



Town of Aurora Council Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Attendance

Council Members Mayor Mrakas in the Chair; Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland, Humfryes (arrived 7:03 p.m., departed 8:53 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, Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor Mrakas relinquished the chair to Councillor Kim at 8:22 p.m., during consideration of Motion (a) Canopy of Lights, and resumed the chair at 8:50 p.m..

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, as amended by waiver of the Procedure By-law to include the following additional item, be approved:

- Delegation (a) Joanne Russo, Chair, Aurora Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Management; Re: Motion (a) Canopy of Lights

On a two-thirds majority 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

None

4. Delegations

(a) Joanne Russo, Chair, Aurora Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Management

Re: Motion (a) Canopy of Lights

Ms. Russo, on behalf of the Aurora BIA Board of Management, spoke in support of the Motion to install a canopy of lights in the downtown BIA area.

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

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

Carried

5. Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

That the following Consent Agenda items C1 and C2 be approved:

C1. Council Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2019

1. That the Council meeting minutes of September 10, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C2. Memorandum from Councillor Gaertner

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

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

Carried

6. Standing Committee Reports

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

S1. General Committee Meeting Report of September 17, 2019

1. That the General Committee meeting report of September 17, 2019, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items R1, R2, R3, and R7, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below:

(R1) PDS19-085 – Sidewalk Construction on Adair Drive, Bailey Crescent, Davidson Road, Browning Court, Johnson Road, Holman Crescent and Baldwin Road

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

1. That Report No. PDS19-085 be received; and
2. That the Town's Sidewalk Installation Policy be waived to permit the reconstructions of Adair Drive, Bailey Crescent, Davidson Road, Browning Court, Johnson Road, Holman Crescent and Baldwin Road without sidewalks; and
3. That sidewalks be removed from the scope of Capital Project Nos. 31118 and 31119; and
4. That the curb and gutter design of the reconstructions remain.

On a recorded vote the motion

Carried

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
Humfryes, Kim, Thompson, Mayor Mrakas

Voting Nays: None

(R2) CS19-034 – Noise Exemption Request – 25 Butternut Ridge Trail

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

1. That Report No. CS19-034 be received; and
2. That an exemption to the Town's Noise By-law No. 4787-06.P to allow for the construction of a five-storey apartment building between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, which requires cast-in-place concrete slabs at 25 Butternut Ridge Trail, be approved; and
3. That a by-law to amend Noise By-law No. 4787-06.P be brought forward to a future Council meeting providing delegated authority to staff for the approval of noise exemptions for continuous pouring of concrete that cannot be interrupted once the operations have commenced.

Carried

(R3) PDS19-070 – Strategies to Reduce Single-Use Plastic Straws

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

1. That Report No. PDS19-070 be received; and
2. That an Offer-First policy be implemented at all Town facilities and Town-run special events, offering plastic straws to customers when required rather than serving them automatically; and
3. That Council support the Federal and Provincial Governments' waste initiatives regarding single-use plastics and packaging and that this report be forwarded to them for information; and
4. That staff be directed to report back to Council with an update on the results of the Offer-First policy initiative after one year.

Carried

(R4) PDS19-073 – Approval for Capital Project No. 31133 – Photometric Analysis and Lighting Gap Study

1. That Report No. PDS19-073 be received; and
2. That this report satisfy Council's conditional budget approval for Capital Project No. 31133 – Photometric Analysis and Lighting Gap Study in the amount of \$100,000.

Carried

(R5) PDS19-075 – Approval for Capital Project No. 31175 – Municipal Parking Lot Rehabilitation Study

1. That Report No. PDS19-075 be received; and
2. That this report satisfy Council's conditional budget approval for Capital Project No. 31175 – Municipal Parking Lot Rehabilitation Study in the amount of \$200,000.

Carried

(R6) PDS19-077 – Additional Information Regarding the Feasibility of Implementing a Train Whistle Cessation Program for Aurora GO Train Crossings

1. Report No. PDS19-077 be received; and
2. That the Town not proceed with the implementation of a Train Whistle Cessation Program.

Carried

(R7) PDS19-080 – Application for Removal of (H) Holding Provision Highland Gate Developments Inc. (HGDI) 167, 171 and 175 Timberline Trail, Lots 42, 43 and 44, Plan 65M-4644, File Number: ZBA(H)-2019-01, Related File Numbers: OPA-2015-01, ZBA-2015-02, and SUB-2015-01

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

1. That Report No. PDS19-080 be received; and
2. That the Application to Remove the (H) Holding Provision (File ZBA(H)-2019-01 from Lots 42 to 44 on the Draft Plan of Subdivision (SUB-2015-01) be approved; and
3. That the amending By-law to remove the (H) Holding Provision be presented for enactment at a future Council meeting; and
4. That the Mayor and 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. FS19-026 – 2020 Capital Investment Program, Strategic Asset Management Policy and 10-Year Asset Management Plan Overview

On a motion by Councillor Gilliland seconded by Councillor Kim, Council consented to allow an extended presentation time of fifteen minutes.

Ms. Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director of Finance, presented an overview of the 2020 Capital Budget process including capital investments, reserves, financial sustainability, and next steps.

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

That the presentation be received for information.

Carried

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

1. That Report No. FS19-026 be received; and

2. That the 2019 10-Year Capital Investment Plan and 2020 Draft Capital Budget be received and referred to the Budget Committee.

Carried

8. Motions

(a) Mayor Mrakas

Re: Canopy of Lights

Main motion

Moved by Mayor Mrakas

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

Whereas Goal 3 of the Town's "Economic Strategic Plan" identifies establishing downtown Aurora as a destination and focal point for the community; and

Whereas creating a unique atmosphere, that would at the same time promote the Town's built heritage, would advance this goal; and

Whereas economically vibrant downtowns are the heart and soul of the community, provide an identity for the Town, and are a point of pride for the community;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to work with the Aurora BIA (Business Improvement Area) to install a "canopy of lights" on Yonge Street from Wellington Street to Mosley Street in time for the Santa Under the Stars Parade on November 23, 2019.

Amendment

Moved by Mayor Mrakas

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

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

That the scope of Capital Project No. 81016 – Aurora Promenade Streetscape Design and Implementation be increased to include the installation of the Canopy of Lights at an upset limit of \$100,000.

Carried

Amendment
Moved by Mayor Mrakas
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

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

That the provisions of the Procurement By-law be waived to allow sole sourcing.

Defeated

Main motion as amended
Moved by Mayor Mrakas
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

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Whereas economically vibrant downtowns are the heart and soul of the community, provide an identity for the Town, and are a point of pride for the community;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to work with the Aurora BIA (Business Improvement Area) to install a "canopy of lights" on Yonge Street from Wellington Street to Mosley Street; **and**
2. **Be It Further Resolved That the scope of Capital Project No. 81016 – Aurora Promenade Streetscape Design and Implementation be increased to include the installation of the Canopy of Lights at an upset limit of \$100,000.**

Carried as amended

9. Regional Report

None

10. New Business

Councillor Gallo inquired about the delegation registration process for a group to be included as a community presentation on the agenda of a General Committee or Council meeting. Staff provided a response and agreed to provide greater clarity to the process.

Councillor Gaertner referred to Item C2 regarding the Correspondence section and agreed to obtain clarification regarding the funding approved for flood mitigation, and she provided further comments on the LSRCA financial update.

Councillor Gaertner referred to the New Business section of Item S1 and requested that her inquiry about stormwater management reports be amended for clarity, and staff agreed to make the revision.

Councillor Kim referred to the noise barrier fencing of the Treasure Hill development on the south side of Wellington Street East and inquired about the planned landscaping to cover the fencing. Staff provided a response noting that the combination of trees and shrubs will meet the intention as they mature over time.

Councillor Gilliland inquired about the Town's pre-construction communication process with residents who would be impacted by any infrastructure projects. Staff provided a response and agreed to review the notice period requirements toward improving the process.

Councillor Kim referred to the recently addressed issues involving the Sidewalk Installation Policy and suggested that some existing policies may require review and revision to better reflect the community's needs.

Mayor Mrakas expressed ongoing concerns regarding the unacceptable conditions of the Highland Gate redevelopment site and requested that staff contact Highland Gate Developments Inc. toward resolving the issues and upholding the agreement.

11. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Gilliland announced that registration is now open for the 2019 fall recreation and aquatics programs, noting that a copy of the Community Services Program Guide can be picked up at various Town facilities or viewed online at aurora.ca/recguide.

Councillor Gilliland advised that Graystones Restaurant would be holding A Tribute to Elton John event on Friday, September 27, 2019, from 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. featuring pianist Christopher Rolko and local musicians, noting that partial proceeds of ticket sales will support Music Aurora. She added that tickets are \$20 through **eventbrite.ca** or by contacting Janet Marsh at mjanet.marsh@gmail.com.

Councillor Kim announced that the next Town of Aurora E-Waste event would be held on Saturday, October 12, 2019, at the Joint Operations Centre from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and more details can be found at **aurora.ca/ewaste**.

Councillor Gaertner expressed gratitude to TD Bank and the Highland Gate Ratepayers Association for sponsoring Concerts in the Park during the 2019 season.

Councillor Gaertner announced that the Town is developing a Community Energy Plan and would like to hear from residents, noting that Town staff and LURA Consulting will be holding a community engagement event at the Aurora Farmers' Market and Artisan Fair on Saturday, September 28, 2019, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. It was further noted that information and opportunities to provide comment can be found at **aurora.ca/communityenergyplan**.

Councillor Thompson advised that the Central York Girls Hockey Association is partnering with the Toronto Marlies to bring an AHL pre-season game to the Ray Twinney Recreation Complex in Newmarket on Sunday, September 29, 2019, at 4 p.m., noting that tickets can be purchased at **marlies.live/Newmarket**.

Councillor Gallo announced that the Colours of the Fall Concert would be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Town Park, and more details can be found at **aurora.ca/fallconcert**.

Councillor Gallo advised that the Aurora Adult Soccer Club is holding its first Oktoberfest Beer Festival on Saturday, October 5, 2019, from 12 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at 510 Industrial Parkway South, noting that tickets are \$15 and more information is available at **auroraoktoberfest.com**.

Mayor Mrakas expressed his appreciation of the Aurora Public Library's first lecture in a series, The York University Scholar's Hub, regarding Responsibilities to Wampums, Treaties, and Relationships given by Dr. Ruth Koleszar-Green, Professor and Indigenous Researcher, which he and Councillor Gaertner attended on September 23, 2019.

12. By-laws

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the following by-laws be enacted:

(a) By-law Number 6203-19 Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 6000-17, as amended, respecting the lands municipally known as 14288 Yonge Street (Cedartrail Developments Inc.).

(b) By-law Number 6204-19 Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 6000-17, as amended, respecting the lands municipally known as 167, 171 and 175 Timberline Trail, to remove a Holding “(H)” symbol (Aurora (HGD) Inc.).

Carried

13. Closed Session

None

14. Confirming By-law

Moved by Councillor Gallo
Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the following confirming by-law be enacted:

By-law Number 6205-19 Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from a Council Meeting on September 24, 2019.

Carried

15. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk