



COMMUNITY **PARTNERS**

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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 Cultural Centre
- Aurora Economic Development Corporation
- Aurora Historical Society
- Aurora Public Library
- Aurora Sport Hall of Fame

Operating Budget

Overview

The operating budget for the Town's community partners includes a net tax increase of \$45,000 in 2026.

Aurora's budget funding support for community partners

	2025		2026	
	Gross	Net	Gross	Net
Budget (\$000's)				
Aurora Business Improvement Area	40.4	-	-	-
Aurora Cultural Centre	585.6	560.6	560.6	560.6
Aurora Economic Development Board	101.5	56.5	101.5	101.5
Aurora Historical Society	87.6	87.6	87.6	87.6
One-time Hillary House Repairs Grant			150.0	-
Aurora Public Library	4,275.0	4,205.0	4,275.0	4,205.0
Aurora Sport Hall of Fame	32.4	32.4	32.4	32.4
Total Budget	5,122.5	4,942.1	5,207.1	4,987.1
Budget Change			84.6	45.0

Note: Aurora's Business Improvement Area ceased operations in 2025.

Community Partners overview

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 works in partnership with the Town's Cultural Services division to deliver cultural programming at the Aurora Town Square.

The Aurora Cultural Centre funding provided in this budget is \$560,600 in 2026.

<https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/>

Aurora Economic Development Corporation

The Aurora Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) is a non-share, not-for-profit corporation. On behalf of the Council of the Town of Aurora, the AEDC provides strategic leadership and coordination of community economic development. The AEDC works with partners (provincial, regional and federal governments, community agencies, educational institutions and local businesses) to strengthen and diversify existing business, attract new business and investment, and coordinate strategic economic development initiatives within the community.

The budget for the Aurora Economic Development Board in 2023 was almost completely funded through a reserve draw from the Economic Development reserve. In 2026, the draw from this reserve is phased out and the full cost of \$100,000 is funded through the tax levy.

<https://www.aurora.ca/business-and-development/aedc/>

Aurora Historical Society

The Aurora Historical Society is committed to 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 funding provided in this budget is \$87,600 in 2026 and there is also an additional one-time grant of \$150,000 to support repairs of the Hillary House.

<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 Aurora Public Library funding provided in this budget is \$4,205,000 in 2026.

<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 Aurora Sports Hall of Fame funding provided in this budget is \$32,360 in 2026.

The Town provides curatorial services on behalf of the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame at a value of roughly \$20,000 per year. These services are included as part of Community Services operating budget.

<https://aurorashof.ca/>