) CS19-016 – Emergency Management Program Annual Compliance Review**

1. That Report No. CS19-016 be received; and
2. That the Emergency Management Program and Emergency Response Plan By-law be brought forward to a future Council meeting for enactment.

**Carried**

**(R3) PDS19-022 – Update on the Corporate and Community Energy Plans**

1. That Report No. PDS19-022 be received for information.

**Carried**

**(R4) PDS19-023 – Heritage Permit Application, 70-72 Centre Street, File: NE-HCD-HPA-19-02**

1. That Report No. PDS19-023 be received; and
2. That the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That Heritage Permit Application NE-HCD-HPA-19-02 be approved to permit the restoration of the subject property and removal of the frame garage as shown on the submitted plans; and
- (b) That the property owner photodocument any original construction revealed during the proposed restoration of the property; and
- (c) That the property owner continue to seek guidance from Town Staff and the Heritage Conservation District Plan on the final selection of detail elements visible from the street.

**Carried**

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

None

## **8. Motions**

None

## **9. Regional Report**

**York Regional Council Highlights – March 21, 2019**

**Moved by Councillor Thompson**  
**Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

That the Regional Report of March 21, 2019, be received for information.

**Carried**

## **10. New Business**

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the status of the wildlife crossing signs for Henderson Drive and St. John's Sideroad, and staff provided a response regarding the four signs on order, silt fencing, and communications with York Region and Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.

Mayor Mrakas advised that he has been working with Councillor Humfryes and Town staff to resolve the demolition issue in relation to heritage properties and noted that a Notice of Motion is forthcoming.

## 11. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Gallo announced that Canadian Mental Health Association York and South Simcoe (CMHA YSS) will be holding Mental Health in Motion 2019, the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Toronto Ride, Run, or Walk for Mental Health fundraising event in Newmarket on Sunday, June 23, 2019, to promote mental health awareness and raise funds for local services in York Region, South Simcoe and GTA.

Councillor Gallo extended a reminder that Aurora's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20, 2019, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Aurora Seniors' Centre and more information can be found at [aurora.ca/easteregghunt](http://aurora.ca/easteregghunt).

Councillor Thompson announced that registrations are now open for the spring and summer programs, summer camps, and spring aquatics programs, and the Program Guide can be picked up at various facilities or viewed online at [aurora.ca/recguide](http://aurora.ca/recguide).

Councillor Thompson extended a reminder that the Town is looking for youth candidates for the John West Memorial 'Leaders of Tomorrow' Scholarship Award, noting that the application deadline is May 1, 2019, and more information can be found at [aurora.ca/leadersoftomorrow](http://aurora.ca/leadersoftomorrow).

Councillor Thompson encouraged everyone to participate in the Run for Southlake fundraising event on Sunday, April 28, 2019, in Newmarket, in support of the Southlake Regional Health Centre.

Councillor Gaertner announced that the Aurora Seniors' Centre has launched Seniors' Centre Without Walls (SCWW), a free community outreach program to support vulnerable and isolated seniors and adults, and more information can be found at [aurora.ca/scww](http://aurora.ca/scww).

Councillor Gaertner advised that the Hope House Community Hospice (formerly Hospice King-Aurora-Richmond Hill) is looking at options for a larger space. The Mayor noted that the Hospice may remain in its current location and Town staff are assisting in identifying other possible locations that would suit their needs.

Councillor Humfryes advised that the Town is still looking for feedback and suggestions regarding older, established neighbourhoods designated as Stable Neighbourhoods, and encouraged residents to provide feedback by visiting **[placespeak.com/stableneighbourhoods](https://placespeak.com/stableneighbourhoods)**.

Councillor Humfryes announced that Aurora's Movie in the SARC will be held in the Pfaff Arena of the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex on Saturday, April 27, 2019, and will include pre-movie games and activities.

Councillor Gilliland encouraged everyone to participate in the Aurora's Annual Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 13, 2019, at 8 a.m., noting that information can be found at **[aurora.ca/wasteandrecycling](https://aurora.ca/wasteandrecycling)**.

Mayor Mrakas extended a reminder about the Aurora Chamber Home & Living Show being held on Friday, April 12 through Sunday April 14, 2019, and he encouraged everyone to visit the Town of Aurora's booths to learn more about the Town's services and programs.

## 12. By-laws

**Moved by Councillor Humfryes**

**Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

That the following by-laws be enacted:

**(a) By-law Number 6170-19** Being a By-law to appoint employees of Crestline Investments Limited, as Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers.

**(b) By-law Number 6171-19** Being a By-law to amend Municipal Waterworks Distribution By-law Number 3305-91, as amended.

**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 6172-19** Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council  
Resulting from a Council Meeting on April 9, 2019.

**Carried**

#### **15. Adjournment**

**Moved by Councillor Gallo**  
**Seconded by Councillor Gilliland**

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

**Carried**

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**Tom Mrakas, Mayor**

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**Samantha Yew, Deputy Town Clerk**