



Town of Aurora Council Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Attendance

Council Members Mayor Mrakas in the Chair; Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland, Humfries, 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, Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director of Finance, 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, on behalf of Council, welcomed the new Director of Finance, Ms. Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved, including the acceptance of Delegation (a) on the agenda and the following addition:

- Delegation (b) Dr. Sandra Sangster, representing Regency Acres Ratepayers Association, Aurora Heights Ratepayers Association, and Town Park Area Residents Ratepayers Association; Re: Item S1(R5) – PDS19-056 – Stable Neighbourhood Study – Follow-up Information

**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) Clovis Grant, representing 360°kids support services Re: Youth Homelessness

Mr. Grant addressed Council to raise awareness on the issue of homeless youth in York Region and presented an overview of the causes and risks, noting that family breakdown is the main reason for youth homelessness and an estimated 80% of homelessness represents the “hidden” homeless. He reviewed the services and programs provided by 360°kids, including employment and education supports, health and wellness support services, and housing programs. Mr. Grant asked that Council: (1) think differently about homelessness and recognize that it is not a choice; (2) be aware of the hidden nature of homelessness and continue to encourage investments in services that strengthen families and avoid family breakdown; (3) be aware of the available services like those offered by 360°kids; and (4) encourage continued investment in different housing options and creative partnerships.

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the presentation be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

(a) Travis Skelton, Skale Developments Inc.

**Re: Item R1 – 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**

Mr. Skelton provided clarification regarding details of the proposed Zoning By-law amendment.

Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Item R1.

Carried

- (b) Dr. Sandra Sangster, representing Regency Acres Ratepayers Association, Aurora Heights Ratepayers Association, and Town Park Area Ratepayers Association**
Re: Item S1(R5) – PDS19-056 – Stable Neighbourhood Study – Follow-up Information

Dr. Sangster expressed concerns about the methodology used in calculating the gross floor area (GFA) and suggested the use of a weighted average in determining the GFA for the four Stable Neighbourhood Study areas.

Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Item S1(R5).

Carried

5. Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

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

C1. Council Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2019

1. That the Council meeting minutes of May 28, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C2. Council Public Planning Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2019

1. That the Council Public Planning meeting minutes of May 22, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C3. Memorandum from Councillor Gaertner

**Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting
Highlights of April 26, 2019**

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of April 26, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

6. Standing Committee Reports

S1. General Committee Meeting Report of June 4, 2019

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

1. That the General Committee meeting report of June 4, 2019, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items R1 and R5, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below:

(A1) Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2019

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of May 8, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

**(R1) PDS19-039 – Stable Neighbourhood Study – Recommendation
Report: Zoning Standards**

(R5) PDS19-056 – Stable Neighbourhood Study – Follow-up Information

Council consented to vote on the fourth clause of the main motion as amended separately.

Main motion

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

1. That Report No. PDS19-039 and Report No. PDS19-056 be received; and

2. That the staff refinements presented in this report be approved; and
3. That the implementing Zoning By-law be presented at a future Council meeting for enactment.
4. That staff finalize the Urban Design Guidelines and report back to a future Council meeting.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

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

That the weighted average of 3,767 square feet for gross floor area be the maximum allowed in the Stable Neighbourhood Study Area.

Defeated

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

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

That the Zoning By-law amendment for Stable Neighbourhoods exempt the lots fronting Royal Road between Edward Street and Cameron Avenue from the maximum building footprint standard for a one-storey dwelling.

Carried

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

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

That the properties of 107, 109, and 111 Metcalfe Street be removed from the Stable Neighbourhood Study Area.

Defeated

Main motion as amended
Moved by Councillor Gilliland
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

1. That Report No. PDS19-039 and Report No. PDS19-056 be received; and
2. That the staff refinements presented in this report be approved; and
3. That the implementing Zoning By-law be presented at a future Council meeting for enactment; and
5. **That the Zoning By-law amendment for Stable Neighbourhoods exempt the lots fronting Royal Road between Edward Street and Cameron Avenue from the maximum building footprint standard for a one-storey dwelling.**

Carried as amended

Main motion as amended
Moved by Councillor Gilliland
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

4. That staff finalize the Urban Design Guidelines and report back to a future Council meeting.

Carried as amended

(R2) OPS19-014 – Tennis Court Resurfacing – David English Park

1. That Report No. OPS19-014 be received; and
2. That this report satisfy Council's conditional approval of Capital Project No. 73231 – Tennis Court Resurfacing – David English Park in the amount of \$20,000.

Carried

(R3) OPS19-015 – Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program – Kwik Kopy Trail Improvements

1. That Report No. OPS19-015 be received; and

2. That an application be submitted to the Regional Municipality of York for funding under the Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program (MSPP) in the amount of \$150,000 for a one-third cost of the streetscape enhancements and improvements to St. John's Sideroad and Yonge Street as part of Capital Project No. 73107 – Kwik Kopy Trail; and
3. That the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement between the Town of Aurora and the Regional Municipality of York, and any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same, for the maintenance of the improvements within the Regional right-of-way once constructed.

Carried

(R4) PDS19-048 – Transfer of Servicing Allocation and Application for Removal of (H) Holding Provision, Shimvest Investments Ltd., Prato Estates Inc., and Preserve Homes Corp., 323 River Ridge Boulevard, Block 156, Plan 65M-4485, Block 231, Plan 65M-3971 and Block 164, Plan 65M-3946, File Number: ZBA(H)-2017-09, Related File Numbers: ZBA-2017-09 and SUB-2017-04

1. That Report No. PDS19-048 be received; and
2. That an allocation of 81 persons be granted from the reserve to service the development of 25 single detached dwellings on the approved Draft Plan of Subdivision; and
3. That the Application to Remove the (H) Holding Provision (File ZBA(H)-2017-09) from Lots 1 to 25 inclusive on the approved Draft Plan of Subdivision (SUB-2017-04) be approved; and
4. That the amending By-law to remove the (H) Holding Provision be presented for enactment at a future Council meeting; and
5. That the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute any and all agreements, documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to the development.

Carried

7. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

R1. 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

On a motion by Councillor Thompson seconded by Councillor Humfryes, Council consented to consider Item R1 prior to consideration of Item S1(R1, R5).

Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

1. That Report No. PDS19-047 be received; and
2. That the Amending Zoning By-law be enacted with the following:
 - (a) Private Open Space (O2) Zones at the eastern portion of the subject lands; and
 - (b) The maximum permitted building height be 12.6 metres, and that in calculating the height of a building, any construction used as an ornament, railing, stair enclosure/access, storage enclosure, and/or rooftop amenity shall be allowed to project above the maximum building height by a maximum of 2.2 metres.

Carried

8. Motions

(a) Councillor Gilliland **Re: John West Way – Speed and Sightline Issues**

Moved by Councillor Gilliland
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

Whereas John West Way has increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic due to increased residential dwellings, an active Aurora Seniors Centre, various well-attended events and attractions such as the Petch House and Town events, a new secondary school and accessible park; and

Whereas sightline issues occur around the bend south of the Seniors Centre, north past Amberhill Way; and

Whereas residents and visitors find it difficult and unsafe to turn onto John West Way due to sightline issues and speed; and

Whereas John West Way speed signs are marked as 50 km per hour;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the speed limit on John West Way be reduced from 50 km per hour to 40 km per hour to match all residential streets in the Town of Aurora; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That staff bring a report on options to address additional safety and sightline issues on that part of John West Way such as a three-way stop at Amberhill Way.

Carried

9. Regional Report

York Regional Council Highlights – May 16, 2019

Moved by Councillor Gilliland
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

That the Regional Report of May 16, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

10. New Business

Councillor Gilliland inquired about the status of the accessibility trailer, and staff agreed to provide an update to Council regarding the new arrangement with the Markham Fair.

Councillor Gaertner inquired about two items in the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of May 8, 2019—Item 2 respecting removal of the closed captioning project from the Accessibility Plan; and Item 4 respecting changes to social assistance—and staff provided clarification.

Councillor Gaertner inquired about a matter on the trail at the northeast corner of Orchard Heights Boulevard and Whispering Pine Trail, and staff provided a response noting that the issue has been resolved.

Councillor Kim inquired about the guidelines respecting donations to the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA), and Councillor Gaertner agreed

to investigate and provide an update. Councillor Gallo offered to forward the LSRCA financial statements and noted that the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation helps to support the LSRCA.

11. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Gallo announced that Aurora's nine-week Concert in the Park series will begin on Wednesday, July 3, 2019, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Town Park, noting that more information is available at aurora.ca/summerconcerts.

Councillor Thompson extended a reminder that June is Recreation and Parks Month and a listing of all activities is available at aurora.ca/recreationparksmoth.

Councillor Gaertner noted her attendance and appreciation of the Aurora Community Band's recent Spring Concert, and advised that the Band will be playing at the Aurora Farmers' Market & Artisan Fair on Saturday, June 22, 2019.

Councillor Gaertner advised that the Town is celebrating Pride Month during the month of June and encouraged all to participate at the York Pride Diversity Festival on Saturday, June 15, 2019, noting that more details can be found at yorkpridefest.com.

Councillor Kim expressed the Town's appreciation of its partners at Desjardins for offering free recreational activities for Aurorans, noting that the schedule of free programming is available at aurora.ca/desjardinsdays.

Councillor Kim encouraged all to attend a screening of the film **Screenagers** on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 7 p.m., at Wellington Public School, 125 Wellington Street West, at a cost of \$10 cash at the door, to learn more about the impact of technology and screen time on our children.

Councillor Humfries announced that the Canada Day celebrations will begin at 10 a.m. with a parade on Yonge Street and continue at 11 a.m. in Lambert Willson Park, noting that more information can be found at aurora.ca/canadaday.

Councillor Gilliland announced that the splash pads are now open at Aurora Town Park, Trent Park, and Ada Johnson Park every day from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Councillor Gilliland extended a reminder about the ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge event taking place from May 31 to June 16, 2019, and encouraged everyone to participate.

Mayor Mrakas announced that as of June 10, 2019, York Region Transit has expanded the service area for the Mobility On-Demand Aurora GO pilot service, noting that users may sign up at yrt.ca/AuroraGOsignup.

12. By-laws

None

13. Closed Session

None

14. Confirming By-law

Moved by Councillor Gallo
Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That the following confirming by-law be enacted:

By-law Number 6188-19 Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council
Resulting from a Council Meeting on June 11, 2019.

Carried

15. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gilliland
Seconded by Councillor Gallo

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk