



Town of Aurora Council Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, July 23, 2019

Attendance

Council Members Mayor Mrakas in the Chair; Councillors Gaertner, 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, 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 7:03 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

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) Nichole Campsall, Youth & Community Development Coordinator, and Julie Stephenson, Youth Programmer**
Re: John West Memorial “Leaders of Tomorrow” Scholarship Award

Ms. Campsall and Ms. Stephenson provided an overview of the achievements and community involvement of Ms. Nuscha Fathianpour, graduate of École secondaire catholique Renaissance, and Ms. Nicole In, graduate of Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School. Ms. Fathianpour and Ms. In (represented by her mother, Ms. Eunha Kim, who accepted on her behalf) were each presented with the John West Memorial “Leaders of Tomorrow” Scholarship Award by Mayor Mrakas and Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services.

Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the presentation be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

None

5. Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Humfries
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the following Consent Agenda items, C1 to C5 inclusive, be approved:

C1. Council Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2019

1. That the Council meeting minutes of June 25, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C2. Council Closed Session Minutes of July 16, 2019

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

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

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

C4. Council Public Planning Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2019

1. That the Council Public Planning meeting minutes of June 26, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C5. Memorandum from Councillor Gaertner

**Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting
Highlights of June 28, 2019**

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of June 28, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

6. Standing Committee Reports

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

That the following Standing Committee Reports items, S1 to S3 inclusive, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved:

S1. General Committee Meeting Report of July 16, 2019

1. That the General Committee meeting report of July 16, 2019, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items A1, R1, R4, R5, and R8, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below:

(C1) CS19-023 – Election Wrap-up

1. That Report No. CS19-023 be received for information.

Carried

(C2) PDS19-058 – Request to Remove a Property from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, 84 Mosley Street East

1. That Report No. PDS19-058 be received; and
2. That the property located at 84 Mosley Street be removed from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest; and
3. That prior to the issuance of a Building Permit, future building elevations be subject to review by Planning staff and/or the Design Review Panel to ensure the sympathetic design of any replacement building.

Carried

(C3) PDS19-059 – Request to Remove a Property from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, 11 Irwin Avenue

1. That Report No. PDS19-059 be received; and
2. That the property located at 11 Irwin Avenue be removed from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.

Carried

(C4) PDS19-061 – Approval for Capital Project No. 34533 – Traffic Calming Measures in School Zones

1. That Report No. PDS19-061 be received; and
2. That this report satisfy Council's conditional budget approval for Capital Project No. 34533 – Traffic Calming Measures in School Zones in the amount of \$20,000.

Carried

(A1) Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2019

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

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

Carried

(A2) Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2019

1. That the Community Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 20, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

(A3) Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2019

1. That the Finance Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 26, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

(R1) CMS19-020 – Library Square – Library Corridor Extension

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

1. That Report No. CMS19-020 be received; and
2. That Library Corridor Extension, new Yonge Street Entrance and Multi-purpose rooms - Option C, be approved and the total Library Square project budget be increased by \$5,465,300 to be funded as per the recommended funding strategy.

Carried

(R2) CMS19-019 – Library Square Project – Next Steps

1. That Report No. CMS19-019 be received for information.

Carried

(R3) FS19-025 – Library Square – Financial Update

1. That Report No. FS19-025 be received for information.

Carried

**(R4) PDS19-063 – Library Square – Church Street Parking – Design
Options Recommendation Report**

**Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Kim**

1. That Report No. PDS19-063 be received; and
2. That staff be directed to proceed with Design Option 2B for the Church Street right-of-way; and
3. That Town staff continue to liaise with York Region Transit and the consultants to ensure there are no conflicts with the existing bus route.

Carried

(R5) PDS19-015 – Municipal Stormwater Funding Approach

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

1. That Report No. PDS19-015 be received; and
2. That this report satisfy Council's conditional budget approval for Capital Project No. 42059 – Storm Sewer Reserve Fund and Rates Study in the amount of \$100,000.

Carried

(R6) PDS19-057 – Yonge Street Rail Bridge (Metrolinx) Architectural Cladding Concepts

1. That Report No. PDS19-057 be received; and
2. That Metrolinx be advised that Concept 4: Double Fin Curve with Aurora identity signage is the preferred architectural cladding option for the Yonge Street Rail Bridge.

Carried

(R7) OPS19-018 – Improvements to Fleury Park Washroom Facility

1. That Report No. OPS19-018 be received; and

2. That this report satisfy Council's conditional approval of Capital Project No. 73242 – Improvements to Fleury Park Washroom Facility in the amount of \$250,000.

Carried

(R8) PDS19-036 – Approval of Capital Project No. 81023 – Urban Design Guidelines for Stable Neighbourhoods Study Area

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Kim

1. That Report No. PDS19-036 be received; and
2. That the Urban Design Guidelines be presented to a future Council meeting; and
3. That this report satisfy Council's conditional budget approval in the amount of \$75,000 for work undertaken for Capital Project No. 81023 – Urban Design Guidelines for Stable Neighbourhoods Study Area.

Carried

S2. Audit Committee Meeting Report of June 25, 2019

1. That the Audit Committee meeting report of June 25, 2019, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved:

(1) FS19-022 – 2018 Audited Financial Statements with Audit Report

1. That Report No. FS19-022 be received; and
2. That the 2018 Audit Reports and Financial Statements for the year-ended December 31, 2019 be approved and published on the Town's website; and
3. That the 2019 year-end audit plan as proposed by BDO Canada LLP be endorsed.

Carried

S3. Budget Committee Meeting Report of June 18, 2019

1. That the Budget Committee meeting report of June 18, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

7. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

Council consented to consider items R1 and R2 prior to consideration of the items pulled for discussion under Section 6, Standing Committee Reports.

R1. PDS19-064 – Economic Development Strategic Plan

Mr. Tim Hammill, Chair, and Ms. Marilee Harris, Vice Chair, Aurora Economic Development Corporation Board, presented an overview of the Board and the Strategic Plan process, including the Board's history and role in strategic planning, mission, four main goals, and next steps.

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

1. That Report No. PDS19-064 be received; and
2. That the attached Economic Development Strategic Plan as presented by the Aurora Economic Development Corporation Board be approved; and
3. That staff report back with an Implementation Strategy at a future Council meeting.

Carried

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

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

1. That Report No. FS19-018 be received; and
2. That the capital project closures and capital funding adjustments outlined in Attachments #1 and #2 be approved.

Carried

8. Motions

(a) Councillor Thompson

Re: Advisory Committee Chair Rotation

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

Whereas the Town's Procedure By-Law and Policy for Ad/Hoc Advisory Committees and Local Boards govern all meetings; and

Whereas in the interest of good governance there is value in rotating the Committee Chair; and

Whereas the rotation of roles and responsibilities can develop/enhance a committee member's skillset, create additional engagement, and help build a stronger 'team' environment; and

Whereas some committees/boards, such as Aurora Public Library Board, Joint Council Committee, and Finance Advisory Committee, already rotate the Chair;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town's Policy for Ad Hoc/Advisory Committees and Local Boards be amended so that the position of Chair and Vice Chair of each Advisory Committee be for a one-year term; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That at the start of each calendar year elections be held for the Chair and Vice Chair positions, and that no citizen member may act as Chair or Vice Chair for more than two years in a single term of Council; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That members of Council may serve as Chair should no citizen member put their name forward, and that members of Council not be subject to any term restrictions.

Carried

(b) Councillor Gaertner
Re: Stormwater Infrastructure Review

Council consented to vote on the two operative clauses separately. After voting on the first clause, the mover and seconder agreed to withdraw the second clause.

Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by Councillor Kim

Whereas Council passed a Motion in 2018 to investigate the condition of Aurora's stormwater infrastructure, including required maintenance and enhancements; and

Whereas the purpose of the Motion was to ensure that the municipality is prepared to cope with climate change's predicted intense rains and resulting stormwater in order to protect our residents against flooding; and

Whereas PSD was retained and submitted a report to the Town in December 2018; and

Whereas this report was included as an index item in our 2019 Capital Budget, but has not been put on a General Committee report for discussion and action; and

Whereas this Report "provides an audit of the existing asset management capacity within the following key competencies:

1. Organizational Cognisance
2. Organizational Capacity
3. Infrastructure Data and Information
4. Levels of Service Framework
5. Asset Management Strategies
 - a. Condition Assessment Protocols
 - b. Risk and Criticality Models
 - c. Lifecycle Management
6. Financial Strategies"; and

Whereas some of the key requirements in achieving optimal asset management include the degree to which asset management is understood by both senior management and Council, and the evaluation of Town

infrastructure with respect to: Roads and the three Water Networks, Bridges and Culverts, Buildings and Facilities; and Parks and Recreation; and

Whereas all of these have been investigated by PSD and the results provided as Index 1 in Council's Capital Budget Binder; and

Whereas the research on the stormwater network fulfills the intent of the Motion passed by Council;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the "State of Maturity Report " be placed on a General Committee Agenda in September 2019 for study and action.

Carried

9. Regional Report

York Regional Council Highlights – June 20 and June 27, 2019

Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That the Regional Reports of June 20 and June 27, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

10. New Business

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the status of her earlier motion regarding red light cameras, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the plaque replacement process for a resident's house listed on the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest. Staff provided a response noting that the Councillor may forward the resident's email request to the Director of Planning and Development Services.

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the Town's policy on staff response to voicemail messages from residents. Staff provided a response noting that any complaints about difficulties contacting staff may be forwarded to the responsible Director or the Chief Administrative Officer.

Councillor Gaertner referred to complaints received from residents of Centre Street regarding speeding vehicles travelling eastbound from Yonge Street and inquired about the process for implementation of traffic calming measures, noting that an earlier petition had not met the required number of household signatures. Mayor Mrakas suggested that the Councillor bring forward a Notice of Motion.

Councillor Gaertner referred to emails received from residents located in the area around the Highland Gate development regarding debris and dirt falling down the slopes. Mayor Mrakas requested that any complaints be forwarded to him as he continues to communicate regularly with the developer.

Mayor Mrakas suggested that a clearer understanding of the planning process is needed, particularly regarding applications to the Committee of Adjustment, and requested that information be provided to the community. Staff advised that a short video on how the process works would soon be available on the Town's website.

11. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Gilliland extended a reminder about not leaving pets in vehicles during hot weather, and advised residents to contact the Town's Animal Services at 1-877-979-PAWS to report any pet in an unattended vehicle.

Councillor Humfries announced that the fall 2019 Community Services Program Guide would be delivered in the July 25, 2019 edition of The Banner, and more information can be found at aurora.ca/recguide.

Councillor Humfries advised that the Town is seeking volunteers for the 2019 Doors Open Aurora event and more information, including the application form to be submitted by Wednesday, July 31, 2019, is available at aurora.ca/doorsopen.

Councillor Kim advised that the Town's partners at Desjardins continue to offer free recreational activities for Aurorans, noting that the schedule of free programming can be found at aurora.ca/desjardinsdays.

Councillor Kim extended a reminder about the Desjardins Pool at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex being closed for refurbishment until Friday, August 23, 2019, noting that pool activities are available at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex during this temporary closure.

Councillor Gaertner announced that the Town has implemented a mandatory Backflow Prevention Program to protect drinking water from contamination, and residents may learn more about the program at an open house on Thursday, July 25, 2019, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

Councillor Thompson extended a reminder about the summer Concerts in the Park series held every Wednesday at Town Park, noting that more information can be found at aurora.ca/summerconcerts.

Councillor Thompson encouraged all to attend Aurora's Ribfest—featuring two iconic bands, Honeymoon Suite and The Spoons—being held Friday, August 23 through Sunday, August 25, 2019, at Machell Park, and noted that full event details can be found at aurora.ca/ribfest.

Councillor Thompson advised that the organizers of the CP Women's Open event taking place in Aurora on August 19-25, 2019, are looking for more volunteers, noting that further details and volunteer registration information can be found at cpwomensopen.com/volunteer.

Mayor Mrakas announced that the Town will be welcoming home Aurora native and NHL Champion Robert Thomas of the St. Louis Blues to celebrate his team's first-ever Stanley Cup win on Monday, July 29, 2019, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Machell Park. The Mayor noted that the Stanley Cup will be onsite with Robert from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and more event information can be obtained by calling 905-726-4762 or by visiting aurora.ca/stanleycup.

12. By-laws

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the following by-laws be enacted:

(a) By-law Number 6196-19 Being a By-law to appoint a Treasurer for The Corporation of the Town of Aurora.

(b) By-law Number 6197-19 Being a By-law to regulate various matters relating to the keeping, licensing and controlling of animals in the Town of Aurora.

(c) **By-law Number 6198-19** Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 6000-17, as amended, to remove a Holding "(H)" symbol (Shimvest Investments Ltd., Prato Estates Inc., and Preserve Homes Corp.).

(d) **By-law Number 6199-19** Being a By-law to delegate authority for administrative matters.

Carried

13. Closed Session

None

14. Confirming By-law

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the following confirming by-law be enacted:

By-law Number 6200-19 Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from a Council Meeting on July 23, 2019.

Carried

15. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk