



Town of Aurora Council Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Attendance

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

Members Absent Councillor Gilliland

Other Attendees David Waters, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Planning and Development Services, 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, 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 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

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

- Item R1 – CMS20-004 – Additional Information Supporting Outdoor Sport Field Development Strategy

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) Brian North and John Hartman, Consultants for Southlake Foundation Re: 2020 Run for Southlake

Mr. North presented an update on the services and achievements of the Southlake Regional Health Centre, noting that the Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake event helps to fund the tools and equipment needed to serve a growing community. He invited the residents of Aurora to register and raise funds for the event being held on Sunday, April 26, 2020, and extended a further challenge to Mayor Mrakas and Council members to help raise funds for the hospital and keep the Mayor's Challenge Cup in Aurora.

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

That the presentation be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

(a) Javed S. Khan, Director, Community Relations, and Ron Weese, Past President, Sport Aurora Re: General Committee Item R1 – CMS20-001 – Outdoor Field Development Strategy

On a motion of Councillor Gallo seconded by Councillor Thompson, Council consented to allow the delegation additional time as required.

Mr. Khan and Mr. Weese referred to a white paper report—that was shared with Council and staff in advance—representing the collective views of Sport Aurora and local sport organizations who gave input on the proposed outdoor field development strategy, and highlighted the concerns regarding data

verification, trends, capacity, and inclusion. They requested that the 17 recommendations offered in the report be considered by Council and staff.

Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Item S1(R1).
Carried

5. Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Gallo
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

That the following Consent Agenda items, C1 to C11 inclusive, be approved:

C1. Council Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2019

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

C2. Special Meeting of Council Minutes of December 17, 2019

1. That the Special Meeting of Council minutes of December 17, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C3. Council Closed Session Minutes of December 3, 2019

1. That the Council Closed Session minutes of December 3, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C4. Council Closed Session Public Minutes of December 3, 2019

1. That the Council Closed Session Public minutes of December 3, 2019, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C5. Council Closed Session Minutes of December 10, 2019

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C6. Council Closed Session Public Minutes of December 10, 2019

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C7. Council Closed Session Minutes of December 17, 2019

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

C8. Council Closed Session Public Minutes of December 17, 2019

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

C9. Council Closed Session Minutes of January 14, 2020

1. That the Council Closed Session minutes of January 14, 2020, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C10. Council Closed Session Public Minutes of January 14, 2020

1. That the Council Closed Session Public minutes of January 14, 2020, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C11. Memorandum from Councillor Gaertner

**Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting
Highlights of September 27 and November 8, 2019**

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of September 27 and November 8, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

6. Standing Committee Reports

Council consented to consider sub-item S1(R3) prior to consideration of sub-item S1(R1).

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Kim

S1. General Committee Meeting Report of January 14, 2020

1. That the General Committee meeting report of January 14, 2020, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items R1 and R3, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below:

(A1) Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2019

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of December 9, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

(A2) Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2019

1. That the Finance Advisory Committee meeting minutes of December 18, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

(A3) Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2019

1. That the Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee meeting minutes of December 5, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

**(R1) CMS20-001 – Outdoor Field Development Strategy
and**

**R1. CMS20-004 – Additional Information Supporting Outdoor Sport
Field Development Strategy**

Council consented to consider sub-item S1(R1) together with item R1 from Section 7, Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda).

**Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Kim**

1. That Report No. CMS20-001 and Report No. CMS20-004 be received; and
2. That the recommendations from Monteith Brown Planning Consultants' Sports Field Development Strategy be endorsed in principle, subject to Council approval of budgetary implications.

Carried

(R2) OPS19-019 – Hallmark Baseball Diamonds – Additional Funding

1. That Report No. OPS19-019 be referred back to staff for more information regarding an indoor baseball training facility on the Hallmark lands.

Carried

(R3) PDS20-002 – Stream Management Master Plan and Flood Relief Study

**Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by Councillor Humfries**

1. That Report No. PDS20-002 be received; and
2. That the Stream Management Master Plan and Flood Relief Study dated September 30, 2019, be endorsed in principle, subject to budget approval for the erosion and flood mitigation projects listed herein; and
3. That Project No. E-3 Wellington Street West be included in the 2-10 year implementation plan and staff be directed to report back with the financial implications; and
4. That Project No. F-7 Machell Park be included in the 2-10 year implementation plan and staff be directed to report back with the financial implications.

Carried

(R4) PDS20-001 – Development Planning Fees and Charges Update

1. That Report No. PDS20-001 be received; and
2. That the recommended updates to the Town's Development Planning Fees and Charges be endorsed in principle, subject to consultation with the development industry and the public; and
3. That staff be authorized to proceed with consultation with the development industry and the public to obtain input on proposed updates to the Town's Development Planning Fees and Charges.

Carried

(R5) PDS20-008 – Application for Site Plan Approval

**Dormer Hill Inc., 14029 Yonge Street, File Number:
SP-2018-01, Related File Numbers: OPA-2017-02,
ZBA-2017-01, SUB-2017-01 and CDM-2017-01**

1. That Report No. PDS20-008 be received; and
2. That Site Plan Application File SP-2018-01 (Dormer Hill Inc.) to permit the development of 27 single-detached dwellings on 27 single-detached lots be approved in principle, subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) Execution of the outstanding subdivision agreement for 19T-17A071 (SUB-2017-01); and
 - (b) Resolution of all outstanding comments from internal department and divisions as described herein, to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Development Services; and
 - (c) Resolution of all outstanding comments from external agencies including The Regional Municipality of York and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Development Services; and
 - (d) Execution of a site plan agreement; and

3. That, in accordance with By-law No. 6212-19, the Town's Director of Planning and Development Services be authorized to execute the Site Plan Agreement, including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same.

Carried

(R6) Memorandum from Mayor Mrakas

Re: Appointment to the Community Advisory Committee

1. That the memorandum regarding Appointment to the Community Advisory Committee be received; and
2. That the Terms of Reference for the Community Advisory Committee be amended to include two representatives from Council; and
3. That Councillor Harold Kim be appointed to the Community Advisory Committee.

Carried

(New Business) Motion No. 1

Re: Delegation (c) Trevor Hall and Krista Hall, Residents; Re: 94 Connaught Avenue (Exemption from Interim Control By-law)

1. That staff be directed to bring a report to a future General Committee meeting regarding a proposed exemption to Interim Control By-law No. 6148-19, as amended, to permit the construction of a second-storey addition to the existing single-storey dwelling at 94 Connaught Avenue.

Carried

7. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

R1. CMS20-004 – Additional Information Supporting Outdoor Sport Field Development Strategy

Council consented to consider item R1 together with sub-item S1(R1) under Section 6, Standing Committee Reports.

8. Motions

(a) Councillor Kim

Re: Workplace Diversity and Inclusion Strategy

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

Whereas diversity has always been an important characteristic in Canada's history and today Canada is one of the most diverse countries of the world; and

Whereas one-fifth of Canada's population was born outside Canada and represents the highest foreign-born proportion of the population in the G7 countries; and

Whereas immigration accounts for two-thirds of Canada's population growth and by 2031 one-third of the population are expected to be visible minorities, and in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) itself more than 50% are currently considered in this group; and

Whereas, depending on which source is referenced, 5%-13% of the population identifies themselves as LGBTQ; and

Whereas the indigenous population is growing naturally at a rate four times that of the non-indigenous population; and

Whereas one in seven people consider themselves as having a disability and approximately 26% of these people classify themselves as having a severe disability; and

Whereas women are still challenged in equitable representation in the senior ranks and on public company boards; and

Whereas the most successful organizations in the world recognize that diversity and inclusion: 1) spur innovation; 2) increase productivity; and 3) create a healthy, respectful workplace; and

Whereas public organizations embrace opportunities to foster a more inclusive organizational culture that engage, develop and celebrate its people, and attract a diverse workforce; and

Whereas employees of the Town of Aurora and indeed other York Region municipalities come from all over the GTA and not just from the home community; and

Whereas, based on the 2016 Census, 22.3% of the Canadian population are visible minorities and the federal government employment of visible minorities makes up 15.7%; and 29.3% of Ontarians are visible minorities and the provincial government employment of visible minorities makes up 22.6%;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff investigate municipal Workplace Diversity and Inclusion Strategies and Work Plans as well as other similar strategies across Ontario (public, private and non-for-profit organizations) and report to Council on the state of diversity and inclusion in the Town of Aurora and any current initiatives underway; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That staff in its report provide recommendations on how to enhance the Town's current workplace diversity and inclusion strategy; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That this motion be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario and all York Region municipalities for their consideration.

Carried

(b) Councillor Kim

Re: Tennis Court Permitting

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

Whereas tennis is a fast-growing sport; and

Whereas the last Parks and Recreation Master Plan called for 14 courts by 2021 and we currently have 15 courts, and staff believe that we will likely need to update the numbers to update the projected population; and

Whereas the Town has generated minimum permit revenues over the last three years: \$334 in 2019, \$943 in 2018, and \$936 in 2017; and

Whereas residents have experienced going to our public courts and being denied by "tennis instructors" who claim they have a permit but are unwilling to

disclose the permit (as no permit was in fact issued in those instances) and creating an adversarial environment, and many of these instructors and students are not from Aurora; and

Whereas, based on Town permit records, there have not been any individual permit requests from residents for recreational play in the past three years; all permit requests have come from various tennis instructors, the Aurora Tennis Club, and public schools;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff investigate a tennis usage strategy not limited to:
 - (a) Allowing no permits;
 - (b) Limited permits to certain entities;
 - (c) Limiting permits to certain tennis facility;
 - (d) Limiting permits to certain times;
 - (e) Creating signs on every Town tennis court facility that will create clarity on order of play and overall fairness to the public; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That staff recommendations come back to Council by the February cycle in order to implement for the 2020 tennis season.

Carried

9. Regional Report

York Regional Council Highlights – December 19, 2019

Moved by Councillor Humfries

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the Regional Report of December 19, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

10. New Business

Councillor Gallo inquired about Town communications regarding the recent novel coronavirus outbreak. Mayor Mrakas noted that York Region has advised that the health risk for York Region residents remains very low and any further updates would be disseminated through the Mayor's office.

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the Town's enforcement of the three-bag garbage limit, and staff provided a response noting that an update report to Council is forthcoming.

11. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Humfries announced that the 2020 Winter Recreation Program is open for residents and further information can be found at aurora.ca/recguide.

Councillor Humfries announced that Aurora's Arctic Adventure will be held on Monday, February 17, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Town Park and more information is available at aurora.ca/arcticadventure.

Councillor Kim advised that the Mayor's Celebration of Youth Arts will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Brevik Hall at the Aurora Cultural Centre, and more information can be found at auroraculturalcentre.ca.

Councillor Gaertner extended a reminder that winter overnight parking restrictions are in effect until April 15, 2020, and more information regarding parking and snow plowing can be found at aurora.ca/snow.

Councillor Gaertner expressed appreciation to the residents who have offered their condolences on the passing of her husband.

Councillor Thompson announced that the Annual Mayor's Luncheon hosted by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, at the Royal Venetian, and tickets can be purchased at aurorachamber.on.ca.

Councillor Gallo advised that skate times at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex will be cancelled on Friday, January 31 and Saturday, February 1, and regular scheduled skate times will resume on Sunday, February 2, 2020.

Mayor Mrakas announced that the Town is accepting applications until May 1, 2020, for the John West Memorial "Leaders of Tomorrow" Scholarship Award, and more information is available at aurora.ca/leadersoftomorrow.

Mayor Mrakas, on behalf of Council, extended condolences to Councillor Gaertner on the recent passing of her husband.

12. By-laws

Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the following by-laws be enacted:

- (a) **By-law Number 6234-20** Being a By-law to appoint two (2) Deputy Treasurers for The Corporation of the Town of Aurora.
- (b) **By-law Number 6235-20** Being a By-law to allocate any 2019 Operating Fund surplus and any 2019 Water and Wastewater Operating Fund surplus or deficit.
- (c) **By-law Number 6236-20** Being a By-law to designate a property to be of cultural heritage value or interest (Railroad Hotel).
- (d) **By-law Number 6237-20** Being a By-law to appoint employees of the Vic Priestly Contracting Limited as Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers.

Carried

13. Closed Session

None

14. Confirming By-law

Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Gallo

That the following confirming by-law be enacted:

By-law Number 6238-20 Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from a Council Meeting on January 28, 2020.

Carried

15. Adjournment

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

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk