



# Town of Aurora Council Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall  
Tuesday, November 26, 2019

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## **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, Michael de Rond, Town Clerk, Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

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

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

**Moved by Councillor Thompson**

**Seconded by Councillor Gallo**

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

- Delegation (a) Suzanne Lytle, Resident; Re: Motion (a) Councillor Kim; Re: Capital Project – Sidewalk Construction on Kitimat Crescent

**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) Roy Cohen, representing Aurora FC**

#### **Re: Presentation of Community Partner Award**

Mr. Cohen, President of Aurora Youth Soccer Club and Aurora Football Club, recognized the Town's assistance in rebuilding the financial stability of the Clubs, and expressed gratitude to Council and Town staff, especially John Firman, Manager of Business Support. He presented the Town with an Award of Merit and Community Partner, which was accepted by the Mayor and Mr. Firman.

**Moved by Councillor Gilliland**

**Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

That the presentation be received for information.

**Carried**

## **4. Delegations**

### **(a) Suzanne Lytle, Resident**

#### **Re: Motion (a) Councillor Kim; Re: Capital Project – Sidewalk Construction on Kitimat Crescent**

Ms. Lytle, resident and crossing guard positioned at Kitimat Crescent and Tecumseh Drive, expressed support for Councillor Kim's motion and emphasized the safety concerns in the area.

**Moved by Councillor Thompson**

**Seconded by Councillor Kim**

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

**Carried**

## **5. Consent Agenda**

**Moved by Councillor Gilliland  
Seconded by Councillor Kim**

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

### **C1. Council Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2019**

1. That the Council meeting minutes of November 12, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

### **C2. Council Closed Session Minutes of November 5, 2019**

1. That the Council Closed Session minutes of November 5, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

### **C3. Council Closed Session Public Minutes of November 5, 2019**

1. That the Council Closed Session Public minutes of November 5, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

### **C4. Council Closed Session Minutes of November 12, 2019**

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### **C5. Council Closed Session Public Minutes of November 12, 2019**

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**Carried**

## **6. Standing Committee Reports**

**Moved by Councillor Gilliland  
Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

### **S1. General Committee Meeting Report of November 19, 2019**

1. That the General Committee meeting report of November 19, 2019, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved,

with the exception of sub-item R2, which was discussed and voted on separately as recorded below:

**(C1) FS19-034 – Q3 2019 Sole/Single Source Report**

1. That Report No. FS19-034 be received for information.

**Carried**

**(A1) Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2019**

1. That the Community Advisory Committee meeting minutes of October 10, 2019, be received for information.

**Carried**

**(A2) Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2019**

1. That the Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee meeting minutes of November 4, 2019, be received for information.

**Carried**

**(A3) Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2019**

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

**Carried**

**(R1) CS19-035 – Technology Strategic Plan**

1. That Report No. CS19-035 be received; and
2. That the Technology Strategic Plan be endorsed and included in the 2020 to 2022 three-year Operating Budget for final approval of funding; and
3. That this report satisfies Council's conditional budget approval for the following Capital Projects related to the Technology Strategic Plan:

- (a) Capital Project No. 14075 – Business Process Automation and Data Integration; and
- (b) Capital Project No. 13023 – Access Aurora Telephony Project; and
- (c) Capital Project No. 14076 – Digital Education Program; and
- (d) Capital Project No. 14073 – Information Technology Strategic Plan Implementation.

**Carried**

**(R2) CS19-037 – Procedure By-law Review**

**Main motion**

**Moved by Councillor Kim**

**Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

1. That Report No. CS19-037 be received; and
2. That the proposed addition of New Business section 36. a) iv) regarding a three-minute speaking restriction for Council members, unless the consent of Council is granted, be removed; and
3. That the proposed addition of Delegations at Public Planning Meetings sections 32. d) ii) regarding a maximum of two rounds of speaking per item, and iii) regarding staff's response to queries, be removed; and
4. That the proposed Procedure By-law (Attachment No. 1), as amended, be presented at the December 10, 2019 Council meeting for enactment effective as of January 1, 2020; and
5. That the 2020 Meeting Schedule (Attachment No. 2) be approved.

**Amendment No. 1**

**Moved by Councillor Thompson**

**Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

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

That section 29 regarding Open Forum be removed.

**Carried**

**Amendment No. 2**

**Moved by Councillor Gilliland**

**Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

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

That the Delegations at Meetings of Council and General Committee section 32. a) ii) be revised to reflect that the deadline for submitting a delegation request form to appear before General Committee shall be no later than 9 a.m. on the day of the scheduled meeting.

**Carried**

**Main motion as amended**

**Moved by Councillor Kim**

**Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

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2. That the proposed addition of New Business section 36. a) iv) regarding a three-minute speaking restriction for Council members, unless the consent of Council is granted, be removed; and
3. That the proposed addition of Delegations at Public Planning Meetings sections 32. d) ii) regarding a maximum of two rounds of speaking per item, and iii) regarding staff's response to queries, be removed; and
4. **That section 29 regarding Open Forum be removed; and**
5. **That the Delegations at Meetings of Council and General Committee section 32. a) ii) be revised to indicate that the deadline for submitting a delegation request form to appear before General Committee shall be no later than 9 a.m. on the day of the scheduled meeting; and**
6. That the proposed Procedure By-law (Attachment No. 1), as amended, be presented at the December 10, 2019 Council meeting for enactment effective as of January 1, 2020; and
7. That the 2020 Meeting Schedule (Attachment No. 2) be approved.

**Carried as amended**

**(R3) FS19-033 – Prudent Investor Option Analysis**

1. That Report No. FS19-033 be received; and
2. That staff be directed to work with ONE Investment to bring information to the Financial Advisory Committee relating to the implementation of a Prudent Investor regime, including any Investment Policy Statement and agreement requirements associated with the establishment of a Joint Investment Board for its review and comment; and
3. That staff be directed to bring any resultant recommendations to Council for consideration.

**Carried**

**(R4) CMS19-027 – Aurora Museum & Archives Museum Plan Status Report**

1. That Report No. CMS19-027 be received for information.

**Carried**

**(R5) FS19-038 – 2019 Year-End Surplus/Deficit Financial Control By-law**

1. That Report No. FS19-038 be received; and
2. That a by-law be enacted to authorize the Treasurer and the Chief Administrative Officer to make the following year-end financial adjustments:
  - (a) To allocate any 2019 Operating Fund surplus or deficit as set out in Report No. FS19-038; and
  - (b) To allocate any 2019 surplus or alternatively fund any deficit in the Water, Wastewater, or Stormwater budgets to or from the appropriate related reserve accounts; and
3. That the Treasurer and Chief Administrative Officer report to Council after the year-end surplus/deficit control adjustments and allocations have been completed.

**Carried**

**(R6) PDS19-026 – Proposed Site Alteration By-law**

1. That Report No. PDS19-026 be received; and
2. That the Site Alteration By-law be enacted at a future Council meeting; and
3. That Schedule 'B' of the 2020 Fees and Charges By-law be amended to replace the Topsoil Preservation Permit fee with a Site Alteration Permit fee and a Site Alteration Permit Renewal fee at the first opportunity to do so upon approval of the Site Alteration By-law.

**Carried**

**(R7) PDS19-099 – Mitigation Tactics to Prevent Illegal Demolition of Listed Heritage Buildings**

1. That Report No. PDS19-099 be received; and
2. That an amendment to Fee By-law Number 6147-19 be presented to Council to allow the Building Division to collect a deposit in the amount of \$10,000 when an owner applies for a demolition permit for a listed heritage property; and
3. That the deposit only be returned to the owner after the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act* have been completed in respect of the proposed demolition.

**Carried**

**(R8) CMS19-029 – Aurora's Community Recognition Awards**

1. That Report No. CMS19-029 be received; and
2. That the addition of a Senior Volunteer Award be approved as part of Aurora's Community Recognition Awards program.

**Carried**

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

None

## 8. Motions

### (a) Councillor Kim

#### Re: Capital Project – Sidewalk Construction on Kitimat Crescent

Council consented to consider Motion (a) prior to consideration of Item S1(R2).

#### Moved by Councillor Kim

#### Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

Whereas the Town of Aurora's Policy supports sidewalk construction where gaps exist and Ontario Legislation requires municipalities to remove barriers to accessibility; and

Whereas sidewalks are essential infrastructure that offer a protected, dedicated space for all pedestrians, especially the most vulnerable, and when visibility is poor (e.g., weather-related events, darkness); and

Whereas the Town has implemented the "Active and Safe Routes to School Program" in 2013;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Capital Project No. XXXXX – Sidewalk Construction on Kitimat Crescent be approved; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That a total budget of \$100,000 from the 2020 Capital Budget be approved for Capital Project No. XXXXX to be funded from the Roads Repair and Replacement reserve; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That the sidewalk be completed in time for the 2020/2021 school year.

**Carried**

## 9. Regional Report

None

## 10. New Business

Councillor Gallo referred to section 32. a) iv) of the Procedure By-law and inquired about the process related to delegates requesting specific financial assistance, and the Mayor and staff provided clarification.

## 11. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Gallo extended well-wishes to Councillor Gaertner and her family.

Councillor Gallo announced that Aurora's Menorah Lighting Ceremony, in partnership with Chabad Aurora, will be held at Town Hall on Sunday, December 22, 2019, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and more information can be found at [aurora.ca/menorahlighting](http://aurora.ca/menorahlighting).

Councillor Thompson extended a reminder that Aurora's Christmas Market will be held at Town Hall from Friday, November 29 to Sunday, December 1, 2019, along with the Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m., and more details can be found at [aurora.ca/christmasmarket](http://aurora.ca/christmasmarket).

Councillor Kim extended a reminder that registration is open for the Town's winter recreation programs and registration for the winter aquatics programs is open on December 2, 2019, noting that the program guide can be picked up at Town recreation facilities or viewed online at [aurora.ca/recguide](http://aurora.ca/recguide).

Councillor Kim announced that registration is open for Winterfest Camp on December 23, 27, and 30, 2019, and January 2-3, 2020, and more information is available at [aurora.ca/campprograms](http://aurora.ca/campprograms).

Councillor Humfries announced that the Town's winter parking restrictions are now in effect with street parking prohibited between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., and details on winter overnight parking, including real-time information on street snow plowing, is available at [aurora.ca/snow](http://aurora.ca/snow).

Councillor Gilliland announced that Aurora's By-law Services has partnered with York Regional Police for Aurora's annual Toys for Tickets campaign, noting that anyone who has received a parking ticket in Aurora between November 12 and December 13, 2019, can pay their fine by donating a comparably-valued new, unwrapped child's toy and/or non-perishable food items, and more information is available at [aurora.ca/toysfortickets](http://aurora.ca/toysfortickets).

Mayor Mrakas announced that, at the Council Closed Session of November 12, 2019, Council appointed seven members to the newly established Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee to oversee distribution of a community initiatives fund generated from the annual Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic. He noted that the Committee includes representatives from service clubs and community organizations who provide a variety of services to those in need within the Town, and congratulated the following Committee members: Barb Allan, Wendy Browne, Rosalyn Gonsalves, Nancy Harrison, Koula Koliviras, Heidi Schellhorn, and Beverley Wood.

Mayor Mrakas advised of his meeting and discussions with Premier Doug Ford in Toronto on November 21, 2019, and noted that the Premier and Deputy Premier Christine Elliott plan to visit Aurora in future and look forward to having a tour of Library Square and the Armoury.

## **12. By-laws**

None

## **13. Closed Session**

None

## **14. Confirming By-law**

**Moved by Councillor Kim**

**Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

That the following confirming by-law be enacted:

**By-law Number 6223-19** Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council  
Resulting from a Council Meeting on November 26, 2019.

**Carried**

## **15. Adjournment**

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

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**Carried**

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**Tom Mrakas, Mayor**

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**Michael de Rond, Town Clerk**