



Town of Aurora
General Committee Meeting Report

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Attendance

Council Members Councillor Gilliland in the Chair; Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Humfries (arrived at 7:34 p.m.), Kim, Thompson and Mayor Mrakas

Members Absent None

Other Attendees Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, David Waters, 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, Cindy Shaver, Communication Specialist, Anca Mihail, Manager, Engineering Services, Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor, Michael de Rond, Town Clerk, Ishita Soneji, Council/Committee Coordinator

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

General Committee consented to recess the meeting at 9:19 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

General Committee consented to extend past the hour past 10:30 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

General Committee approved the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services.

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) Kevin Gage and Christine Zarebski, representing Aurora Community Tennis Club (ACTC)

Re: Request to Revise Public Court Times and Usage

Mr. Gage and Ms. Zarebski requested that the public access hours to tennis courts utilized by ACTC, be redistributed in order to facilitate the operation of summer camps, team practices, additional lessons and clinics, and the following new times were proposed for consideration:

- (1) Monday and Tuesday – Court 3 – 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.;
- (2) Saturday – Court 1 – 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Court 2 – 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Court 3 – ACTC;
- (3) Sunday – Court 1 – 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Court 2 – 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Court 3 – ACTC.

General Committee received the comments of the delegation for information.

5. Consent Agenda

None

6. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

General Committee recommends:

That the following Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes item, A1, be received:

A1. Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2020

1. That the Finance Advisory Committee meeting minutes of January 28, 2020, be received for information.

Carried

7. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

General Committee consented to consider the items in the following order: R4, R1, R3, R2, R5, and R6.

R1. OPS20-001 – Fleet Lifecycle Analysis and 2019/2020 Capital Projects

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. OPS20-001 be received; and
2. That this report satisfy Council's conditional budget approval of the 2019 list of Capital Fleet Projects as presented in Tables 2 and 3 in a total amount of \$825,000 to be funded by \$390,000 from the Fleet Repair and Replacement and \$435,000 from the Services Related to a Highway Development Charge reserves; and
3. That the 2020 list of Capital Fleet Projects, as presented in Tables 4 and 5, in a total amount of \$1,214,000 to be funded by \$1,104,800, \$60,000 and \$50,000 from the Fleet Repair and Replacement, Growth & New, and Services Related to a Highway Development Charge reserves respectively, be approved.

Carried

R2. FIN20-006 – Transition to Prudent Investor Regime

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. FIN20-006 be received; and
2. That the proposed Investment Policy Statement, attached as Appendix 1 be approved; and
3. That the Director of Finance – Treasurer be authorized to execute the ONE Joint Investment Board Agreement, subject to the final form and content of the agreement being to the satisfaction of the Director of Finance – Treasurer, the Town Solicitor, **and Council**; and

4. That the Director of Finance – Treasurer be authorized to execute an Initial Formation Agreement with the other Founding Member Municipalities to establish a joint investment board, subject to the final form and content of the Initial Formation Agreement being to the satisfaction of the Director of Finance – Treasurer, the Town Solicitor, **and Council**; and
5. That a by-law be enacted to authorize a joint investment board to manage the Town's long-term investments under the Prudent Investment; and
6. That after the ONE Joint Investment Board Agreement has been executed by ONE Joint Investment Board and all of the Founding Member Municipalities, a by-law be enacted to authorize the Town's investments under the Prudent Investment regime.

Carried as amended

R3. PDS20-015 – Master Transportation Study Update Final Report

General Committee consented to permit additional time as required for the presentation.

Mr. Jonathan Chai, Project Manager, HDR Corporation, presented an overview of the Master Transportation Study including details on the study area, the purpose of the study, and explained the proposed recommendations for active transportation and operational improvements which include: enhancing safety for road users on Yonge Street, improving traffic diversion within local streets, addressing ongoing parking needs, and developing a sidewalk priority plan and a comprehensive cycling network.

General Committee received the comments of the presentation for information.

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS20-015 be received; and
2. That Council endorse the recommendations of the Master Transportation Study Update, in principle, subject to individual project review as part of

the Capital Budget process and update the 10-Year Capital Plan accordingly; and

3. **That the implementation of a road diet on Yonge Street be excluded from the Master Transportation Study and be referred to the 2021 Capital Budget for consideration; and**
4. That staff be directed to circulate the Master Transportation Study Update to York Region and relevant Town's divisions.

Carried as amended

R4. CMS20-006 – Tennis/Pickle Ball Court Permits

General Committee consented to vote on the fifth clause of the main motion as amended separately.

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CMS20-006 be received; and
2. That the revised Policy No. CORP-10-Sports Field and Park Use Policy be approved as presented; and
3. That the costs for new signage be funded from the Council operating budget contingency fund; **and**
4. **That the revised tennis court public access hours at McMahon Park, as proposed by the Aurora Community Tennis Club (ACTC), be approved as follows:**
 - (a) **Monday and Tuesday – Court 3 – 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.;**
 - (b) **Saturday – Court 1 – 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Court 2 – 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., Court 3 – ACTC;**
 - (c) **Sunday – Court 1 – 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Court 2 – 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., Court 3 – ACTC;**

Carried as amended

General Committee recommends:

5. That the current 45 minute rule of playing time remain status quo.

Carried as amended

R5. FIN20-003 – Development Charge Deferral for Major Office Space

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. FIN20-003 be received; and
2. That staff proceed with the development of a policy for the deferral of Development Charges for Major Office Space.

Carried

R6. PDS20-013 – Application for Zoning By-law Amendment, Morgan Planning, 2 Willow Farm Lane, File Number: ZBA-2019-02

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS20-013 be received; and
2. Zoning By-law Amendment application File Number ZBA-2019-02 to rezone a portion of the subject lands from 'ER - Estate Residential Exception Zone (73)' to 'R2 - Detached Second Density Residential Exception Zone (74)' be approved; and
3. That water and sewage capacity for three (3) persons, equivalent to servicing one (1) single detached unit, be allocated to the future severed lot; and
4. That the Zoning By-law amendment be presented at a future Council meeting.

Carried

8. Notices of Motion

(a) Councillor Humfries

Re: Open Cousins Drive Railway Crossing

Whereas the Cousins Drive Railway Crossing has been closed and fenced off for several years due to safety concerns by Metrolinx; and

Whereas Aurora prides itself in active transportation as demonstrated, for example, through local active programs such as Activate Aurora; and

Whereas the closed and fenced off Cousins Drive crossing is preventing walkability for the residents of our Town;

1. 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 by the end of April 2020.

9. New Business

Councillor Gallo requested that copies of the presentations made at the meetings be circulated prior to the meeting.

Councillor Gaertner referred to residents' concern regarding the installation of standard streetlights versus decorative streetlights in the Highland Gate subdivision and sought clarification on the subdivision agreement conditions, and staff provided clarification noting that the agreement includes standard subdivision lighting.

Councillor Kim inquired about the intended date of completion for the hotel construction near Highway 404, and staff provided a response noting that the construction would be completed by the end of June 2020.

10. Public Service Announcements

Mayor Mrakas 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.

Mayor Mrakas announced that the 2020 Spring/Summer Program and Summer Camp registration will open on Monday, February 24, 2020, and details regarding programs and courses is available at aurora.ca/recguide.

Councillor Humfryes extended a reminder 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 Kim extended a reminder 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**.

Councillor Gaertner announced that the Town is offering an early bird 10% discount from February 24, 2020 to March 6, 2020 for select camps, and more information is available at **aurora.ca/camps**.

Councillor Gaertner extended a reminder that the Aurora Public Library will be hosting a panel event called Being Black in Canada on Thursday, February 20, 2020 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Councillor Gaertner extended a reminder that Metrolinx will be hosting a public meeting regarding the GO Expansion Project on Monday, February 24, 2020 at the Aurora Community Centre from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Councillor Thompson announced that the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women in sport and local sport organization will be conducting a workshop on Sunday, March 1, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Aurora Public Library.

Councillor Gallo announced that a focus group meeting regarding improving participation in sports and physical activity will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, from 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at the Aurora Public Library, noting to contact Erin Hamilton at ehamilton@aurora.ca or 905-727-3123, ext. 3135 for registration.

Councillor Gilliland extended a reminder 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**.

11. Closed Session

None

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 p.m.