



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

As approved on January 31st, 2023



Community Partners

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.

Aurora's community partners which are provided Operating Budget funding, include:

- Aurora Business Improvement Area
- Aurora Cultural Centre
- Aurora Historical Society
- Aurora Public Library
- Aurora Sport Hall of Fame

Operating Budget

The tax-funded Operating Budget support for Community Partners is approved to increase by \$134,600 to \$4.6 million in 2023. The main driver of this increase being \$118,000 for the Aurora Public Library followed by \$13,200 for the Aurora Cultural Centre.

The Aurora Business Improvement Area is funded through a special levy which is applied only to their member properties and does not affect the town-wide tax levy.

Aurora's Budget funding support for community partners

	2022		2023	
	Gross	Net	Gross	Net
Budget (\$000's)				
Aurora Business Improvement Area	42.8	-	40.4	-
Aurora Cultural Centre	641.6	441.1	714.4	454.3
Aurora Historical Society	84.6	84.6	87.1	87.1
Aurora Public Library	3,983.1	3,934.1	4,101.1	4,052.1
Aurora Sport Hall of Fame	29.9	29.9	30.8	30.8
Approved Budget	4,782.0	4,489.7	4,973.8	4,624.3
Budget Change			191.8	134.6

The Budget for the Aurora Business Improvement Area is included in Tab 13: Corporate Items. The Aurora Public Library Budget is shown as a separate line item in Tab 3: Operating Budget. The remaining community partners are all funded through the Community Services Budget in Tab 8.

Community Partners overview

Aurora Business Improvement Area

The Aurora Business Improvement Association (BIA) is a volunteer run organization committed to improving and promoting the Aurora Historical Business District.

Through promotion and business support, the Downtown Aurora BIA strives to build and maintain the downtown area as Aurora's premier shopping, business and entertainment destination. The goal is to support the revitalization of downtown Aurora as a Town focal point where businesses thrive; residents live, work, and play, and visitors feel welcome.

The Budget for the Aurora Business Improvement Area is approved to decrease by \$2,400 to a total of \$40,400. Since this Budget is funded from a special levy on the members, there is no impact to the Town's Budget.

<https://downtownaurorabia.ca/>

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 will be at the Aurora Town Square once construction is complete. They are temporarily relocated to the Aurora Town Hall for the duration of the construction.

The Budget for the Aurora Cultural Centre's 2023 initial core operating grant of \$454,300 includes inflationary pressures of \$13,200. A further increase to the ACC's core operating grant of \$84,460 which will be funded by a one-time draw from the tax rate stabilization reserve was also approved. The Aurora Cultural Centre has other operating pressures in 2023, including temporary costs to rent performance space while they are displaced from the Church Street School, which will be funded from the Aurora Town Square Operating Budget based on the actual costs incurred, up to a maximum of \$175,600.

<https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/>

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 Budget for the Aurora Historical Society is approved to increase by \$2,483 to a total of \$87,100. This increase relates solely to inflationary pressures. This total Budget includes

\$3,700 for ongoing storage costs for the Godfrey Collection. For this year, these storage costs will continue to be funded through the Aurora Town Square's existing Operating Budget.

<https://aurorahs.com/>

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 Budget for the Aurora Public Library is approved to increase by \$118,000 to a total of \$4,052,100. This increase relates mostly to inflationary pressures.

<https://aurorapl.ca/>

Aurora Sports 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 inductee profiles and artifacts, an expanded sports heritage display and more.

The Budget for the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame is approved to increase by \$900 to a total of \$30,800. This increase relates to inflationary pressures.

<https://aurorashof.ca/>