



Town of Aurora Council Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, September 10, 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, Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director of Finance, 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 7:00 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) Jackie Benn-John, Executive Director, Women's Support Network of York Region

Re: Women's Support Network of York Region

Ms. Ashley Dunn, on behalf of Ms. Benn-John, presented an overview of the organization including details of the organization's mission, values, and guiding principles. She provided details on various programs available to support individuals such as counselling services, 24/7 crisis line support, group programs, and noted that the organization continues to work towards eradicating sexual violence by creating awareness in the community through public education and outreach.

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

That the presentation be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

None

5. Consent Agenda

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

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

C1. Council Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2019

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

C2. Council Closed Session Minutes of July 23, 2019

1. That the Council Closed Session minutes of July 23, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C3. Council Closed Session Public Minutes of July 23, 2019

1. That the Council Closed Session Public minutes of July 23, 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, Items S1, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items S1(C1), S1(R1), S1(R4) and S1(R7), which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below:

S1. General Committee Meeting Report of September 3, 2019

(C1) Memorandum from Mayor Mrakas

Re: Resolution from Township of Brock, Re: Regional Governance Review – Request for Special Advisors Report

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

1. That the memorandum regarding Resolution from Township of Brock regarding Regional Governance Review – Request for Special Advisors Report be received; and
2. That the resolution from Township of Brock be endorsed.

Carried

(A1) Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2019

1. That the Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee meeting minutes of July 25, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

**(R1) PDS19-066 – Stop Control Removal at Corbett Crescent and
Cossar Drive**

Main motion

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

1. That Report No. PDS19-066 be received; and
2. That the stop sign and stop line remain on Corbett Crescent at Cossar Drive.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

The main motion be amended by adding the following clause:

“That a yellow centre line be painted on Cossar Drive extending 40 metres east of the intersection of Cossar Drive and Corbett Crescent.”

Carried

Main motion as amended

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

1. That Report No. PDS19-066 be received; and
2. That the stop sign and stop line remain on Corbett Crescent at Cossar Drive; **and**
3. **That a yellow centre line be painted on Cossar Drive extending 40 metres east of the intersection of Cossar Drive and Corbett Crescent.**

Carried as amended

**(R2) CMS19-021 – Additional Funding – Supply and Installation of New
Sound System for the Aurora Community Centre –
McAlpine Ford Arena**

1. That Report No. CMS19-021 be received; and
2. That the total approved budget for Capital Project No. 72407 – Sound system upgrade at the Aurora Community Centre #1, be increased to \$87,400, representing an increase of \$37,400 to be funded from the Facilities Repair and Replacement Reserve.

Carried

(R3) CMS19-022 – Additional Funding – Supply and Installation of Change Room Lockers at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex

1. That Report No. CMS19-022 be received; and
2. That the total approved budget for Capital Project No. 74022 – Supply, install and replace change room lockers at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex be increased to \$108,680, representing an increase of \$52,180 to be funded from the Facilities Repair and Replacement Reserve.

Carried

(R4) CS19-032 – Golf Tournament Funds Application Review and Disbursement Committee

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

1. That Report No. CS19-032 be received; and
2. That the Golf Classic Funds Application Review and Disbursement Committee be struck as an Advisory Committee of Council; and
3. That the aforementioned committee be delegated the sole authority to disburse funds raised by the *Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic*; and
4. That the recruitment provisions in the Advisory Committee and Local Boards policy be waived; and

5. That a dedicated reserve be created that will hold all unallocated net proceeds generated from Charity Golf Classic events.

Carried

(R5) PDS19-072 – Application for Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision, Cedartail Developments (Formerly Frattaroli), 14288 Yonge Street, Part Lot 74, Con. 1, King, Part 2, 65R-37835, File Numbers: ZBA-2014-09 and SUB-2014-04, Related File Number: CDM-2018-02

1. That Report No. PDS19-072 be received; and
2. That Zoning By-law Amendment file ZBA-2014-09 (Cedartrail Developments) be approved to rezone the subject lands from "Rural General Oak Ridges Moraine (RU-ORM) Zone" to "Detached Third Density Residential Exception Zone (R3-XX) Zone", "Detached Fourth Density Residential Exception Zone (R4-XX) Zone", "Detached Fourth Density Residential Exception Zone (R4-YY) Zone", "Oak Ridges Moraine Environmental Protection (EP-ORM) Zone" and Public Open Space (01) Zone"; and
3. That the application for Draft Plan of Subdivision SUB-2014-04 (Cedartrail Developments) be approved, subject to the conditions outlined in Schedule 'A' to this report; and
4. That an allocation of 36 persons from the reserve to service the development of 11 single detached dwellings on the approved Draft Plan of Subdivision be granted; and
5. That the implementing Zoning By-law be brought forward to a future Council meeting; and
6. That the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute a Subdivision Agreement, including any and all of the agreements referenced in the Conditions of Approval, and including any ancillary agreements or documents required to give effect to the applications.

Carried

(R6) PDS19-079 – Transfer of Servicing Allocation, Ashlen Holdings Inc., 13859, 13875 and 13887 Yonge Street, Part of Lots 15 and 16, Plan 166, File Numbers: OPA-2015-03, ZBA-2015-08, and SUB-2015-04

1. That Report No. PDS19-079 be received; and
2. That an allocation of 97 persons from the reserve to service the development of 30 single detached dwellings on the approved Draft Plan of Subdivision be granted; and
3. 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

(R7) CAO19-002 – Community Engagement Policy Report

Main motion

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Kim

1. That Report No. CAO19-002 be received; and
2. That the attached Community Engagement Policy be approved.

Motion to refer

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That Report No. CAO19-002 – Community Engagement Policy Report be referred back to staff.

Motion to refer

Carried

7. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

None

8. Motions

(a) Councillor Gaertner

Re: Noise By-law Review

Main motion

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Humfries

Whereas one of the most frequent complaints from residents is unacceptable noise levels; and

Whereas finding the balance between resident versus resident noise complaints is important; and

Whereas finding the balance between residents' quality of life and acceptable construction noise is needed, especially as Aurora experiences intensification in our built up areas; and

Whereas the City of Toronto is undertaking a comprehensive review of their Noise By-laws; and

Whereas many of their findings may be an example of how Aurora can improve its own Noise By-law without staff having to undertake time consuming study and expense; and

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff follow what is happening in City of Toronto and bring a report to Council when Toronto's review is completed.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

That the operative clause be amended as follows:

"Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff follow what is happening in City of Toronto and other municipalities, and begin the process of a comprehensive review of the Town's Noise By-law."

Carried

Main motion as amended
Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff follow what is happening in City of Toronto **and other municipalities, and begin the process of a comprehensive review of the Town's Noise By-law.**

Carried as amended

(b) Councillor Gaertner
Re: Traffic Calming on Centre Street

Main motion
Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

Whereas a traffic calming initiative was put in place north of Wellington Street and east of Yonge Street; and

Whereas the intent was to decrease cars coming into this residential area and slow traffic down to increase residents' safety and quality of life; and

Whereas it appears that most of the measures have had a positive affect; and

Whereas one exception of the desired intent is the traffic pattern created on the western portion of Centre Street; and

Whereas a survey was sent to the traffic calming area at large and required a 50% response to highlight Centre Street as a problem area; and

Whereas the conditions were not met; and

Whereas this is a problem specific to those who live on western portion of Centre Street and would not affect the whole area; and

Whereas this unforeseen problem of fast traffic going the wrong way on Centre Street has been long causing concern for the residents living on this street; and

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That a survey be circulated just for residents living on Centre Street that are directly affected; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the 50% rule that the Town uses for other Town streets be used in this situation; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That measures be undertaken to stop the infiltration of 'cut through' which was the whole intent of the traffic calming.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

That the operative clauses be replaced with the following clause:

“Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff report back on mitigation strategies for the traffic issues on Centre Street.”

Carried

Main motion as amended

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

1. **Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff report back on mitigation strategies for the traffic issues on Centre Street.**

Carried as amended

9. Regional Report

None

10. New Business

Councillor Gaertner expressed concerns regarding the lack of advertising and confusion with patron admission guidelines for the Aurora Intercultural Food and Music Festival.

Councillor Gaertner sought clarification about receiving the comments made by Town residents to the Province regarding cannabis stores within Town, and the

Mayor provided a response noting that the feedback process was conducted by the Province.

Mayor Mrakas expressed various ongoing concerns regarding the Highland Gate development construction site and requested staff to investigate the matter for lasting solutions to the concerns.

11. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Gilliland 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 Gilliland announced that youth looking for community service hours could join the Youth Volunteer Fair on Thursday, September 19, 2019 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex, and further information regarding the fair and volunteer opportunities can be found at aurora.ca/youthevents.

Councillor Humfries announced that the Colours of Fall Concert will be on Thursday, October 10, 2019 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Aurora Town Park, noting that further details can be found at aurora.ca/fallconcert.

Councillor Kim extended a reminder that residents could try out Club Aurora for free until Friday, September 13, 2019 and try out new fitness programs, and noted that more information regarding services offered by Club Aurora is available at aurora.ca/fitness.

Councillor Gaertner announced that the Town intends to reconstruct storm sewers on Poplar Crescent and Henderson Drive in 2020, and interested businesses and residents are invited to attend a public meeting to be held on Thursday, September 19, 2019 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Leksand Room at Aurora Town Hall.

Councillor Thompson extended a reminder that registration for the 2019 fall recreation and aquatics programs is now open and the program guide is available at all recreation facilities, Town Hall, Aurora Public Library, Aurora Cultural Centre, and at aurora.ca/recguide.

Councillor Gallo extended a reminder that the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex pool will be closed until Sunday, September 15, 2019 for scheduled

maintenance, and residents could refer to the Aurora Family Leisure Complex pool schedule at aurora.ca/fitness for available swim times during the closure.

Mayor Mrakas announced that the Aurora Tigers' 2019-2020 season opener game will be on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at the Aurora Community Centre at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Mrakas extended a reminder that the 2019 Magna Hoedown will take place on September 13 and 14, 2019 at the Magna International's corporate campus starting with the Student Hoedown from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, September 13, 2019.

12. By-laws

None

13. Closed Session

None

14. Confirming By-law

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the following confirming by-law be enacted:

By-law Number 6201-19 Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from a Council Meeting on September 10, 2019.

Carried

15. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

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

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk