



Town of Aurora Council Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Attendance

Council Members Mayor Mrakas in the Chair; Councillors Gaertner (arrived 7:01 p.m.), Gilliland, Humfryes, Kim, and Thompson

Members Absent Councillor Gallo

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 Operations, 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 Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

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

Mayor Mrakas relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Kim at 7:36 p.m. during the consideration of Motion (a) and resumed the Chair at 7:58 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Kim

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

- Motion (a) Mayor Mrakas; Re: Response to Bill 108, the More Homes, More Choice Act

- Motion (b) Councillor Gilliland; Re: Community Advisory Committee Appointment

**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. Community Presentations

(a) Leslie Yeates, Canadian Cancer Society – Relay for Life Committee Re: Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life

On a motion by Councillor Gilliland seconded by Councillor Humfryes, additional time was granted for the presentation.

Newmarket Councillor Bob Kwapis addressed Council to promote the Relay for Life in Newmarket fundraising event being held on Friday, June 21, 2019, from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. at Pickering College. He encouraged the Town and all neighbouring municipalities to participate in and further promote the event.

Ms. Yeates, Co-Chair of the Relay for Life in Newmarket organizing committee, presented an overview of the event, including its purpose and impact on the local community.

Mr. John Dowson, cancer survivor and resident of Newmarket, spoke to his personal experiences with cancer and the Relay for Life event, and shared the benefits of preventive procedures and early detection.

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

That the presentation be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

None

5. Consent Agenda

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

That the following Consent Agenda items, C1 to C3 inclusive, be approved:

C1. Council Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2019

1. That the Council meeting minutes of April 23, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C2. Council Closed Session Minutes of April 16, 2019

1. That the Council Closed Session minutes of April 16, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C3. Council Closed Session Public Minutes of April 16, 2019

1. That the Council Closed Session Public minutes of April 16, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

Carried

6. Standing Committee Reports

**Moved by Councillor Humfries
Seconded by Councillor Kim**

That the following Standing Committee Report, Item S1, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items R1, R7, and R8, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below:

S1. General Committee Meeting Report of May 7, 2019

(C1) FS19-015 – 2018 Year End Investment Report

1. That Report No. FS19-015 be received for information.

Carried

(C2) FS19-016 – 2018 Development Charges Reserve Funds Statement

1. That Report No. FS19-016 be received for information.

Carried

(C3) PDS19-031 – Planning Application Status List

1. That Report No. PDS19-031 be received for information.

Carried

(C4) Memorandum from Councillor Gaertner

**Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting
Highlights of March 22, 2019**

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of March 22, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

(A1) Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2019

1. That the Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of April 1, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

(A2) Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2019

1. That the Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee meeting minutes of April 8, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

(A3) Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2019

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of April 3, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

(R1) CS19-018 – Electoral System Review

Main motion

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

1. That Report No. CS19-018 be received; and
2. That Capital Project No. 13025 – Electoral System Review be approved; and
3. That a total budget of \$60,000 be approved for Capital Project No. 13025 – Electoral System Review to be funded from the Studies and Other Capital Reserve Fund.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Kim

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

That Council endorse, in principle, the electing of all Aurora councillors, other than the Mayor, by ward vote instead of general Town-wide vote.

Carried

Main motion as amended

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

1. That Report No. CS19-018 be received; and
2. That Capital Project No. 13025 – Electoral System Review be approved; and

3. That a total budget of \$60,000 be approved for Capital Project No. 13025 – Electoral System Review to be funded from the Studies and Other Capital Reserve Fund; **and**
4. **That Council endorse, in principle, the electing of all Aurora councillors, other than the Mayor, by ward vote instead of general Town-wide vote.**

Carried as amended

(R2) FS19-018 – Capital Close Report as of December 31, 2018

1. That Report No. FS19-018 be referred to the Finance Advisory Committee.

Carried

(R3) CS19-019 – Animal Services By-law

1. That Report No. CS19-019 be received; and
2. That a by-law be enacted to repeal Animal Control By-law No. 6027-17 and replace it with an Animal Services By-law.

Carried

(R4) CMS19-011 – Aurora Sports Hall of Fame Expansion at Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex

1. That Report No. CMS19-011 be received; and
2. That this report satisfy Council's conditional budget approval for Capital Project No. 74017 – Aurora Sports Hall of Fame, in the amount of \$26,500.

Carried

(R5) CMS19-012 – Pine Tree Potters Guild – Lease Agreement

1. That Report No. CMS19-012 be received; and
2. That the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement to extend the current lease for a three (3) year period and to amend the notice period to six (6) months, including any and

all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same.

Carried

(R6) OPS19-010 – Renaming of Park

1. That Report No. OPS19-010 be received; and
2. That the renaming of the “Richard and Sandra Gladden Parkette” to the “Thorne Family Parkette” be approved.

Carried

(R7) PDS19-032 – Request to Remove a Property from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, 97 Wellington Street East

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

1. That Report No. PDS19-032 be received; and
2. That the following recommendations be approved:
 - (a) That the property located at 97 Wellington Street East be removed from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest; and
 - (b) That as a condition of demolition permit issuance, the owner, at their expense, salvage and store the north elevation stained glass window and all woodwork from the main interior staircase from the ground to the upper floors for future re-use in any development on site; and
 - (c) That as a condition of a future Site Plan Application, and prior to the issuance of a Building Permit for any new development on site, building elevations be subject to Planning Staff review or review by the Design Review Panel to ensure that the design of any replacement building is done sympathetically.

Carried

(R8) PDS19-033 – Request to Remove a Property from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, 1625-1675 St. John’s Sideroad

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

1. That Report No. PDS19-033 be received; and
2. That the following recommendations be approved:
 - (a) That the entire property located at 1625-1675 St. John’s Sideroad be removed from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest; and
 - (b) That as a condition of a future Draft Plan of Subdivision for the proposed Business Park, the owner, at their expense, be required to name future streets and erect a heritage plaque commemorating the equestrian history of the property to the satisfaction of the Town; and
 - (c) That as a condition of a future Draft Plan of Subdivision for the proposed Business Park, the owner, at their expense, prepare a Views Study to evaluate the potential for retaining any landscape sightlines present on the site; and
 - (d) That as a condition of a future Draft Plan of Subdivision for the proposed Business Park, the owner provide a contribution to the Heritage Reserve Fund at an amount to be determined by Staff; and
 - (e) That as a condition of demolition permit issuance, the owner, at their expense, salvage and store the fieldstones from the foundation of the late 19th century barn for future re-use in the Town or as part of the future development on-site.

Carried

7. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

None

8. Motions

(a) Mayor Mrakas

Re: Response to Bill 108, the More Homes, More Choice Act

Moved by Mayor Mrakas

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

Whereas the legislation that abolished the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) and replaced it with the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) received unanimous, all-party support; and

Whereas all parties recognized that local governments should have the authority to uphold their provincially-approved Official Plans, to uphold their community-driven planning; and

Whereas Bill 108 will once again allow an unelected, unaccountable body to make decisions on how our communities evolve and grow; and

Whereas on August 21, 2018, Minister Clark once again signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and entered into "...a legally binding agreement recognizing Ontario Municipalities as a mature, accountable order of government."; and

Whereas this MOU is "enshrined in law as part of the *Municipal Act*" and recognizes that as "...public policy issues are complex and thus require coordinated responses...the Province endorses the principle of regular consultation between Ontario and municipalities in relation to matters of mutual interest"; and

Whereas by signing this agreement, the Province made "...a commitment to cooperating with its municipal governments in considering new legislation or regulations that will have a municipal impact"; and

Whereas Bill 108 will impact 15 different Acts: *Cannabis Control Act, 2017*; *Conservation Authorities Act*; *Development Charges Act*; *Education Act*; *Endangered Species Act, 2007*; *Environmental Assessment Act*; *Environmental Protection Act*; *Labour Relations Act, 1995*; *Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act, 2017*; *Municipal Act, 2001*; *Occupational Health and*

Safety Act, Ontario Heritage Act, Ontario Water Resources Act, Planning Act, and Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997;

1. Now Therefore Be it Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora oppose Bill 108, which in its current state will have negative consequences on community building and proper planning; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora call upon the Government of Ontario to halt the legislative advancement of Bill 108 to enable fulsome consultation with Municipalities to ensure that its objectives for sound decision-making for housing growth that meets local needs will be reasonably achieved; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier, The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Carried

(b) Councillor Gilliland

Re: Community Advisory Committee Appointment

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

Whereas the Town accepted the resignation of a member of the Community Advisory Committee before its first meeting; and

Whereas the member would have provided specific knowledge regarding organized sport in the community, a mandated area of the Community Advisory Committee; and

Whereas the Town would benefit from appointing a member of the community who could represent organized sport at the next Community Advisory Committee meeting on June 20, 2019; and

Whereas the recruitment process for a committee member would involve advertising costs and likely mean that the member would not be appointed in time for the next committee meeting;

1. Now Therefore Be it Hereby Resolved That the recruitment provisions in the Policy for Ad Hoc/Advisory Committees and Local Boards be waived; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That staff bring a report to an upcoming Council Closed Session with the applications received earlier this year for the Community Advisory Committee so that Council can select another member.

Motion Withdrawn

9. Regional Report

York Regional Council Highlights – April 18, 2019

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the Regional Report of April 18, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

10. New Business

Councillor Gaertner requested an update on her previous inquiry regarding garbage in the area and creek behind the Sunrise of Aurora retirement home. Staff provided a response noting that the matter has been resolved.

Councillor Gaertner expressed appreciation to staff for the installation of the wildlife warning road signs.

Councillor Kim advised that some garbage bags have been spotted tied to lamp posts in relation to the Town's recent Annual Clean-up Day, and he suggested that any garbage bag sightings be reported to Access Aurora for pickup by Town staff.

Councillor Humfries inquired about the provisions of the Waste Collection By-law respecting the timing and number of containers at the curb. Staff provided a

response noting that any violations or concerns may be reported to Town staff, and staff agreed to forward the regulations to Council.

11. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Gilliland announced that National AccessAbility Week will be celebrated in Aurora from Monday, May 27 to Monday, June 3, 2019, and more information can be found at aurora.ca/accessibility.

Councillor Humfries announced that registration is open until Friday, June 7, 2019, for residents between the ages of 12 and 17 to audition for Aurora's Teen Idol, and more information is available at aurora.ca/canadaday.

Councillor Kim announced that the New Beginnings Pow Wow, featuring traditional dancing, drumming and food, will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2019, from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Lambert Willson Park, and more information can be found at aurora.ca/powwow.

Councillor Gaertner announced that residents may sign up for an interactive workshop on how to use foam rollers in the gym, which will be held on Saturday, May 25, 2019, at Club Aurora.

Councillor Thompson advised that the Town has announced a new sponsorship partnership with Desjardins Insurance, where Desjardins Days will be held every second Wednesday of the month and residents are invited to enjoy free public activities, as described at aurora.ca/desjardinsdays.

Mayor Mrakas noted that Team Aurora won the Mayors' Challenge in the recent Run for Southlake fundraising event and he expressed appreciation to all those involved.

Mayor Mrakas expressed appreciation to everyone who attended and organized the recent PAWS in the SARC event.

Mayor Mrakas advised that the registration deadline is Monday, June 13, 2019, to participate as a float, marching band, or walking group in Aurora's Canada Day Parade, and more information is available at aurora.ca/canadaday.

12. By-laws

None

13. Closed Session

None

14. Confirming By-law

Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the following confirming by-law be enacted:

By-law Number 6180-19 Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council
Resulting from a Council Meeting on May 14, 2019.

Carried

15. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gilliland
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk