



Aurora Economic Development Corporation

Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

Date:	March 18, 2025
Time:	Lunch: 11:30 a.m. – Noon Board Meeting: Noon – 1:30 p.m.
Format:	Leksand Room
Attendees:	Nima Khadem Mohtaram, Sepehr Assadian, Sreyas Dasika, Owen Heritage, Tracy Smith, Matthew Johnson, Stuart Learmont, Anita Mukherjee, Councillor Harold Kim, and Sandra Ferri (Aurora Chamber of Commerce), Debra Wilson (Aurora Chamber of Commerce)
Regrets:	Mayor Tom Mrakas, Bill Hogg, and Keith Loo
Staff:	Doug Nadorozny, Patricia De Sario, Angela Haynes, and Marco Ramunno

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

The meeting was called to order at noon by Doug Nadorozny (Acting Chair).

1.1 Appointment of Chair

Nima Khadem Mohtaram was appointed as Chair of the AEDC Board.

1.2 Appointment of Vice-Chair

Keith Loo was appointed as Vice-Chair of the AEDC Board.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Recommendation(s)

THAT the agenda for the March 18, 2025 AEDC Board meeting be approved.

- Motion to approve: Owen Heritage
- Motion seconded: Sepehr Assadian

3. Declarations of Conflict

- No conflict of interest was declared.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Recommendation(s)

THAT the minutes from January 21, 2025 meeting be approved.

- Motion to approve: Tracy Smith
- Motion seconded: Sepehr Assadian
- Passed

5. Chair's Address

Nima Khadem Mohtaram, Chair

- Thanked the AEDC Board for the appointment
- Welcomed new members
 - Sreyas Dasika
 - Matthew Johnson
 - Stuart Learmont
 - Anita Mukherjee

6. Town of Aurora – Legal | Board Legislation Update

Patricia De Sario, Director of Corporate Services/Town Solicitor

- Attachments: Terms of Reference & By-Law No. 1
- *Recommendation*
 - That By-law No. 1 presented at the meeting be enacted and that By-Law No. 1 dated December 18, 2018, be repealed.
- Motion to approve: Owen Heritage
- Motion seconded: Sepehr Assadian
- Passed

- Sepehr Assadian requested that an updated By-Law No. 1 be prepared and made available/presented at the next board meeting in April.

7. Regular Business

7.1 Communications

Town Updates

Doug Nadorozny

- Reconfirmed his ongoing support of the AEDC Board
- Announced that Andrew Poray, the new Economic Development Manager will be joining the Town of Aurora on March 24, 2025.
- EOI for the Armoury, Town Square Café and Victoria Hall closed last week

- Nima Khadem Mohtaram requested that Doug Nadorozny provide a list of bullets/synopsis of his update in advance of the board meeting.

7.2 Advocacy

7.2.1. Aurora Chamber Update

Sandra Ferri, President & CEO, Aurora Chamber of Commerce

Events:

- April 9, 2025: After 5 Networking Event
- April 26 - 27, 2025: Home Show
- May 8, 2025: Women's Summit
- June 1, 2025: Street Festival

Business Excellence Awards

- Nominations are open
- Reviewers can reach out to Sandra Watson

Explore Aurora Tourism

- New website under development
- Tentative launch date is April 2025

- Nima Khadem Mohtaram requested that the Chamber provide a list of bullets/synopsis of their update in advance of the board meeting.

8. Action Items Update

8.1. Action Teams

Nima Khadem Mohtaram, Chair

- Plans to meet with past Action Team leaders to update them about the new format of the groups.
 - Advised that AEDC Board members will be assigned as Action Team leads.
- Sepehr Assadian noted that non board members are essential on the Action Teams to drive the group's portfolio.

9. Next Meeting(s)

AEDC Annual General Meeting

April 8, 2025

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Aurora Town Hall, Holland Room or Zoom

10. Closed Session

➤ N/A

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Nima Khadem Mohtaram (Chair) at 1:35 p.m.



Land Acknowledgement

We would like to start by acknowledging that the Anishinaabe (Ah-knee-she-knob-eh) lands on which we live and work are the traditional and treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island. Aurora is part of both Treaty #13 and the Williams Treaties. We acknowledge and thank them for sharing this land with us. The Town of Aurora has the important responsibility of the stewardship of this land now and into the future.