



Town of Aurora
General Committee Meeting Report

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Attendance

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

Members Absent None

Other Attendees Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services, Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services, Jason Gaertner, Acting Director of Financial Services, Allan Downey, Director of Operational Services, Anca Mihail, Manager of Engineering, 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 7:10 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

General Committee approved the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, with the following changes:

- Withdrawn: Delegation (a) Leslie Jennings, Resident; Re: Item R1 – PDS19-001 – Sidewalk Construction on Kitimat Crescent
- Withdrawn: Item R4 – OPS19-005 – Approval of Capital Project No. 71103 and 34420 (“Wide Area Mower”)

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

None

5. Consent Agenda

None

6. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

General Committee recommends:

That the Advisory Committee meeting minutes, Item A1, be received for information:

A1. Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2019

1. That the Finance Advisory Committee meeting minutes of January 30, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

7. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

R1. PDS19-001 – Sidewalk Construction on Kitimat Crescent

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS19-001 be received; and
2. **That staff report back on alternative solutions to safety concerns around the Kitimat Crescent area and identify alternative pick-up and drop-off zones for Aurora Heights Public School.**

Carried as amended

**R2. OPS19-004 – Winter Maintenance Report No. 2 Future Roads
Maintenance Operations**

Mr. Downey presented an overview of the roads maintenance operations including current operational issues, the pros and cons of contracted service providers vs. in-house delivery of winter maintenance services, and provided details on key considerations when determining contracts for winter road maintenance. It was mentioned that the terms and conditions in the current winter sidewalk maintenance contracts require revision. A video highlighting a day in the life with Operational Services was presented.

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. OPS19-004 be received; and
2. That the recommendations associated with future Winter Roads and Sidewalk Maintenance Operations as outlined in the Financial Impact Table, be approved in principle; and
3. That each recommendation having a financial impact as outlined in the Financial Impact Table be presented in the applicable year capital and/or operating Budgets for final consideration and approval.

Carried

R3. FS19-009 – Development Charges By-law Approval

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. FS19-009 be received; and
2. That the Development Charges Background Study report presented at the Special Meeting of Council held on March 19, 2019, be adopted; and

3. That Council directs staff to report back regarding any comments received from the preceding public meeting, if necessary; and
4. That Council confirms that it intends to ensure:
 - a) that the increase in the need for services attributable to the anticipated development will be met, subject to sufficient development charge revenues being generated and other Town affordability criteria being met; and
 - b) that the future excess capacity identified in the Development Charges Background Study for the Town of Aurora shall be paid for by the development charges or other similar charges; and
5. That Council adopts the capital forecasts prepared in conjunction with the Development Charges Background Study for the Town of Aurora subject to each project or undertaking set out therein being subject to annual operating and capital budget approval processes of the corporation; and
6. That the Town continue the development charge approach to calculate the charges on a uniform Town-wide basis for all services; and
7. That the proposed by-law included with the Development Charges Background Study, as amended, being a by-law for the imposition of development charges, be enacted March 26, 2019, which also repeals By-law No. 5585-14, the predecessor by-law.

Carried

R5. PDS19-004 – Stop Control Removal at Corbett Crescent and Cossar Drive

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS19-004 be received; and
2. That the stop sign, stop line, and crosswalk lines on Corbett Crescent at Cossar Drive be removed; and

3. That a by-law to amend By-law No. 4574-04.T be enacted at a future Council Meeting.

Carried

R6. PDS19-016 – Appointments to the Aurora Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) Board of Directors

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS19-016 be received; and
2. That Council appoint the Mayor and Councillors Humfryes and Thompson to the Aurora Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) Board of Directors; and
3. That Council appoint the following seven (7) citizen members of the Aurora Economic Development Working Group (AEDCWG) to the Aurora Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) Board of Directors:
 - Vern Cunningham
 - Richard Gong
 - Tim Hammill
 - Marilee Harris
 - Steve Hinder
 - Mae Khamissa
 - Craig Youdale.

Carried

R7. PDS19-019 – Heritage Permit Application, 22 Church Street, File: HPA-19-03

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS19-019 be received; and
2. That the following recommendations be approved:

- a) That Heritage Permit Application HPA-19-03 be approved to permit the addition to the subject property as shown on the submitted plans; and
- b) That the property owner photo document any original construction revealed during the proposed addition to the property; and
- c) That Planning Staff continue to liaise with the Ontario Heritage Trust and ensure the addition remains sympathetic of the heritage resource through all phases of the development.

Carried

8. Notices of Motion

None

9. New Business

Councillor Gilliland inquired about the status of the March 6, 2019 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes, and staff provided a response noting that the minutes would be circulated to the members upon review from the Committee Chair and staff liaison.

Mayor Mrakas requested staff to investigate continuous dumping occurring at the intersection of Kennedy Street West and Murray Drive, and staff agreed to look into the matter. The Mayor recognized Tammy Lachance, Aurora resident, who voluntarily cleaned the area.

Councillor Thompson referred to the Provincial Government seeking comments from Ontario residents on the Regional Government Review and requested staff to make the information available on the Town's website for Aurora residents.

10. Closed Session

None

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.