



Town of Aurora Council Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, May 28, 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, Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services, Jason Gaertner, Acting Director of Financial Services, Sara Tienkamp, Acting 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 Ishita Soneji, Council/Committee Coordinator

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

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

That the rules of procedure be waived to allow a motion regarding the Aurora Soccer Club flying a drone over Highland Park to be added to the agenda.

**On a two-thirds vote the motion
Carried**

Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

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

- Delegation (a) Sandra Sangster, representing Regency Acres Ratepayers Association, Aurora Heights Ratepayers Association, Town Park Area Residents Ratepayers Association; Re: Motion (a) Councillor Gaertner, Re: Stable Neighbourhood Study Methodology
- Item R1 – FS19-024 – Library Square Total Approved Budget Funding Sources
- Motion (b) Councillor Gallo; Re: Drone Flying for Aurora Soccer Club

Carried 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) Susan Mullin and Brian North, Southlake Regional Health Care Foundation

Re: Presentation of the Run for Southlake Mayor's Cup

Mr. North and Ms. Mullin recognized the fundraising efforts of the Members of Council and Aurora residents who participated in the Run for Southlake Mayor's Cup Challenge. It was noted that Team Aurora raised \$12,978 and overall \$411,000 was raised for Southlake Regional Health Centre.

Mr. North and Ms. Mullin presented the Mayor and Members of Council with the Run for Southlake Mayor's Cup trophy.

Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the presentation be received for information.

Carried

**(b) Michele Boyer and Raymond Noble, Aurora Lawn Bowling Club
Re: Aurora Lawn Bowling Club Update**

Ms. Boyer and Mr. Noble presented an overview of the club's history, details of the various programs offered by the club, upcoming events, and ongoing efforts for public outreach.

The Mayor and Members of Council recognized Jeff Walker, long time member of the Aurora Lawn Bowling Club for his efforts and continuous participation in advancing the sport in the community.

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

That the presentation be received for information.

Carried

**(c) Stephen Forsey, Aurora Sports Hall of Fame (ASHOF)
Re: ASHOF Inductees for 2019**

Mr. Forsey recognized and announced the names of five Aurorans who have made major contributions to sport – Jim Clark, Reg Chappell, Travis Romagnoli, Dave Gardner, and Ryan Gardner – who will be inducted into the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame. He noted that the 2019 Induction Celebration will be held on November 7, 2019 at St. Andrew's College and further information will be available at www.aurorashof.ca.

**Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Gallo**

That the presentation be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

(a) Sandra Sangster, representing Regency Acres Ratepayers Association, Aurora Heights Ratepayers Association, Town Park Area Residents Ratepayer Association; Re: Motion (a) Councillor Gaertner, Re: Stable Neighbourhood Study Methodology

Ms. Sangster spoke in support of the motion and expressed concern regarding the methodology used by consultants to calculate the gross floor area and percentage lot coverage for the sable neighbourhood study areas.

Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Motion (a).

Carried

5. Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

That the following Consent Agenda items, C1 to C4 inclusive, be approved:

C1. Council Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2019

1. That the Council Meeting minutes of May 14, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C2. Council Closed Session Minutes of May 7, 2019

1. That the Council Closed Session minutes of May 7, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C3. Council Closed Session Public Minutes of May 7, 2019

1. That the Council Closed Session Public minutes of May 7, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C4. Council Workshop Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2019

1. That the Council Workshop Meeting minutes of May 13, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

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 May 21, 2019

(C1) Memorandum from Mayor Mrakas

Re: Aurora Sports Hall of Fame – Appointment to the Board

1. That the memorandum regarding Aurora Sports Hall of Fame – Appointment to the Board and attached correspondence be received; and
2. That Robin McDougall, Director, Community Services, for the Town of Aurora and Mayor Tom Mrakas be appointed to the Board of the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame.

Carried

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

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

Carried

(A2) Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2019

1. That the Community Advisory Committee meeting minutes of May 2, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

(R1) CMS19-015 – Library Square – Linkage and Café Options

1. That Report No. CMS19-015 be received; and
2. That Linkage Option B – Link with Stairs be approved and the total Library Square project budget be increased by \$3,544,400 to be funded as per the recommended funding strategy; and

3. That staff report back to Council on final cost estimate for the Library Extension Corridor; and
4. That the Library Entrance Vestibule be approved and the total Library Square project budget increased by \$398,900 to be funded as per the recommended funding strategy; and
5. That the Café Snack bar/Concession style be approved and the total Library Square project budget increased by \$157,700 to be funded as per the recommended funding strategy.

Carried

(R2) PDS19-042 – Regional MCR Update: Intensification Area & Employment Land Conversion Requests

1. That Report No. PDS19-042 be received for information.

Carried

(R3) CS19-020 – Ratepayers Association Policy Update

1. That Report No. CS19-020 be received; and
2. That the Ratepayers Association Policy be approved.

Carried

(R4) CMS19-013 – 2019 Capital Project – AFLC Fitness Equipment Replacement

1. That Report No. CMS19-013 be received; and
2. That this report satisfy Council's conditional budget approval for Capital Project No. 74007 – AFLC Fitness Equipment Replacement in the amount of \$50,000.

Carried

(R5) CMS19-014 – 2019 Capital Project – User Fee Pricing Policy and Ability to Pay Review

1. That Report No. CMS19-014 be received; and

2. That this report satisfy Council's conditional budget approval for Capital Project No. 73318 – User Fee Pricing Strategy, in the amount of \$60,000.

Carried

(R6) OPS19-012 – Tamarac Green Park – Walkway/Basketball Repaving

1. That Report No. OPS19-012 be received; and
2. That this report satisfy Council's conditional approval of Capital Project No. 73240 – Tamarac Green Park Walkway/Basketball Repaving in the amount of \$30,000.

Carried

(R7) OPS19-013 – Wildlife Park Phases 1/2/3

1. That Report No. OPS19-013 be received; and
2. That this report satisfy Council's conditional approval of Capital Project No. 73169 – Wildlife Park Phases 1/2/3 in the amount of \$1,000,000.

Carried

(R8) PDS19-040 – BIA Business Plan and Budget

1. That Report No. PDS19-040 be received; and
2. That the budget presented by the Aurora BIA Board of Management for the Aurora Business Improvement Area be approved; and
3. That a by-law be enacted to levy a Special Charge upon Rateable Property in the Aurora Business Improvement Area at the May 28, 2019 Council meeting.

Carried

(R9) PDS19-045 – Capital Project No. 42072 – Vandorf Sideroad Culvert and Ditch Repair Budget Increase

1. That Report No. PDS19-045 be received; and

2. That the total approved budget for Capital Project No. 42072 be increased from \$130,000 to \$219,000, representing an increase of \$89,000 to be funded from the Storm Sewer R&R Reserve.

Carried

(R10)PDS19-047 – Amending Zoning By-law Enactment and Technical Revisions, 15370 Leslie (Skale) Inc., 15370 Leslie Street, File Number: ZBA-2017-02, Related File Number: SP-2017-02

1. That Report No. PDS19-047 be received.

Carried

7. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

R1. FS19-024 – Library Square Total Approved Budget Funding Sources

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

1. That Report No. FS19-024 be received for information.

Carried

8. Motions

(a) Councillor Gaertner

Re: Stable Neighbourhoods Study Methodology

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

Whereas Council has conducted a review of the Zoning By-laws for our mature Stable Neighbourhoods including a consultant's review; and

Whereas the consultant's report was presented at the March 27, 2019 Public Planning meeting which suggested new zoning provisions regarding square footage and percent lot coverage; and

Whereas it did not include the data that was used to come to the conclusion that would enable Council to address resident's questions and concerns;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That The Planning Partnership prepare a report to Council on the methodology of the Stable Neighbourhoods study, including data and calculations for Gross Floor Area and percentage lot coverage for each of the study areas; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That this report be prepared for the June 4, 2019 General Committee Meeting.

Carried

(b) Councillor Gallo

Re: Aurora Soccer Club – Use of Drones

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

Whereas the use of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) “Drones” are becoming more popular; and

Whereas Federal Regulations require the property owner to provide permission for the use of RPAS; and

Whereas currently, under the Aurora Parks and Property By-law, council is the authority that provides that permission; and

Whereas it will often take many weeks to allow a report to be placed on a council agenda; and

Whereas The Aurora Soccer Club has requested permission to operate a drone on Highland Park for the purposes of photographing the field, recording events and field evaluation; and

Whereas the authority to allow individuals or corporations to fly Drones is an administrative duty;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora authorize the Aurora Soccer Club to fly a drone over Highland Park; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That delegated authority be given to the Director of Community Services for any future request to fly Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) “Drones” while in a park or public space.

Carried

9. Regional Report

None

10. New Business

Councillor Gilliland requested an update on the accessible washroom trailer and staff provided an update noting that the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville has made the trailer available to those interested for a fee and future requirements of trailer within the Town will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Councillor Humfryes inquired about the possibility of having a Town owned accessible washroom trailer and staff provided a response.

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the status of the park being built at Highland Gate site, and staff agreed to provide an update at a future meeting.

Councillors Gallo and Gaertner referred to Item S1(R1) – Report No. CMS19-015 – Library Square – Linkage and Café Options, and noted that they were opposed to the report recommendation

Councillor Gilliland referred to resident's concern regarding dead trees on the vacant property on Tyler Street and requested staff to investigate the matter.

Mayor Mrakas provided an update regarding Bill 108, and noted that many other municipalities in the Province have passed the motion to oppose Bill 108.

11. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Gallo extended a reminder that the free compost giveaway event will be on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Councillor Thompson expressed appreciation to everyone who attended the 2019 Community Recognition Awards held on Monday, May 27, 2019.

Councillor Gaertner noted that May was Asian Heritage Month and extended wishes to all those who celebrated.

Councillor Gaertner extended wishes to all those celebrating the holy month of Ramadan.

Councillor Gaertner announced that National Accessibility Week began on Sunday, May 26, 2019 and the Accessibility Open House will be on Friday, May 31, 2019 at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Councillor Kim extended a reminder that the Seniors Information & Active Living Fair will be on Saturday, June 1, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and further information regarding programs and activities is available at aurora.ca/activeseniors.

Councillor Humfryes extended a reminder regarding the Aurora Farmers' Market and Artisan Fair, which is held each Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Town Park.

Councillor Humfryes announced that the New Beginnings Pow-Wow in Aurora event will be on Saturday, June 1, 2019 from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Lambert Wilson Park, and noted that further information is available at aurora.ca/powwow.

Councillor Gilliland extended appreciation to Max Le Moine, Accessibility Advisory Committee member for his efforts in helping with the National AccessAbility Week.

Councillor Gilliland requested all Aurora residents to participate in the ParticipAction Community Better Challenge which will run from May 31, 2019 to June 16, 2019.

Councillor Thompson referred to Item S1(R10) noting that the item was not pulled for separate discussion. He requested clarification on the concerns expressed at the General Committee meeting of May 21, 2019 regarding the request to increase height, and staff provided clarification.

Motion to reconsider

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

That Item S1(R10) – Report No. PDS19-047 – Amending Zoning By-law Enactment and Technical Revisions, 15320 Leslie (Skale) Inc., 15370 Leslie Street, File Number ZBA-2017-02, Related File Number: SP-2017-02, be reconsidered at the Council meeting of June 11, 2019.

**Motion to reconsider
Carried**

Mayor Mrakas extended wishes to Barb Allen, 2019 Aurora Citizen of the Year for her contribution to the community.

Mayor Mrakas extended a reminder that the Aurora Chamber Street Festival will be on Sunday, June 2, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. along Yonge Street and noted that more information is available at aurorachamber.on.ca.

12. By-laws

Moved by Councillor Gilliland
Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the following by-laws be enacted:

- (a) **By-law Number 6182-19** Being a By-law to designate a property to be of cultural heritage value or interest (De La Salle College and Pine Ridge Trail (Monk's Walk) – 50-100 Bloomington Road West).
- (b) **By-law Number 6183-19** Being a By-law to levy a Special Charge upon Relatable Property in the Aurora Business Improvement Area.
- (c) **By-law Number 6184-19** Being a By-law to set and levy the rates of Taxation for the taxation year 2019.

Carried

13. Closed Session

None

14. Confirming By-law

Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Gallo

That the following confirming by-law be enacted:

By-law Number 6185-19 Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from a Council Meeting on May 28, 2019.

Carried

15. Adjournment

**Moved by Councillor Gilliland
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk