



# Town of Aurora Council Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall  
Tuesday, October 22, 2019

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## **Attendance**

<b>Council Members</b>	Mayor Mrakas in the Chair; Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland, Humfryes, and Kim
<b>Members Absent</b>	Councillor Thompson
<b>Other Attendees</b>	Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, 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, John Firman, Manager of Business Support, Stephanie Mackenzie-Smith, Manager of Corporate Communications, Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor, Michael de Rond, Town Clerk, Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

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

Mayor Mrakas relinquished the chair to Councillor Kim at 8:15 p.m. during consideration of Motion (c) Community Planning Permit, and resumed the chair at 8:53 p.m.

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

**Moved by Councillor Humfryes**

**Seconded by Councillor Kim**

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, including the following additional item, be approved:

- Delegation (a) Debbie Fletcher-Queen, representing DRAWDOWN-Newmarket-Aurora; Re: Motion (b) Councillor Gilliland; Re: Declare Climate Emergency

**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) Debbie Fletcher-Queen, representing DRAWDOWN – Newmarket-Aurora Re: Motion (b) Councillor Gilliland; Re: Declare Climate Emergency**

Ms. Fletcher-Queen spoke in support of Councillor Gilliland's motion that the Town officially declare a climate emergency in Aurora. She noted that her organization seeks to inspire action at the local level and raise awareness of the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote energy efficiency, and reduce waste. Ms. Fletcher-Queen requested Council's urgent consideration of the motion.

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

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

**Carried**

## **5. Consent Agenda**

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

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

### **C1. Council Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2019**

1. That the Council meeting minutes of October 8, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

**C2. Council Closed Session Minutes of October 1, 2019**

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

**C3. Council Closed Session Public Minutes of October 1, 2019**

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

**C4. Council Public Planning Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2019**

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

**C5. FS19-030 – 2019 Interim Forecast Update – as at August 31, 2019**

1. That Report No. FS19-030 be received for information.

**Carried**

**6. Standing Committee Reports**

**Moved by Councillor Humfryes**

**Seconded by Councillor Gilliland**

**S1. General Committee Meeting Report of October 15, 2019**

1. That the General Committee meeting report of October 15, 2019, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items R3 and R5, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below:

**(R1) CMS19-026 – Library Square – Veil**

1. That Report No. CMS19-026 be received; and
2. That the Veil Design (Muntz Bronze) be approved and incorporated into the final design of the 22 Church Street School Addition.

**Carried**

**(R2) CS19-039 – Proposed Smoking and Vaping By-law**

1. That Report No. CS19-039 be received; and
2. That a Smoking and Vaping By-law, being a by-law to prohibit the smoking and vaping of tobacco, cannabis and non-tobacco substances in prescribed locations, be brought forward to a future Council meeting for enactment.

**Carried**

**(R3) CS19-038 – Motor Vehicle Collision Cost Recovery Program**

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

1. That Report No. CS19-038 be received for information.

**Carried**

**(R4) CAO19-003 – Community Engagement Policy Report**

1. That Report No. CAO19-003 be received; and
2. That the attached Community Engagement Policy be approved.

**Carried**

**(R5) PDS19-078 – Changes to the Proposed Provincial Policy Statement  
(2019)**

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

1. That Report No. PDS19-078 be received; and
2. That the recommendations of this report be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs Ontario as the official response from the Town of Aurora.

**Carried**

**(R6) PDS19-089 – Kitimat Crescent and Aurora Heights Public School  
Alternative Solutions to Safety Concerns**

1. That Report No. PDS19-089 – Kitimat Crescent and Aurora Heights Public School Alternative Solutions to Safety Concerns be referred back to staff for further consideration and to report back to Council at the General Committee meeting of November 5, 2019.

**Carried**

**(R7) PDS19-094 – Proposal for Interim Control By-law Exemption**

1. That Report No. PDS19-094 be received; and
2. That a by-law be presented to a future Council meeting to exempt 126 Wells Street from the Interim Control By-law.

**Carried**

**S2. Budget Committee Meeting Report – 2020 Capital Budget Review of  
October 5, 2019**

**Moved by Councillor Kim  
Seconded by Councillor Humfries**

1. That the Budget Committee Meeting Report – 2020 Capital Budget Review of October 5, 2019, be received for information.

**Carried**

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

**R1. FS19-036 – 2020 Final Capital Budget Approval Report**

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

1. That Report No. FS19-036 be received; and
2. That the Town's Strategic Asset Management Policy be received; and
3. That the 2018 Asset Management Plan be received; and

4. That the updated Ten-Year Capital Investment Plan be received; and
5. That the 2020 Capital Budget for Repair and Replacement of existing infrastructure totaling 20,013,509 as listed in Attachment 4, be approved; and
6. That the 2020 Capital Budget for Growth and New Capital totaling \$3,253,700 as listed in Attachment 5 be approved; and
7. That the 2020 Capital Budget for Studies and Other Projects totaling \$1,090,000 as listed in Attachment 6 be approved; and
8. That the funding sources for each capital project included in this report be approved as those reviewed and recommended by Budget Committee on October 5, 2019.

**Carried**

## **8. Motions**

### **(a) Councillor Gaertner**

**Re: Helping Urban Pollinators**

**Moved by Councillor Gaertner**

**Seconded by Councillor Gilliland**

Whereas all plants require pollination in order to produce seed and fruit; and

Whereas insects are the most common pollinators, especially bees and butterflies; and

Whereas their natural habitat of meadows, grasslands and rural roadside design is diminishing due to urbanization, pesticides and the increasing effects of severe weather; and

Whereas this, and in particular the plight of the monarch butterfly, has caught the attention of our youth; and

Whereas Ms. Shillolo's class from Hartman Public School, in their current investigation of the Role of Government and Responsible Citizenship, is using

the plight of the Monarch as an example of how citizens could work with their municipal government to make a difference; and

Whereas they have asked our Council to help make a welcoming garden “filled with milkweed and flowers”; and

Whereas this would be an wonderful example of political/public co-operation and environmental protection;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to locate a space for this dedicated garden; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the children be involved by the providing staff with their research from this education unit.

**Carried**

**(b) Councillor Gilliland**  
**Re: Declare Climate Emergency**

**Moved by Councillor Gilliland**  
**Seconded by Councillor Humfries**

Whereas at least 457 Canadian municipalities have declared a "climate emergency"—in Ontario this includes Kingston, Hamilton, Ottawa, Burlington, Halton Hills, Greater Sudbury, St. Catharines, London, Vaughan, Prince Edward County, King, and Toronto; and

Whereas all of the cities who have declared climate change a state of emergency have established a goal of reducing Greenhouse Gases (GHG) by 80 per cent by 2050, per the Paris Accord; and

Whereas there is an urgent need to have a transformative action plan to reduce GHG to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees to avoid catastrophic climate change; and

Whereas climate change is currently affecting human habitats through rising sea levels and other extreme weather patterns; such as, hurricanes, intense heatwaves, frigid temperatures, ice storms, drought and flooding; and

Whereas climate change is currently threatening the survival of many species and other natural environments worldwide, stressing local and worldwide eco systems; and

Whereas climate change has a direct result of billions of dollars in property damage worldwide, negatively affecting local and global economies; and

Whereas local governments around the world have recognized the extreme emergency that climate change embodies and have expedited their own actions, and have called on provincial and national governments to strengthen action on climate change; and

Whereas the solutions for reducing GHG provides other positive impacts on health, social inequity and economy;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora officially “declare a climate emergency” for the purposes of naming and deepening our commitment to protecting our eco systems by identifying key criteria to help reduce our carbon footprint and protect our community from the impacts of climate change; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That staff be directed to prioritize the process of creating a Climate Action Plan, once the Region releases its climate action plan report, for the Town of Aurora focused on reducing emissions and adaptation at the community level; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That staff be directed to look for opportunities for economic growth, stimulation in the low-carbon economy, and cost benefits for all who consume energy; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That staff be directed to refer to other municipal and global initiatives and forums such as Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy and report to Council with more information; and
5. Be It Further Resolved That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

**Carried**

**(c) Mayor Mrakas**  
**Re: Community Planning Permit**

Council consented to vote on the first and second operative clauses of the main motion as amended separately.

**Main motion**  
**Moved by Mayor Mrakas**  
**Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

Whereas the Province, in its revisions to the *Planning Act* through Bill 108, has provided by means for a new development approval framework, the Community Planning Permit (CPP) by-law, which combines three existing planning approvals such as zoning, site plan, and minor variances into one application submission and approval process; and

Whereas the role of the Community Planning Permit is to prescribe development standards and criteria for an area that are in keeping with the desires and expectations of the community; and

Whereas a Community Planning Permit provides greater certainty about how an area should see change through development while limiting amendments to the CPP by-law for five years; and

Whereas a CPP by-law contains provisions that regulate the use, size, height, lot coverage, and location of buildings on properties similar to a Zoning By-law; and

Whereas Community Planning Permit is a land use planning tool available to municipalities that is meant to streamline development approvals and promote collaborative and predictable community building and implement growth objectives; and

Whereas the downtown core has been identified as a significant area in the Town through the development of the Aurora Promenade plan;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to amend the Aurora Official Plan to identify the Promenade Area as a proposed Community Planning Permit area as part of the Official Plan Review; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That staff be directed to develop a by-law establishing a Community Planning Permit for the Promenade area for enactment and identifying the necessary resources required to implement a Community Planning Permit in a future report to Council.

**Amendment**

**Moved by Councillor Gilliland**

**Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

That the wording in the second operative clause of the motion be changed from “for enactment” to “for consideration of enactment”.

**Carried**

**Main motion as amended (1<sup>st</sup> operative clause)**

**Moved by Mayor Mrakas**

**Seconded by Councillor Humfries**

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to amend the Aurora Official Plan to identify the Promenade Area as a proposed Community Planning Permit area as part of the Official Plan Review; and

**Carried as amended**

**Main motion as amended (2<sup>nd</sup> operative clause)**

**Moved by Mayor Mrakas**

**Seconded by Councillor Humfries**

2. Be It Further Resolved That staff be directed to develop a by-law establishing a Community Planning Permit for the Promenade area for **consideration of** enactment and identifying the necessary resources required to implement a Community Planning Permit in a future report to Council.

**Carried as amended**

## **9. Regional Report**

None

## 10. New Business

Councillor Gallo requested a motion to be reinstated as a member of the Joint Council Committee and Financial Advisory Committee.

### **New Business Motion No. 1**

**Moved by Councillor Gallo**  
**Seconded by Councillor Gilliland**

That the Procedure By-law requirement for a Notice of Motion to introduce a Motion to Reconsider be waived.

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

### **New Business Motion No. 2**

**Moved by Councillor Gallo**  
**Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

That the June 25, 2019 motion regarding Council appointments to the Joint Council Committee and Finance Advisory Committee be reconsidered.

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

### **New Business Motion No. 3**

**Moved by Councillor Gallo**  
**Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

1. That Councillor Thompson be removed from the Joint Council Committee;  
and
2. That Councillor Gallo be appointed to the Joint Council Committee.

**Carried**

### **New Business Motion No. 4**

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

1. That Councillor Kim be removed from the Financial Advisory Committee;  
and

2. That Councillor Gallo be appointed to the Financial Advisory Committee.

**Carried**

Mayor Mrakas and Councillor Gallo expressed appreciation to Councillors Thompson and Kim for standing in for Councillor Gallo when needed.

Councillor Gallo inquired about plans to establish a committee as part of the Official Plan Review process and opportunities for Council's participation. Staff provided a response noting that Council members would be invited to join the intended Official Plan Review steering committee.

Councillor Gaertner referred to resident complaints about not receiving notification of the Tamarac Park design changes and inquired about the notice process. Staff provided a response regarding the consultation/notice process and suggested that area residents could be notified about the changes and final design of the Park.

#### **New Business Motion No. 5**

**Moved by Councillor Gaertner**

**Seconded by Councillor Gallo**

1. That a notification be sent to area residents to advise of changes to the Tamarac Park design for their information.

**Carried**

Mayor Mrakas inquired about the timeline of the appeal involving fifteen heritage properties on Yonge Street, and staff provided a response.

Mayor Mrakas inquired about the appeal involving Metropolitan Square Inc., at Wellington Street East and Industrial Parkway North, and staff provided a response.

## **11. Public Service Announcements**

Councillor Gilliland announced that an unsupervised quiet room, to provide relief for children and adults that may need a sensory break, would be available at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex in Program Room B during Aurora's Haunted Forest event this month.

Councillor Gilliland announced that Aurora's Haunted Forest will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2019, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Sheppard's Bush, and more information can be found at [aurora.ca/hauntedforest](http://aurora.ca/hauntedforest).

Councillor Humfries noted that the Town is reviewing its electoral system through an independent team of consultants who are seeking resident input regarding the design of a ward system, and an online survey will remain open until October 28, 2019, at [surveymonkey.com/r/aesr](https://surveymonkey.com/r/aesr).

Councillor Kim advised that the Town is now accepting applications for entries to Aurora's Santa Under the Stars Parade, and further details are available at [aurora.ca/santaparade](http://aurora.ca/santaparade).

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

Councillor Gaertner expressed appreciation to Town staff for another successful Colours of Fall Concert, which was held on October 10, 2019, and included a tribute to Gordon Lightfoot.

Councillor Gaertner extended congratulations to the 140 Aurora Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron—founded by retired Lt. Col. Ferguson Mobbs—on their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Councillor Gaertner announced that the Aurora Seniors' Centre will be hosting a coffee break fundraiser for the Alzheimer Society of York Region from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, October 24, 2019.

Councillor Gallo advised that the Town's Community Services, and By-law and Animal Services, will be closed on Friday, October 25 and Monday, October 28, 2019, while their offices are relocated from Town Hall to the Joint Operations Centre at 229 Industrial Parkway North.

Mayor Mrakas announced that Aurora's Youth Innovation Fair will return on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex, noting that the Town is looking for creative and innovative youth to participate and those interested can apply at [aurora.ca/youthinnovation](http://aurora.ca/youthinnovation).

Mayor Mrakas announced that the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Aurora Prayer Breakfast will be held at 7 a.m. on Thursday, October 24, 2019.

Mayor Mrakas announced that the Sport Aurora Mayor's Breakfast of Champions 2019 will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 26, 2019.

Mayor Mrakas announced that the annual Hillary House Ball will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 26, 2019.

Mayor Mrakas advised that the last market day for the Aurora Farmers' Market and Artisan Fair is Saturday, October 26, 2019, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Town Park.

## 12. By-laws

Council consented to vote on By-laws (a) and (b) separately from By-law (c).

**Moved by Councillor Kim**

**Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

That the following by-laws be enacted:

**(a) By-law Number 6221-19** Being a By-law to define the delegation policies and procedures for The Corporation of the Town of Aurora.

**(b) By-law Number 6222-19** Being a By-law to regulate cross connections and backflow prevention in private plumbing systems as required to protect the Town of Aurora drinking water system from contamination.

**Carried**

**Moved by Councillor Kim**

**Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

That the following by-law be enacted:

**(c) By-law Number 6223-19** Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 6048-18, as amended, to impose interim controls on the use of land, buildings, or structures within certain areas of the Town of Aurora.

**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 6224-19** Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council  
Resulting from a Council Meeting on October 22, 2019.

**Carried**

### **15. Adjournment**

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

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

**Carried**

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**Tom Mrakas, Mayor**

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**Michael de Rond, Town Clerk**