



Town of Aurora Council Meeting Minutes

Video Conference
Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Attendance

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

Members Absent None

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, Michelle Outar, Acting Manager of Corporate Communications, Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor, Michael de Rond, Town Clerk, Ishita Soneji, Council/Committee Coordinator

This meeting was held electronically as per Section 20.1 of the Town's Procedure By-law No. 6228-19, as amended, due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Council consented to recess the meeting at 9:01 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, including Delegation (c) and the additional item, be approved:

- Delegation (c) Suzanne Lytle, Crossing Guard at Aurora Heights Public School (written delegation); Re: Item R1 – PDS20-049 – Capital Project No. 34626 – Sidewalk Construction on Kitimat Crescent Proposed Capital Budget Increase
- Item R4 – CMS20-018 – Pandemic Recovery Planning – Update

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

Yeas: 6 Nays: 0
Voting Yeas: Councillors Gallo, Gilliland, Humfryes, Kim,
and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas
Voting Nays: None
Absent: Councillor Gaertner

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) Rebecca Beaton, Resident

Re: Item S2(R2) – CS20-014 – Electoral System Review – Final Report

Ms. Beaton spoke in opposition to the ward options noting that more people voted against the question on the ballot during the 2014 Municipal Election regarding the ward system and inquired if the question could be put back on the ballot during the 2022 Municipal Election before considering a ward system.

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

That the comments of the delegation be received.

**On a recorded vote the motion
Carried**

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0
Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
 Humfryes, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas
Voting Nays: None
Absent: None

(b) Klaus Wehrenberg, Resident
Re: Motion (a) Councillor Gallo, Re: Trail Crossings

Mr. Wehrenberg spoke in support of Motion (a) and emphasized the importance of maintaining walkability and access to trails and noted the impacts caused by the Metrolinx rail expansion project. He requested that the Town emphasize the priority crossings as outlined in the Town's Trails Master Plan to Metrolinx.

Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

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

On a recorded vote the motion
Carried

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0
Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
 Humfryes, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas
Voting Nays: None
Absent: None

(c) Suzanne Lytle, Resident (written delegation)
Re: Item R1 – PDS20-049 – Capital Project No. 34626 – Sidewalk
Construction on Kitimat Crescent Proposed Budget Increase

Ms. Lytle submitted a written delegation in support of the staff recommendation requesting that the sidewalk construction budget increase be approved.

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That the comments of the written delegation be received and be referred to Item R1.

**On a recorded vote the motion
Carried**

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0
Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
 Humfryes, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas
Voting Nays: None
Absent: None

5. Consent Agenda

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

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

C1. Council Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2020

1. That the Council meeting minutes of May 26, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

C2. Council Public Planning Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2020

1. That the Council Public Planning meeting minutes of June 9, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

C3. Memorandum from Councillor Gaertner

**Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting
Highlights of April 24, 2020**

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of April 24, 2020, be received for information.

**On a recorded vote the motion
Carried**

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0
Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
 Humfryes, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas
Voting Nays: None
Absent: None

6. Standing Committee Reports

Moved by Councillor Humfries

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

1. That the Standing Committee meeting reports, S1 to S3, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items S2(R1 & R2), S2(R4) and S2(R9), which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

On a recorded vote the motion

Carried

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
Humfries, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas

Voting Nays: None

Absent: None

S1. General Committee Meeting Report of June 2, 2020

(C1) Memorandum from Councillor Gaertner

Re: Resolution from City of Kitchener, Re: Universal Basic Income

1. That the memorandum regarding Resolution from City of Kitchener regarding Universal Basic Income be received for information.

Carried

(R1) CS20-001 – Fence By-law Exemption Request – 203 St. John’s Sideroad West

1. That Report No. CS20-001 be received; and
2. That an exemption to the Town’s Fence By-law No. 4753-05.P to permit a non-compliant fence in the front and side yard at 203 St. John’s Sideroad West, be refused; and
3. That an exemption to the Town’s Fence By-law No. 4753-05.P to permit the non-compliant wrought iron gate with a height exceeding 2.0 metres, be approved, and the amending by-law be brought forward at a future date for enactment.

Carried

(R2) PDS20-005 – Aurora Heights Public School Student Safety Plan

1. That Report No. PDS20-005 be received; and
2. That the student safety plan for Aurora Heights Public School comprise of the following elements:
 - (a) A layby lane on the east side of Tecumseh Drive along the frontage of the school, subject to the York Region District School Board transferring property and/or easements at no cost to the Town; and
 - (b) Prohibit parking at all times on the south and east sides of Kitimat Crescent from a point nine metres south of the beginning of the curb return to a point nine metres east of the end of the curb return adjacent to 25 Kitimat Crescent; and
3. That prior to the project being included in the 2021 Capital Budget, the York Region District School Board be asked to pay for the design and construction in the amount of \$125,000, subject to recommendation 2(a); and
4. That the following be referred to staff for consideration, subject to the approval of layby lane on Tecumseh Drive:
 - (a) Temporarily make Kitimat Crescent a one-way west/south bound street until the completion of the layby lane, and the necessary signage be installed from the project budget; and
 - (b) Upon completion of the Tecumseh layby project, a traffic study be undertaken in the area during peak school drop-off/pick-up times to determine if the temporary one-way street restriction on Kitimat should remain long term or be lifted, and that such traffic study include a period of at least two weeks of two-way traffic on Kitimat for purposes of the study; and
5. That staff and the working group ask the York Region District School Board to consider rearranging the school bus and parent pick-up and drop-off points (Option C), should the layby lane be approved.

Carried

(R3) PDS20-034 – Assessment on Various Options to Support Existing Traffic Calming Measures on Centre Street

1. That Report No. PDS20-034 be received; and
2. That Option 'C' be implemented by installing signage on Centre Street at Yonge Street advising that Centre Street is not a through street.

Carried

(R4) CS20-012 – Transfer of Part III Prosecutions from the Province

1. That Report No. CS20-012 be received; and
2. That the attached resolution be approved to delegate authority to The Regional Municipality of York to enter into agreements with the Province, on behalf of the Town, that will amend the Memorandum of Understanding and the Local Side Agreement and transfer prosecutions of certain Part III offences under the *Provincial Offences Act* to the Region.

Carried

(R5) PDS20-035 – Approval for Capital Project No. 42810 – Climate Change Adaptation Plan

1. That Report No. PDS20-035 be received; and
2. That this report satisfy Council's conditional budget approval for Capital Project No. 42810 – Climate Change Adaptation Plan, in the amount of \$100,000.

Carried

S2. General Committee Meeting Report of June 16, 2020

(C1) Memorandum from Mayor Mrakas

Re: Letter from Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association (CWTA), Re: The Benefits and Safety of 5G

1. That the memorandum regarding Letter from Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association (CWTA) regarding the Benefits and Safety of 5G, be received for information.

Carried

(A1) Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2020

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 1, 2020, be received for information.

Carried

(R1) CS20-013 – Pros and Cons of Ward and At-large Electoral Systems

(R2) CS20-014 – Electoral System Review – Final Report

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

1. That Report Nos. CS20-013 and CS20-014 be received; and
2. That the six (6) ward option presented by the Consultant be adopted and implemented for the 2022 Municipal Election; and
3. That a by-law be brought forward to a future Council meeting to enact the ward system.

On a recorded vote the motion

Carried

Yeas: 4 Nays: 3

Voting Yeas: Councillors Humfryes, Kim, and Thompson,
Mayor Mrakas

Voting Nays: Councillors Gaertner, Gilliland, and Gallo

Absent: None

(R3) CMS20-012 – Library Square – Governance Review

1. That Report No. CMS20-012 be received; and
2. That the Not-for-Profit/Municipal Hybrid Model be approved as the governance model for the future operation of Library Square; and
3. That staff work with stakeholders to develop a fees and charges schedule for Library Square and report back to Council at a later date; and
4. That the Director of Community Services form a Space Allocation Working Group comprised of Town staff and key stakeholders that will provide recommendations regarding rental and booking responsibilities for Library Square, including all spaces at 22 Church

St. School, the New Addition, Outdoor Square, Bridge and Aurora Public Library; and

5. That the Director of Community Services form a Collaborative Programming Working Group comprised of Town staff and key stakeholders that will provide recommendations regarding program delivery strategies and create a programming and performance schedule for Year 1 and Year 2 of Library Square operations; and
6. That the Director of Community Services form an Information Technology Working Group comprised of Town staff and key stakeholders that will provide recommendations regarding the delivery of IT Services for Library Square, including all spaces at 22 Church Street School, the New Addition, Outdoor Square, Bridge and Aurora Public Library.

Carried

(R4) CMS20-014 – Hallmark Lands: Request for Information and User Group Survey Results

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

1. That Report No. CMS20-014 be received; and
2. That the Director of Operational Services be authorized to commence the tendering process for 100 Vandorf Sideroad and proceed with Capital Project No. 73287 as previously presented; and
3. That staff report back to Council with an updated budget request prior to awarding the contract, if required.

**On a recorded vote the motion
Carried**

Yeas: 5 Nays: 2
Voting Yeas: Councillors Gilliland, Humfryes, Kim, and
Thompson, Mayor Mrakas
Voting Nays: Councillors Gaertner and Gallo
Absent: None

**(R5) FIN20-017 – 2020 User Rate Funded Operations Forecast Update –
as of April 30, 2020**

1. That Report No. FIN20-017 be received; and
2. That the Town's present 'break-even' water, wastewater and storm water rates be maintained for the remainder of the year; and
3. That a by-law to extend the Town's 'break-even' water, wastewater and storm water rates be brought to the June 23, 2020 Council meeting for approval.

Carried

**(R6) OPS20-010 – Award of Tender for Supply and Delivery of One (1)
2021 Combination Dump, Sander and Plow Truck**

1. That Report No. OPS20-010 be received; and
2. That the total approved budget for Capital Project No. 34440 be increased to \$263,900, representing an increase of \$23,900 to be funded from the Fleet Repair and Replacement Reserve.

Carried

(R7) PDS20-032 – Revoking Servicing Allocation

1. That Report No. PDS20-032 be received; and
2. That water and sewage capacity previously allocated to the following Site Plan Application be extended for one year:
 - (i) Site Plan Application File SP-2018-03 at 15086-15106 Yonge Street; and
3. That water and sewage capacity previously allocated to the following Site Plan Applications, be revoked:
 - (i) Site Plan Application File SP-2006-13 (formerly D11-13-06) at 15356 Yonge Street; and
 - (ii) Site Plan Application File SP-2013-05 at 15132-15136 Yonge Street.

Carried

(R8) PDS20-037 – Capital Project No. 34527 – Yonge Street at Wellington Street Right Turn Lane Intersection Improvement Proposed Capital Budget Increase

1. That Report No. PDS20-037 be received; and
2. That the total approved budget for Capital Project No. 34527 be increased from \$75,000 to \$94,100, representing an increase of \$19,100, to be funded from the Roads Repair and Replacement Reserve.

Carried

(R9) PDS20-045 – Application for Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment, and Draft Plan of Subdivision, Shining Hill Estate Collections Inc., 306, 370, 434 and 488 St John’s Sideroad, File Numbers: OPA-2018-01, ZBA-2018-02 & SUB2018-02

Main motion

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

1. That Report No. PDS20-045 be received; and
2. That Official Plan Amendment application OPA-2018-01 (Shining Hills Collections Inc.) be approved to:
 - a) Amend Schedule AA of OPA 37 to re-designate the subject lands from ‘Suburban Residential (SR)’, ‘Suburban Residential (SR-1)’, ‘Core Area Open Space’ and ‘Supporting Area Open Space’ to ‘Suburban Residential (SR-2)’ and ‘Core Area Open Space (COS- 1)’; and
 - b) Amend Section 2.0 of OPA 37 to add the following new Section 2.5 ‘Suburban Residential (SR-2)’ and the following policy: “Suburban Residential permits fully serviced single-detached lots with frontages generally greater than 15 metres and areas generally greater than 460 square metres. Accessory uses and home occupations which are accessory to the residential use and compatible with the residential character may also be

permitted. Neighbourhood oriented community services such as schools and parks shall also be permitted”; and

- c) Amend Section 2.0 of OPA 37 to add the following new Section 2.6, ‘Core Area Open Space (COS-1)’ and the following policy: “The Core Area Open Space designation permits lands that are open space, approved stormwater management ponds, and approved road and municipal service crossings. Other than the above permitted services this area shall remain in its natural state with only passive recreation uses permitted; and
3. That Zoning By-law Amendment application ZBA-2018-02 (Shinning Hills Collections Inc.) be approved to rezone the subject lands from ‘Oak Ridges Moraine Rural General (RU-ORM)’ to ‘Detached Third Density Residential Exception Zone (R3-XX)’, Private Open Space (O2-XX), ‘Oak Ridges Moraine Environmental Protection (EP-ORM)’; and
4. That the Draft Plan of Subdivision application SUB-2018-02 (Shinning Hills Collections Inc.) to create eight blocks be approved, subject to the conditions listed in Schedule ‘A’ to this report; and
5. That Council grant an allocation of 291 persons from the reserve to service the development of 90 single-detached dwellings on the approved Draft Plan of Subdivision; and
6. That the implementing Official Plan Amendment be forwarded to the Region of York for approval; and
7. That the Zoning By-law Amendment ZBA-2018-02 be brought forward to a future Council Meeting, after the implementing Official Plan Amendment is approved by the Region of York.

Amendment No. 1

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

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

“That the buffer area to the Oak Ridges Moraine for the proposed development be changed from 10 metres to 30 metres.”

**On a recorded vote the motion was
Defeated**

Yeas: 2 Nays: 5
Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner and Humfryes
Voting Nays: Councillors Gallo, Gilliland, Kim, and
Thompson, Mayor Mrakas
Absent: None

**Amendment No. 2
Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

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

“That the maximum roof height for the proposed dwellings be 10 metres.”

**On a recorded vote the motion was
Defeated**

Yeas: 2 Nays: 5
Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner and Humfryes
Voting Nays: Councillors Gallo, Gilliland, Kim, and
Thompson, Mayor Mrakas
Absent: None

**Amendment No. 3
Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

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

“That the existing two homes and the barn on the subject property be evaluated for heritage value by the Heritage Advisory Committee.”

**On a recorded vote the motion
Carried**

Yeas: 4 Nays: 3
Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland and
Humfryes
Voting Nays: Councillors Kim and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas
Absent: None

Main motion as amended
Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

1. That Report No. PDS20-045 be received; and
2. That Official Plan Amendment application OPA-2018-01 (Shining Hills Collections Inc.) be approved to:
 - a) Amend Schedule AA of OPA 37 to re-designate the subject lands from 'Suburban Residential (SR)', 'Suburban Residential (SR-1)', 'Core Area Open Space' and 'Supporting Area Open Space' to 'Suburban Residential (SR-2)' and 'Core Area Open Space (COS- 1)'; and
 - b) Amend Section 2.0 of OPA 37 to add the following new Section 2.5 'Suburban Residential (SR-2)' and the following policy: "Suburban Residential permits fully serviced single-detached lots with frontages generally greater than 15 metres and areas generally greater than 460 square metres. Accessory uses and home occupations which are accessory to the residential use and compatible with the residential character may also be permitted. Neighbourhood oriented community services such as schools and parks shall also be permitted"; and
 - c) Amend Section 2.0 of OPA 37 to add the following new Section 2.6, 'Core Area Open Space (COS-1)' and the following policy: "The Core Area Open Space designation permits lands that are open space, approved stormwater management ponds, and approved road and municipal service crossings. Other than the above permitted services this area shall remain in its natural state with only passive recreation uses permitted; and
3. That Zoning By-law Amendment application ZBA-2018-02 (Shinning Hills Collections Inc.) be approved to rezone the subject lands from 'Oak Ridges Moraine Rural General (RU-ORM)' to 'Detached Third Density Residential Exception Zone (R3-XX)', Private Open Space (O2-XX), 'Oak Ridges Moraine Environmental Protection (EP-ORM)'; and

Voting Nays: None
Absent: None

R4. CMS20-018 – Pandemic Recovery Planning – Update

Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

1. That Report No. CMS20-018 be received for information.

**On a recorded vote the motion
Carried**

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0
Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
Humfries, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas
Voting Nays: None
Absent: None

8. Motions

(a) Councillor Gallo
Re: Trail Crossings

Moved by Councillor Gallo
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

Whereas since the 1970's, Aurora's planners have been urged to include off-road trails in natural environments for non- motorized traffic; and

Whereas in 2011 with the assistance of Town staff and MMM Group the Trails Sub-Committee developed the Town of Aurora Trails Master Plan; and

Whereas during these unrepresented times, Aurora's trails have been used and appreciated more than ever; and

Whereas Aurora trails serve "the dual function of the trails network; as community infrastructure for non-motorized and self-propelled traffic, for utilitarian as well as recreational purposes"; and

Whereas key goals to the development of the Trails Master Plan are "Improve connections between existing trails, and to provide new trails and connections

between residential areas, schools, commercial, industrial and institutional establishments, and parks, greenspace and natural areas” and “Create a connected network of trails which provide Aurora's residents with active, healthy lifestyle opportunities, the ability to travel easily throughout Town with opportunities to experience nature without having to rely on a car”; and

Whereas the Trails Master Plan has identified difficulties in trail development such as “challenging or non-existent road or rail crossings” and “a lack of trail continuity”; and

Whereas the Trails Master Plan has identified that the “implementation of the plan can only be accomplished through short, medium and long term actions under the leadership and guidance of Council”; and

Whereas Section 11.10 (d) Policies for Public Open Space of the Town of Aurora Official Plan states “This Plan aims to encourage retention, enhancement, and full utilization of the existing public parks, including enhancements to improve the visual and physical linkages with the parks and associated trails with, for example, wayfinding signage, improved streetscape links and crosswalks”, and Section 12 (d) states “Enhance the Greenlands System through a comprehensive network of trails, in accordance with the Town’s Trails Master Plan”; and

Whereas in addition, section 12.2 (a) The Greenlands System of the Town of Aurora Official Plan clearly states “It is a fundamental principle of this Plan that the Town promote an active, healthy lifestyle for its residents. The provision of a highly integrated system of environmentally protected lands, parks, trails and recreation facilities that are well distributed, strategically located, well maintained and diverse plays an important role in encouraging community members to have active and healthy lifestyles”; and

Whereas Council has passed the following resolution “Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff work with our local MPPs for their support and to advocate for Aurora to Metrolinx for re-opening the Cousins Drive Crossing and that staff provide an update report to a future General Committee meeting including an estimate of the costs of all possible options should the Town undertake the project”; and

Whereas the Mayor has sent a letter to Mr. Verster (CEO of Metrolinx) on May 13, 2020 regarding Cousins Drive; and

Voting Nays: None
Absent: None

10. New Business

Councillor Thompson noted that the ground breaking ceremony for the new fire station was held earlier in the day.

Councillor Gilliland inquired about the possibility of organizing a community cleanup within the Town, and staff noted that they are working towards the possibility and more information is forthcoming.

Councillor Gilliland extended a reminder that the Aurora Outdoor Patio Program has been developed for local businesses to ensure adequate expansion of patio areas noting that more information regarding the guidelines is available on the Town's website.

Councillor Humfryes expressed her appreciation to staff for their efforts in conducting a successful Aurora Famers Market and Artisans Fair and ensuring that social distancing and public health guidelines were maintained.

Councillor Humfryes inquired about an adequate way of accessing splash pads during the ongoing pandemic whilst maintaining social distance, and staff provided a response noting that signage with standard guidelines and regulations will be posted at all locations.

Councillor Gaertner referred to a resident's concern regarding an unkempt creek along the Highland Gate development area, and staff agreed to follow up.

Councillor Gaertner referred to residents' inquiries about the York Region Police budget and their functions and discussions regarding this at the Regional Council, and Mayor Mrakas provided a response.

Mayor Mrakas announced that the Magna Golf Course property was recently sold, and noted that the new owner intends to maintain the golf club and the course.

Mayor Mrakas extended his appreciation to staff for their prompt response to a recent incident regarding damage to a heritage tree.

13. Confirming By-law

Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the following confirming by-law be enacted:

By-law Number 6269-20 Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council
Resulting from a Council Meeting on June 23, 2020.

On a recorded vote the motion
Carried

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0
Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
 Humfryes, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas
Voting Nays: None
Absent: None

14. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk