



Town of Aurora Council Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Attendance

Council Members Mayor Mrakas in the Chair; Councillors Gallo, Gilliland, Humfryes, Kim, and Thompson

Members Absent Councillor Gaertner

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, Ishita Soneji, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Mrakas relinquished the chair to Councillor Kim at 7:50 p.m., during consideration of Motion (a) The Never Forgotten National Memorial, and resumed the chair at 7:51 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, be approved with the following change:

- Defer Motion (b) Councillor Gaertner, Re: Helping Urban Pollinators to the Council meeting of October 22, 2019.

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) Tracy Walter, Smart Commute Central York Re: Smart Commute Program Overview

Ms. Walter presented an overview of the Smart Commute Program including the successes, various program offerings for workplace, schools, GO station access, and benefits of the program such as reducing parking requirements, improving traffic congestion and impact on environment, and improving health and wellness. She expressed appreciation to the Town for continuing to partake in the Smart Commute Program.

**Moved by Councillor Gilliland
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

That the presentation be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

None

5. Consent Agenda

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

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

C1. Council Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2019

1. That the Council meeting minutes of September 24, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C2. Council Closed Session Minutes of September 17, 2019

1. That the Council Closed Session minutes of September 17, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C3. Council Closed Session Public Minutes of September 17, 2019

1. That the Council Closed Session Public minutes of September 17, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

Carried

6. Standing Committee Reports

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

S1. General Committee Meeting Report of October 1, 2019

1. That the General Committee meeting report of October 1, 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:

(4b) Delegation (b) – Matthew Kinsella, Re: Interim Control By-law Exemption for 126 Wells Street

1. That staff be directed to bring a report to the General Committee meeting of October 15, 2019 regarding a proposed exemption to the Interim Control By-law No. 6148-19 to permit an attached garage at 126 Wells Street.

Carried

(A1) Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2019

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 4, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

(R1) CS19-024 – Delegation to Staff of Certain Powers, Duties and Functions

Main motion

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

1. That Report No. CS19-024 be received; and
2. That a by-law that delegates powers, duties and functions to staff be enacted.

Amendment No. 1

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Kim

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

“That the item “Approve applications to remove holding symbols” (row 15), be removed from the delegated authority for Development Related Matters (Attachment 3).

Carried

Amendment No. 2

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

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

“That the phrases “Interest and penalties to not exceed \$10,000” and “Annual report to Council” be added to the column “Delegation Restrictions and Other Requirements” for delegated authority for “Write off interest and penalties added to trade account receivable balances as a result of administrative errors” (Attachment 4, row 17).”

Carried

Amendment No. 3

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

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

“That the phrases “Annual report to Council” and “No impact on tax levy and service levels” be added to the column “Delegation Restrictions and Other Requirements” for delegated authority for “Transfer funds and budget between Town Accounts, if required, to properly manage the Town’s financial affairs” (Attachment 4, row 21).”

Carried

Amendment No. 4

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

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

“That the items “Approve and execute agreements to lease or license any premises on a short term basis required for municipal purposes” (row 2) and “Approve and execute leases and licenses with government bodies, public sector organizations or not-for-profit organizations for occupancy of space in recreational facilities or Town owned lands” (row 3), be removed from the delegated authority for Real Property Matters (Attachment 6).

Carried

Main motion as amended

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

1. That Report No. CS19-024 be received; and
2. That a by-law that delegates powers, duties and functions to staff be enacted; **and**
3. **That the item “Approve applications to remove holding symbols” (row 15), be removed from the delegated authority for Development Related Matters (Attachment 3); and**
4. **That the phrases “Interest and penalties to not exceed \$10,000” and “annual report to Council” be added to the column “Delegation Restrictions and Other Requirements” for delegated authority for “Write off interest and penalties added**

to trade account receivable balances as a result of administrative errors” (Attachment 4, row 17); and

5. **That the phrases “Annual report to Council” and “No impact on tax levy and service levels” be added to the column “Delegation Restrictions and Other Requirements” for delegated authority for “Transfer funds and budget between Town Accounts, if required, to properly manage the Town’s financial affairs” (Attachment 4, row 21); and**
6. **That the items “Approve and execute agreements to lease or license any premises on a short term basis required for municipal purposes” (row 2) and “Approve and execute leases and licenses with government bodies, public sector organizations or not-for-profit organizations for occupancy of space in recreational facilities or Town owned lands” (row 3), be removed from the delegated authority for Real Property Matters (Attachment 6).**

Carried as amended

(R2) FS19-028 – 2020 to 2022 Fees and Charges Update

1. That Report No. FS19-028 be received; and
2. That a by-law be enacted to set the 2020, 2021 and 2022 Fees and Charges for applications, permits, use of Town property, the sale of documents and for the prescribed service charges for administrative matters as itemized on the attached schedules.

Carried

(R3) FS19-029 – Prudent Investor Standard for Multiple Investments

1. That Report No. FS19-029 be received; and
2. That staff undertake further due diligence to determine the best approach to move to the prudent investor standard and report back to Council with a final recommendation.

Carried

(R4) OPS19-021 – Backflow Prevention Bylaw and Request for Budget to Install Backflow Preventers

1. That Report No. OPS19-021 be received; and
2. That a by-law to repeal and replace By-law No. 5645-14 – Being a by-law to regulate cross connections and backflow prevention in private plumbing systems – be enacted at a future Council meeting; and
3. That Capital Project No. 43057 – Installation of Backflow Prevention Meters in Town Facilities be approved; and
4. That a total budget of \$125,000 be approved for Capital Project No. 43057 to be funded from the Water Reserve.

Carried

(R5) OPS19-022 – Award of Sole Source Contract to Wamco Municipal Products Inc.

**Moved by Councillor Gallo
Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

1. That Report No. OPS19-022 be received; and
2. That a sole source contract in the amount of \$750,000, excluding taxes, be approved for the supply of water meters from Wamco Municipal Products Inc. for a five (5) year period; and
3. That Director of Operations be authorized to renew the contract, at the same rate, for three (3) additional one (1)-year terms, pending an annual analysis and performance review by the Director.

Carried

(R6) PDS19-053 – Approval of Capital Project No. 81016 – Aurora Promenade Streetscape Design & Implementation

1. That Report No. PDS19-053 be received; and

2. That this report satisfies Council's conditional budget approval for Capital Project No.81016 – Aurora Promenade Streetscape Design & Implementation in the amount of \$570,000.

Carried

(R7) PDS19-084 – Proposed Amendments to the Town's Parking By-law for Industry Street and Catherine Avenue

1. That Report No. PDS19-084 be received for information.

Carried

(R8) PDS19-090 – The State of Maturity Report

1. That Report No. PDS19-090 be received for information.

Carried

7. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

None

8. Motions

(a) Mayor Mrakas

Re: The Never Forgotten National Memorial

Moved by Mayor Mrakas

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

Whereas The Town of Aurora has a proud tradition of honouring those who made the supreme sacrifice on behalf of Canada in armed conflicts across the world; and

Whereas the Never Forgotten National Memorial Foundation has been established to develop commemorative programming, exhibits and monuments at a site on Cape Breton Island as a place of remembrance and thanks for those brave individuals who lost their lives so far from home; and

Whereas the foundation is seeking the support of businesses, agencies, government organizations, and individuals across Canada to bring life to this important national memorial;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That that the Town of Aurora supports efforts to develop the Never Forgotten National Memorial.

Carried

(b) Councillor Gaertner
Re: Helping Urban Pollinators

Motion (b) was deferred to the Council meeting of October 22, 2019.

9. Regional Report

York Regional Council Highlights – September 26, 2019

Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That the Regional Report of September 26, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

10. New Business

Councillor Gilliland requested an update on concerns regarding the Highland Gate construction site, and staff provided a response noting that a walkabout of the site with the residents has been completed and concerns brought forward will be addressed with the developer.

Mayor Mrakas noted that the York Region Transit's Mobility On-Request Aurora GO pilot program was successful, and the possibility of adding more vehicles and expanding the service area will be explored in the future.

11. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Gilliland extended a reminder that Town Hall will be closed on Monday October 14, 2019, and will reopen on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 8:30 a.m., noting that further information regarding thanksgiving holiday service schedules is available at aurora.ca/thanksgiving.

Councillor Gilliland announced that the Skylight Gallery artist for October is Angela Wong with her exhibit "Touched by Enduring Memories", and the exhibit is open

Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. located on the third floor of Town Hall.

Councillor Humfryes referred to her recent visit to the Aurora Cultural Centre and provided an update on the Kaleidoscope in Schools program, noting that the Centre has secured 16 performances at various different schools around Town and approximately 50 teachers have been trained to conduct the program.

Councillor Humfryes announced that the Town is now accepting applications for the Aurora's Youth Innovation Fair which can be made at **aurora.ca/youthinnovation**.

Councillor Humfryes advised that the Town is now accepting applications for entries to Aurora's Santa Under the Stars Parade, and noted that further information is available at **aurora.ca/santaparade**.

Councillor Kim announced that the Colours of the Fall Concert will 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 Kim extended a reminder 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 Thompson announced that that Club Aurora's Wellness Seminar on Exercise and Blood Pressure will be held on Friday, October 11, 2019 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex, and more details regarding registration can be found at **aurora.ca/fitness**.

Councillor Thompson announced that the Town will be hosting Aurora's Menorah Lighting Ceremony on Sunday, December 22, 2019, and noted that interested vendors who would like to participate in this event can email to sware@aurora.ca by Thursday, October 17, 2019.

Councillor Gallo expressed his appreciation to the Aurora Soccer Club for a successful Oktoberfest Beer Festival.

Councillor Gallo announced that the Aurora Seniors' Centre would be holding its annual jewelry and craft sale on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 and Thursday, October 24, 2019 in the lounge from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Councillor Gallo announced that the Aurora Seniors' Centre would be hosting a coffee break fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Society of York Region on Thursday, October 24, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., noting that the Aurora Seniors' Association Board of Directors will match donations made on this day.

Mayor Mrakas extended a reminder that the Aurora Chambers of Commerce's Women's Summit will be held on Wednesday October 9, 2019 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., with keynote speaker Andi Petrillo providing opening remarks.

Mayor Mrakas advised that the Aurora Tigers, at its home game on Wednesday, October 23, 2019, would be hosting students from various schools around Town with opportunities to partake in various activities.

Mayor Mrakas announced that Aurora's Haunted Forest will take place on Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Sheppard's Bush, and more information regarding the event is available at aurora.ca/hauntedforest.

12. By-laws

Moved by Councillor Gilliland
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

That the following by-law be enacted:

- (a) By-law Number 6209-19** Being a By-law to amend Parking and Traffic Control By-law Number 4574-04.T, as amended, to prescribe a Maximum Rate of Speed on various highways in the Town of Aurora (John West Way).

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 6210-19 Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council
Resulting from a Council Meeting on October 8, 2019.

Carried

15. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Gallo

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk