



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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Overview

The Town of Aurora's culture and sense of community are formed by the many people, cultures and unique backgrounds in our town. The Town's community partners help Aurora effectively maintain its small-town charm, while balancing the amenities of a larger urban centre.

2022 operating budget

Aurora has four main community partners that are funded through the Town's budget.

Aurora Cultural Centre

The Aurora Cultural Centre is a generator of cultural programming and program partnerships. The Aurora Cultural Centre offers a range of instructional classes for children, teens and adults, an eclectic live music series, special family events and summer arts camps.

The Aurora Cultural Centre's home is the 22 Church Street School which is a designated historical building. They have temporarily been relocated to the Aurora Town Hall during the construction of Aurora Town Square.

The Aurora Cultural Centre's overall 2022 funding request remains unchanged from what was previously approved. The Aurora Cultural Centre's 2022 core operating grant of \$441,100 includes inflationary pressures of \$8,600. The Aurora Cultural Centre's other identified operating pressures in 2022 will continue to be funded out of the existing Aurora Town Square operating budget under Community Services including \$82,000 relating to the centre's ongoing operations and \$118,500 for temporary costs to rent performance space while they are displaced from the Church Street School. Furthermore, the Aurora Cultural Centre has requested that its \$50,000 in previously approved funding in support of its Kaleidoscope in schools pilot program be carried forward to 2022.

Aurora Historical Society

The Aurora Historical Society is committed to the education, heritage, and preservation of Aurora's history. It also has curatorial responsibilities for Hillary House which includes its collections of medical instruments, historic artifacts, and related documents.

The Aurora Historical Society is located at Hillary House which was built in 1862 and was purchased by the Society in 1981. Hillary House is listed as a Canadian National Historic Site as well as being listed as a heritage property by the Town of Aurora.

The Aurora Historical Society has requested an increase of \$3,700 for 2022 for the storage costs for the Godfrey Collection, which will eventually reside within the Town's Museum. This cost will be funded through the Aurora Town Square operating budget. This amount is in addition to its previously approved financial support of \$80,900 for 2022.

Aurora’s budget funding to support community partners

	2021	2022
Budget (\$000's)		
Aurora Cultural Centre	432.5	441.1
Aurora Historical Society	82.8	84.6
Aurora Public Library	3,896.1	3,934.1
Aurora Sport Hall of Fame	29.3	29.9
Approved Budget	4,440.7	4,489.7
Budget Change		49.0
2021 Approved Multi-Year Budget		4,486.0
Change to Multi-Year Budget		3.7

Aurora Public Library

Aurora Public Library continues to provide traditional collections along with innovative technology programs, vibrant literary and cultural experiences, opportunities for multi-discipline online learning, expanded newcomer initiatives and increased access to digital collections.

The Aurora Public Library Board has requested no change to its net funding from the Town that was approved in the 2021 to 2022 Budget. The Library is seeking funding of \$3,934,100 in 2022.

Aurora Sport Hall of Fame

The Aurora Sports Hall of Fame is a celebration of sport history and excellence, dedicated to the recognition of the important place that sport has assumed within the Town of Aurora. Visitors are encouraged to explore and appreciate Aurora’s rich sport heritage and achievement whether it be in-person or online.

The Aurora Sports Hall of Fame is located at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex. The exhibits feature an interactive wall, inductee profiles and artifacts, an expanded sports heritage display and more.

Aurora Sport Hall of Fame is requesting no change to their requested funding from the Town of \$29,900 for 2022.

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