



# Town of Aurora Council Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall  
Tuesday, June 25, 2019

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## **Attendance**

**Council Members** Mayor Mrakas in the Chair; Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland, Humfryes (arrived at 7:37 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, 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 Ishita Soneji, Council/Committee Coordinator

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

Mayor Mrakas relinquished the chair to Deputy Mayor Kim at 8:34 p.m. during the consideration of Motion (a), and resumed the Chair at 8:38 p.m.

Council consented to resolve into a Closed Session at 8:50 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 9:23 p.m.

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

**Moved by Councillor Kim**

**Seconded by Councillor Gilliland**

That the rules of procedure be waived to allow the addition of Delegation (b) Jeff Edos; Re: Motion (b) Councillor Kim, Re: Aurora Food & Culture Festival.

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

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

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

- Delegation (a) Ron Kellman, representing Sports Horizons Inc.; Re: Motion (b) Councillor Kim, Re: Aurora Food & Culture Festival
- Delegation (b) Jeff Edos, Resident; Re: Motion (b) Councillor Kim, Re: Aurora Food & Culture Festival
- Item R1 – Memorandum from Mayor Mrakas, Re: Committee Compositions

**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) Erin Cerenzia, Manager, Neighbourhood Network  
Re: Neighbourhood Network Strategic Plan**

Ms. Cerenzia and Mr. Tim Jones, Ambassador for the Town of Aurora Neighbourhood Network, presented an overview of the organization including details on the organization's history, means of community engagement, volunteer program and opportunities, collaboration with registered partner organizations, and implementation strategies of the new strategic plan.

**Moved by Councillor Thompson  
Seconded by Councillor Kim**

That the presentation be received for information.

**Carried**

**4. Delegations**

**(a) Ron Kellman, representing Sports Horizons Inc.**

**Re: Motion (b) Councillor Kim; Re: Aurora Food & Culture Festival**

Mr. Kellman spoke in support of Motion (b) and provided details of the festival including the intent to encourage multiculturalism and community engagement, and listed various activities to be held at the festival.

**Moved by Councillor Thompson  
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

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

**Carried**

**(b) Jeff Edos, Resident**

**Re: Motion (b) Councillor Kim; Re: Aurora Food & Culture Festival**

Mr. Edos spoke in support of Motion (b) and requested Members of Council to support the application for the festival.

**Moved by Councillor Kim  
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

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

**Carried**

## **5. Consent Agenda**

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

That the following Consent Agenda items, C1 to C6 inclusive, be approved with the exception of C4, which was voted on separately:

### **C1. Council Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2019**

1. That the Council Meeting minutes of June 11, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

**Carried**

**C2. Council Closed Session Minutes of June 4, 2019**

1. That the Council Closed Session meeting minutes of June 4, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

**Carried**

**C3. Council Closed Session Public Minutes of June 4, 2019**

1. That the Council Closed Session Public minutes of June 4, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

**Carried**

**C4. Council Closed Session Minutes of June 11, 2019**

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

1. That the Council Closed Session meeting minutes of June 11, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

**Carried**

**C5. Council Closed Session Public Minutes of June 11, 2019**

1. That the Council Closed Session Public minutes of June 11, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

**Carried**

**C6. Memorandum from Councillor Gaertner**

**Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting  
Highlights of May 24, 2019**

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of May 24, 2019, be received for information.

**Carried**

**6. Standing Committee Reports**

On a motion by Councillor Kim, seconded by Councillor Gaertner, Council consented to consider Motion (b) prior to the consideration of S1(C2) and S1(NB1).

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

That the following Standing Committee Reports, Items S1 and S2, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items S1(C2) and S1(NB1), which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below:

**S1. General Committee Meeting Report of June 18, 2019**

**(C1) FS19-021 – 2019 Interim Forecast Update – as at April 30, 2019**

1. That Report No. FS19-021 be received for information.

**Carried**

**(C2) OPS19-016 – Aurora Family Leisure Complex (AFLC) Skate Park**

**Motion to defer  
Moved by Councillor Gallo  
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

That Report No. OPS19-016 – Aurora Family Leisure Complex (AFLC) Skate Park be deferred to a future Council meeting, after the consideration of Confidential Memorandum from the Town Solicitor regarding Skate Park Issues, dated June 6, 2019, at a future Closed Session meeting.

**Motion to defer  
Withdrawn**

Council consented to consider Item S1(C2) after reconvening from Closed Session and prior to New Business.

**Moved by Councillor Gallo  
Seconded by Councillor Humfries**

1. That Report NO. OPS19-016 be received; and
2. That this report satisfy Council's conditional approval of Capital Project No. 72281 – AFLC Skate Park in the amount of \$600,000.

**Carried**

**(C3) OPS19-017 – Lake-to-Lake Cycling and Walking Trail Agreement**

1. That Report NO. OPS19-017 be received; and
2. That the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement between the Town of Aurora and the Regional Municipality of York for the operation, maintenance and replacement of the Lake-to-Lake Cycling and Walking Trail within the Regional right-of-way once constructed.

**Carried**

**(A1) Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2019**

1. That the Finance Advisory Committee meeting minutes of May 22, 2019, be received for information.

**Carried**

**(A2) Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2019**

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

**Carried**

**(R1) CS19-022 – Entry onto Private Property Protocol**

1. That Report No. CS19-022 be received; and
2. That the revised Entry onto Private Property Protocol as outlined in Attachment #1 providing property owners with notification of entry and removing the requirement to obtain a search warrant for investigation purposes, be endorsed.

**Carried**

**(R2) FS19-020 – 2020-2022 Operating and 2020 Capital Budget  
Development Direction**

1. That the updated Council Budget Principles and Process be approved; and

2. That the key principles for the 2020 to 2022 multi-year operating budget development be endorsed.

**Carried**

**(R3) FS19-023 – 2018 Year End Budget Report – as at December 31, 2018**

1. That Report No. FS19-023 be received for information.

**Carried**

**(R4) PDS19-051 – Energy Conservation and Demand Management (ECDM) Plan Update 2019-2023**

1. That Report No. PDS19-051 be received; and
2. That the Corporate Energy Conservation and Demand Management (ECDM) Plan Update for 2019 to 2023 (Attachment #1), be endorsed.

**Carried**

**(R5) CMS19-016 – 2019 Capital Project – Outdoor Field Development Strategy**

1. That Report No. CMS19-016 be received; and
2. That this report satisfy Council's conditional budget approval for Capital Project No. 73317 – Outdoor Field Development Strategy, in the amount of \$55,000.

**Carried**

**(R6) CS19-026 – Licensing By-law Amendments – Second Hand Goods**

1. That Report No. CS19-026 be received; and
2. That a by-law be brought forward to amend Schedule 12 of the Town's Licensing By-law No. 5630-14 to reflect current business models for Second Hand Goods stores.

**Carried**

**(NB1) New Business Motion No. 1**

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

1. That staff be authorized to provide the Rotary Club of Aurora with financial and in-kind support for the Dance in the Park event on June 30, 2019 to a maximum of \$5,000 to be funded from the Council Operating Contingency budget.

**Carried**

**S2. Budget Committee Meeting Report of June 18, 2019**

1. That the Budget Committee meeting report of June 18, 2019, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved.

**Carried**

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

**R1. Memorandum from Mayor Mrakas  
Re: Committee Compositions**

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

1. That the memorandum regarding Committee Compositions be received; and
2. That the Terms of Reference for the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) regarding membership be amended from two (2) to one (1) Council member; and
3. That Councillor Kim be removed from the Community Advisory Committee and appointed to the vacant position on the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC); and
4. That Councillor Thompson be appointed to the vacant position on the Joint Council Committee (JCC).

**Carried**

## **8. Motions**

### **(a) Mayor Mrakas**

**Re: Response to Regional Governance Review**

**Moved by Mayor Mrakas**

**Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

Whereas the Government of Ontario has announced a review of Ontario's eight regional municipalities (Durham, Halton, Muskoka District, Niagara, Oxford County, Peel, Waterloo, York), the County of Simcoe and their lower-tier municipalities by appointed Special Advisors; and

Whereas the provincially appointed Special Advisors are to provide advice and develop recommendations for the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the purpose of improving governance, decision-making and service delivery in the eight regions and Simcoe County and their lower-tier municipalities; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) informed its members last August, that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing began informal discussions on regional governance review, wishing to hear from municipalities about how this system of governance is working recognizing it was established in the 1970s; and

Whereas the provincially appointed Special Advisors have included within the scope of their review, consideration of moving to single-tier municipalities or amalgamating existing municipalities; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora welcomes all opportunities to improve both Regional and local municipal service delivery and achieve greater efficiencies and cost savings for all Aurora and York taxpayers and rate payers; and

Whereas York Region's municipal structure provides for Regional services throughout all local York municipalities, resulting in cost-effective, quality services that respond to the needs of the local municipalities and citizens, such as Children's and Court Services, Housing, Long Term Care, Paramedic and Police Services, Public Health, Social Assistance, Public Transit, Water and Waste Treatment, to name a few; and

Whereas the province requested feedback on the regional review through an online survey or written submission; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora has demonstrated its fiscal responsibility by embracing shared service arrangements like Central York Fire Services and also by reducing its Council size from nine (9) members to seven (7) before the 2018 Municipal Election;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That it is recognized and factual that York Region was formed, effective January 1, 1971, at which time resulted in the consolidation of fourteen (14) former municipalities (previously under 'York County') into nine (9) new municipalities; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the Council of the Town of Aurora endorses the effectiveness of the current two-tier municipal governance structure, with continued exploration and implementation of furthering efficiencies and partnerships, as has existed between York Region and our partner York local municipalities, since its inception in 1971; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora and its actively engaged citizens value the distinct identity of their community of communities and are committed to being proud hosts and stewards of the Oak Ridges Moraine, Greenbelt, Lake Simcoe and the Holland Marsh; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That this motion be forwarded to all municipalities of York Region, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all local MPP's and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

**Carried**

On a motion by Councillor Kim, seconded by Councillor Gaertner, Council consented to consider Motion (b) prior to the consideration of S1(C2) and S1(NB1).

**(b) Councillor Kim**

**Re: Aurora Food & Culture Festival**

**Main motion**

**Moved by Councillor Kim**

**Seconded by Councillor Gilliland**

Whereas the Town of Aurora has had three successful Multicultural Festivals and attendance growing with each new year; and

Whereas the number of activities and offerings have increased with each new year; and

Whereas it is critical that we welcome and engage new residents and share with them the rich culture and history of Aurora, along with its spirit of volunteerism in which Aurora was built; and

Whereas Newmarket has discontinued its Multicultural Festival and Richmond Hill has discontinued Taste of the Hill thereby offering a great opportunity for Aurora to fill in the multicultural festival gap in the Region; and

Whereas supporting food, culture, and diversity in itself supports Aurora's Strategic Plan objectives of "Supporting an exceptional quality of life for all," which in turn attracts people and businesses; and

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the application from Sports Horizons Inc. for the Aurora Food & Culture Festival be approved, in accordance with the Third Party Events in Outdoor Town Facilities Policy; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the Aurora Food & Culture Festival be declared as an "event of Town significance", in accordance with the Municipal Alcohol Policy.

**Amendment**

**Moved by Councillor Kim**

**Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

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

That funding for the Aurora Food & Culture Festival event be provided to an upset limit of \$5,000 from the Council Contingency fund.

**Carried**

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

**Main motion as amended**  
**Moved by Councillor Kim**  
**Seconded by Councillor Gilliland**

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the application from Sports Horizons Inc. for the Aurora Food & Culture Festival be approved, in accordance with the Third Party Events in Outdoor Town Facilities Policy; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the Aurora Food & Culture Festival be declared as an “event of Town significance”, in accordance with the Municipal Alcohol Policy.

**Carried**

**Main motion as amended**  
**Moved by Councillor Kim**  
**Seconded by Councillor Gilliland**

3. **That funding for the Aurora Food & Culture Festival event be provided to an upset limit of \$5,000 from the Council Contingency fund.**

**Carried**

## **9. Regional Report**

None

## **10. New Business**

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the status of the whistle cessation project information to be made public as requested at last week’s General Committee meeting, and staff provided a response noting that a report is forthcoming.

Councillor Gaertner expressed concern regarding the tree protection west of the Armoury restoration site, and staff provided a response noting that adequate protection has been carried out throughout the restoration project.

Councillor Gaertner referred to residents' concern regarding fence construction on the south side of Henderson Forest, causing potential damage to the turtle nests, and extended appreciation to staff for their immediate response.

Councillor Kim inquired about the projected date of completion of the Armoury restoration project, and staff provided a response noting that the restoration would be completed by August subject to the completion of necessary inspections.

Councillor Humfries extended appreciation to staff for their efforts in organizing and administering the Dance in the Park event within a short time frame.

## 11. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Gilliland announced that the Town of Aurora is in the Top 5 finalists of the ParticipAction Community Better Challenge in Canada, and noted that the winner of Canada's Most Active Community will be announced on Thursday, June 27, 2019.

Councillor Gilliland extended a reminder that the Town's partners at Desjardins will be offering free recreational activities for Aurorans, and noted that the schedule of programming is available at [aurora.ca/desjardinsdays](http://aurora.ca/desjardinsdays).

Councillor Humfries extended a reminder 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](http://aurora.ca/summerconcerts).

Councillor Kim announced that the CP Women's Open will be held in August and noted that volunteer registration is open and further information is available at [cpwomensopen.com/volunteer](http://cpwomensopen.com/volunteer).

Councillor Gaertner announced that the Desjardins Pool at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex will be closed for refurbishment from Tuesday, July 2, 2019 to Friday, August 23, 2019 and noted that leisure swimming, aquafit classes and pool rental will be available at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex.

Councillor Thompson noted his attendance at the Scouts Canada Service Recognition Ceremony on June 15, 2019, and extended wishes to the following Aurora service award recipients: Bob Barker, 15 years; Bob Cole, Bar to the Silver Acorn Medal; Cheryl Stoltz, 15 years; David Atkins, 30 years; Trevor Stevens, 45

years; Jennifer Neville-Lake, 5 years and Good Service certificate; and James Spears, 30 years and Bar to the Medal of Good Service.

Councillor Thompson extended a reminder that Town Hall will be closed on Monday, July 1, 2019 for the Canada Day Holiday, and regular business hours will resume on Tuesday, July 2, 2019.

Councillor Gallo extended a reminder 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](http://aurora.ca/canadaday).

Mayor Mrakas 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.

## 12. By-laws

Council consented to vote on each by-law separately.

**Moved by Councillor Thompson**  
**Seconded by Councillor Kim**

That the following by-law be enacted:

- (a) **By-law Number 6189-19** Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 6000-17, as amended, respecting the lands municipally known as 15370 Leslie Street (15370 Leslie (Skale) Inc.).

**Carried**

**Moved by Councillor Thompson**  
**Seconded by Councillor Kim**

That the following by-law be enacted:

- (b) **By-law Number 6190-19** Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 6000-17, as amended, to implement the recommendations of the Stable Neighbourhood Study.

**Carried**

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

That the following by-law be enacted:

**(c) By-law Number 6191-19** Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 5630-14, as amended, to regulate licensing of business establishments.

**Carried**

### **13. Closed Session**

Council consented to resolve into and reconvene from Closed Session prior to the consideration New Business.

**Moved by Councillor Gallo**

**Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

That Council resolve into Closed Session to consider the following matter:

1. Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (Section 239(2)(f) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*); Re: Confidential Memorandum from Town Solicitor, dated June 6, 2019, Re: Skate Park Issues

**Carried**

**Moved by Councillor Gaertner**

**Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

That the Council meeting be reconvened into open session to rise and report from Closed Session.

**Carried**

1. **Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; (Section 239(2)(f) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*); Re: Confidential Memorandum from Town Solicitor, dated June 6, 2019, Re: Skate Park Issues**

**Moved by Councillor Thompson**

**Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

1. That the verbal update from Town Solicitor be received; and
2. That the solicitor-client privilege in the confidential memo be waived; and

3. That the Confidential Memorandum from Town Solicitor regarding Skate Park Issues, dated June 6, 2019, be made public subject to the redactions identified in Closed Session.

**Carried**

#### **14. Confirming By-law**

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

That the following confirming by-law be enacted:

**By-law Number 6192-19** Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from a Council Meeting on June 25, 2019.

**Carried**

#### **15. Adjournment**

**Moved by Councillor Gaertner**  
**Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

**Carried**

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**Tom Mrakas, Mayor**

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**Michael de Rond, Town Clerk**