Mayor Morris called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

I  DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Collins-Mrakas declared an interest regarding Closed Session Item 1 (Adena Meadows Limited) as a member of her family is employed by Magna.

II  APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Gallo  Seconded by Councillor Granger

THAT the agenda as circulated by the Customer and Legislative Services Department, with the following additional items, be approved:

- Delegation (a) Susan La Rosa, York Catholic District School Board
  Re: Item 1(13) – PR10-029 – Partnership with the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB)

- Delegation (b) Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, Region of York
  Re: Item 1(6) – IES10-043 – Leslie Street and St. John’s Sideroad Pedestrian Trail Crossings

- Delegation (c) Klaus Wehrenberg
  Re: Item 1(6) – IES10-043 – Leslie Street and St. John’s Sideroad Pedestrian Trail Crossings

- Memorandum from the Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk
  Re: Revision to the September 7, 2010 General Committee Minutes
  Item 1(13) – PR10-029 – Partnership with the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB)
Open Forum

Robert Hayes thanked Councillors Collins-Marakas and McRoberts for their service on Council over the last four years. He asked Council if the Integrity Commissioner was still being paid as there is a moratorium on the complaints received after August 1, 2010. Mr. Hayes also requested that the Integrity Commissioner be given notice in order to save the taxpayers money and said that he did not feel that an Integrity Commissioner was necessary when there is a Town Solicitor on staff. Mr. Hayes was informed that the Integrity Commissioner could be working on complaints received prior to the August 1, 2010 moratorium as well as his review of the Code of Conduct as per Council’s request. Further, Mr. Hayes was informed that as stated at a previous Council meeting, the Integrity Commissioner provides an independent opinion regarding complaints received to protect the reputation of Council and residents, and effectively raise the level of accountability within this community. Mr. Hayes also inquired if Council supported the Food Bank and was informed that this Council has promoted, and will continue to support, the Food Bank on a regular basis through a variety of means.

Klaus Wehrenberg stated that he had attended the Official Plan review meeting held on Wednesday, September 8, 2010, and had some concerns regarding the proposed exemption of cash-in-lieu of parkland dedication from developers in the downtown area of the Promenade. He questioned whether reports had been circulated publically that would explain how this decision came to pass. Mr. Wehrenberg was advised that reports had all been published on public agendas over the past few months and that they were available to any member of the public for review.

Heidi Stoecklin provided a video for any Member of Council to review and stated that it was worthwhile. Ms Stoecklin advised that she was setting-up open public forums at Billings Well on Yonge Street where any and all could attend to discuss peace and truth about the indigenous people in Canada. She stated that she wanted Aurora to participate and show its spirit. Ms Stoecklin also discussed Mr. Anthony’s proposed route that would not affect the Mackenzie Wetlands and asked Council to consider this alternative as the wetlands area is very fragile and is regionally significant. She also stated that she would be prepared to help fundraise for this route if the wetlands remained undisturbed.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor MacEachern Seconded by Councillor Granger

THAT the Special Council minutes of Thursday, August 12, 2010, be adopted as amended to provide the times that Council recessed and reconvened.

CARRIED
Moved by Councillor MacEachern  
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

THAT the Council minutes of Tuesday, August 17, 2010, be adopted as amended to indicate that Councillor MacEachern’s negative vote was an abstention from the vote due to a declaration of interest at the commencement of the meeting.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor MacEachern  
Seconded by Councillor Gallo

THAT the Special Council Minutes of Tuesday, September 7, 2010 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

V PRESENTATIONS

(a) Shelley Ware, Special Events Coordinator, Town of Aurora Parks and Recreation Services  
Re: 2010 Aurora Teen Idol Presentation

Shelley Ware, Special Events Coordinator, Town of Aurora Parks and Recreation Services, advised that this was the fourth year of the Aurora Teen Idol competition and that auditions had to be held this year as there were twenty-nine participants. Eight of these participants became finalists who competed at the Canada Day celebrations held in Lambert Wilson Park. The judges for this event were from the Aurora Opera Company and the winners were:

- 2010 Aurora Teen Idol - Sarah Carmosino
- 1st Runner-up - Bianca Corrado
- 2nd Runner-up - Braedyn Ellis

Mayor Morris presented the winners with certificates, prizes and titles. She congratulated them on their performances and thanked their families for their support of these young talented performers.

(b) Gabriella Kalapos, Director, Outreach Programs Clean Air Partnership  
Re: Signing of the Declaration from the Clean Air Summit

Gabriella Kalapos, Director, Outreach Programs Clean Air Partnership, advised that the Clean Air Partnership has been around for the last ten years and has grown, bringing many municipalities together to share research, knowledge, experience, expertise and best practices. She stated that the mission of the Clean Air Partnership is to work with partners to achieve clean air, facilitate the exchange of ideas, advance changes, and promote and coordinate actions to improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gases toward healthy communities. Ms Kalapos stated that more results are attained through the pooling of resources and information and this creates less of a financial impact and risk for municipalities wanting to investigate, develop, or implement plans or actions. She reviewed some of the areas that have been identified as opportunities for initiatives, development and/or financial assistance. Ms Kalapos also noted that information is readily available at www.cleanairpartnership.org. She said that documents highlighting policies, reports, and shared learning are posted to assist in the collaborative efforts of all. Ms Kalapos presented the Town of Aurora with a “Recognition of Achievement” plaque and the Mayor and Council signed the Declaration from the Clean Air Summit.
Moved by Councillor Granger        Seconded by Councillor MacEachern

THAT Council receive the presentation regarding the Signing of the Declaration from the Clean Air Summit.

CARRIED

(c) Louise Procter Maio, Chief Executive Officer of the Aurora Public Library, and Michael Thompson, Chair of the Aurora Public Library Board

Re: Aurora Public Library Strategic Plan

Louise Procter Maio, Chief Executive Officer of the Aurora Public Library, and Michael Thompson, Chair of the Aurora Public Library Board, provided copies of the Aurora Public Library Strategic Plan 2010–2015. Ms Procter Maio and Mr. Thompson discussed the Strategic Plan and how it charts a course for the future based on a solid understanding of a changing community and societal influences that affect library services. They reviewed some of the challenges and the goals to meet these challenges through the engagement of the community and through collaborative partnerships with other communities to work together for the betterment of the Town of Aurora. They stated that the Strategic Plan upholds the ideals that respond to Aurora’s changing environment. Ms Procter Maio noted that October is Canadian Library Month and, in particular, that the Aurora Public Library has been honoured with the launch of Ontario Public Literacy Week being held on Monday, October 18, 2010. She advised that the Honourable Michael Chan, Minister of Tourism and Culture, is coming to Aurora for this event.

Moved by Councillor Collins-Mrakas        Seconded by Councillor Wilson

THAT Council receive the presentation regarding the Aurora Public Library Strategic Plan.

CARRIED

IX DELEGATIONS

(a) Susan La Rosa, York Catholic District School Board

Re: Item 1(13) – PR10-029 – Partnership with the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB)

Susan La Rosa, York Catholic District School Board, along with other representatives in the audience, stated that they were in support of approval in principle on the benefits of the proposed partnership. She thanked Council for their deliberations and looked forward to a long and rewarding relationship with the Town of Aurora.

Moved by Councillor MacEachern        Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

THAT Council receive and refer the comments of the delegate to Item 1(13).

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor MacEachern        Seconded by Councillor McRoberts

THAT Item 1(13) be brought forward for discussion.

CARRIED
1. General Committee Minutes of Tuesday, September 7, 2010.

(13) PR10-029 - Partnership with the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB)

Moved by Councillor MacEachern Seconded by Councillor Wilson

THAT Council endorse the partnership with the particulars as outlined in the report with the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) and construction of an artificial turf field at the St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School; and

THAT Council “agree in principle” with the construction of an artificial turf field at St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School; and

THAT funding for the turf field be referred to the 2011 budget; and

THAT the funding source be 90% Development Charges and 10% Cash-in-Lieu; and

THAT staff be directed to draft an Agreement with the YCDSB for the use of the field during non-school hours, including summer, in accordance with the conditions outlined in this report.

On a recorded vote the motion CARRIED.

YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0

VOTING YEAS: Councillors Buck, Collins-Mrakas, Gaertner, Gallo, Granger, McEachern, McRoberts, Wilson, and Mayor Morris

VOTING NAYS: None

Moved by Councillor Wilson Seconded by Councillor McRoberts

THAT the other delegates be brought forward.

CARRIED

(b) Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, Region of York
Re: Item 1(6) – IES10-043 – Leslie Street and St. John’s Sideroad Pedestrian Trail Crossings

Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, Commissioner of Transportation Services for the Region of York, and Steve Collins, Manager of Capital Projects (Roads Branch-Transportation Division), discussed and updated Council on the three projects currently underway. Mr. Collins stated that currently there are two significant projects underway in the Town of Aurora. He discussed the Leslie Street project that extends from Wellington Street to Mulock Drive. It is in the environmental assessment process stage and has gone through a second public meeting. Mr. Collins noted that even though the development is in the latter stages, the process allows for consultation and discussion until the environmental assessment report is filed. He said that they would continue to work with staff and the public to facilitate responding to questions. The environmental assessment study should be ready by the first quarter of 2011 and once that has received clearance it would move onto the detailed engineering stage with a proposed start to construction in 2015. Mr. Collins advised that the St. John’s Sideroad project (Bayview Avenue to Woodbine Avenue) is not scheduled to start construction until 2014. He noted that this project is a continuation of the
phased-in implementation that originally commenced in 2000. Mr. Collins said that there has been discussion with Town staff and with Mr. Wehrenberg regarding technical analysis and how the Region can participate to facilitate trail crossings. He advised that interesting ideas can be considered through the environmental assessment vehicle. Ms Llewlyn-Thomas noted that many ideas had not been considered previously within the original scope of the project but that alternatives will be looked at by Regional Council for advantages and/or disadvantages to be the most cost effective to the public. She stated that as there had not been crossings there in the past, negative impacts had not been considered, but as these crossings are now potentially desirable for the future, consideration would be given to accommodate future plans and optimize the investment.

Moved by Councillor Buck Seconded by Councillor MacEachern

THAT Council receive and refer the comments of the delegate to Item 1(6).

CARRIED

(c) Klaus Wehrenberg

Re: Item 1(6) – IES10-043 – Leslie Street and St. John’s Sideroad Pedestrian Trail Crossings

Klaus Wehrenberg stated that pedestrian crossings are not just for pedestrians but also for cyclists and for linking green spaces as well. He noted that when environmentally sensitive lands are involved, they need to be taken into consideration in the environmental assessment study. Mr. Wehrenberg requested answers to questions regarding the filing dates of environmental assessment reports for the Leslie Street widening, St. John’s Sideroad widening and the Water Main Project. He also wanted to know when the Water Main Project was separated from the Leslie Street widening. Mr. Wehrenberg expressed concern that, under the Regional Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan approved by Regional Council in 2008, surveys that were to be statistically valid were not conducted as originally mandated under the Terms of Reference. He stated that in contrast with the Town of Aurora’s Parks and Recreation Services Department survey, input received showed that the most important aspect was walking, cycling, and hiking, and that it was desirable to have infrastructure to accommodate self-propelled traffic. Mr. Wehrenberg noted that with the potential employment opportunities for over 5,000 people east of Leslie Street and potentially 8,000 people living west of Leslie Street this will create a tremendous amount of self-propelled traffic between these two areas. He also said there are environmentally sensitive lands that need to be linked. He stated that all of these needs should be considered for accommodation and connection. Mr. Wehrenberg said that the Region decided to reconstruct these roads so they should carry the costs. He stated that the Region should also deal with the impacts and provide the means for correction.

Moved by Councillor Buck Seconded by Councillor MacEachern

THAT Council receive and refer the comments of the delegate to Item 1(6).

CARRIED
(b) Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, Region of York  
Re: Item 1(6) – IES10-043 – Leslie Street and St. John’s Sideroad Pedestrian Trail Crossings

Mr. Collins responded to the inquiries from Mr. Wehrenberg and explained that the St. John’s Sideroad environmental assessment was originally filed in 2000 for the phase from Yonge Street to Woodbine Avenue, and the Leslie Street project was separated from the Water Main Project because the schedule changed on the Water Main Project that would allow it to be pre-approved to the design and construction stage. He noted that York Region had the opportunity to take advantage of modifications to the process which could speed up the Water Main Project. Ms Llewellyn-Thomas noted that she would be holding back on the filing of the environmental assessment report until the new year when she would present that along with the Town of Aurora’s concerns so that they will be addressed at the same time.

Moved by Councillor Granger Seconded by Councillor Wilson

THAT Council receive and refer the comments of the delegate to Item 1(6).

CARRIED

Councillor Collins-Mrakas left the meeting at 10:16 p.m.

VI PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Morris requested an update from of the Director of Corporate and Financial Services on the current CUPE negotiations. The Director responded that CUPE would be in a legal position to strike at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, September 20, 2010 but that he was confident that, with the current relationship and meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 16, 2010, this strike may be avoided. The Director of Corporate and Financial Services directed the public to the Town of Aurora website for updates. He stated that user groups and the public can contact the Town offices as well.

Moved by Councillor MacEachern Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

THAT the Procedural By-law be waived to extend the hour.

CARRIED

Councillor Gaertner expressed her thanks to Mr. Downey and Shelley Ware for the spectacular RibFest that was held last weekend.

Mayor Morris extended her congratulations to the Seniors who participated and won medals after competing at the National games.

Mayor Morris noted that the sixth Annual Family Dinner Night in Aurora was proclaimed for September 16, 2010. She also noted that more than $100,000 has been raised for the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation through M&M Meat Shops.

Mayor Morris sent out congratulations to Maurice Blanchard of Parks and Recreation Services in the Town of Aurora who is retiring after 31 years of employment with the Town.

VII DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 1(2), 1(3), 1(13), 2, 3, 4, and By-law 5278-10 were identified as items requiring separate discussion.
VIII  ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 1 (1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, and 15) were identified as items not requiring separate discussion.

*Moved by Councillor McRoberts  Seconded by Councillor MacEachern*

THAT the following recommendations respecting the matters listed as “Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion” be adopted as submitted to Council and staff be authorized to take all necessary action required to give effect to same:

1. General Committee Minutes of Tuesday, September 7, 2010

THAT items 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, and 15 of the General Committee meeting of Tuesday, September 7, 2010 be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee be approved.

CARRIED

X  DISCUSSION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

1. General Committee Minutes of Tuesday, September 7, 2010.

(3) CFS10-017– Corporate Policy and Procedure Review and Update Project

*Moved by Councillor Buck  Seconded by Councillor MacEachern*

THAT staff undertake a review and update of all corporate policies and procedures; and

THAT the CAO be delegated approval authority for administrative policy matters as identified in Attachment #2 of report CFS10-017 with all other policies remaining subject to Council approval.

CARRIED

*Moved by Councillor MacEachern  Seconded by Councillor Gaertner*

THAT the following amendment be added to the main motion:

**THAT staff provide a copy of the Corporate Policies and Procedures in the Councillors’ lounge for their review.**

CARRIED

Councillor Buck left the meeting at 11:01 p.m.

(2) BBS10-011 – By-law Services Audit Report

*Moved by Councillor Wilson  Seconded by Councillor MacEachern*


CARRIED
Moved by Councillor MacEachern  Seconded by Councillor Granger

THAT the balance of the minutes of the General Committee meeting of Tuesday, September 7, 2010 be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee be approved.

CARRIED

2. CLS10-022 – Application for Enabling Accessibility Fund – Capital Project Funds

Moved by Councillor Granger  Seconded by Councillor Wilson

THAT Council support the application to the ‘Enabling Fund’, requesting a grant of $75,000 to put towards the cost of retro-fitting an elevator for Aurora Family Leisure Complex (AFLC); and

THAT Council approve, in principle, Capital Project #72112, Retrofit of Aurora Family Leisure Complex Person Lift, pending approval of the grant application, with a total budget of $150,000 with the Town's portion to be funded from the Accessibility Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

3. PRS10-032 – Tender PRS 2010-57 Flora Aurora Phase 2 Construction

Moved by Councillor Wilson  Seconded by Councillor MacEachern

THAT Council approve Tender PRS 2010-57 in the amount of $77,465.13, less HST, submitted by Marnix Infrastructure Inc., the lowest compliant bidder.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor MacEachern  Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

THAT the Procedural By-law be waived to further extend the hour.

CARRIED

4. PRS10-033 – Tender PRS 2010-67 RInC Funded Parks Rehabilitation Projects

Moved by Councillor Gaertner  Seconded by Councillor Granger

THAT Council approve Tender PRS 2010-67 in the amount of $1,018,349.95, less HST, submitted by Colpac Limited, the lowest compliant bidder; and

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Form of Agreement associated with Tender PRS 2010-67.

CARRIED

XI  REGIONAL REPORT

None.
Councillor Gaertner requested an update on her motion from the August 17, 2010 Council meeting regarding Winter Road Maintenance.

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the motion from General Committee meeting held on September 7, 2010 regarding the three-way stop at Conover and Halldorson Avenues.

Councillor Gallo commented on the sound system problems within Council Chambers and inquired if a new, taller microphone could be installed for speakers at the podium.

**Moved by Councillor Gallo Seconded by Councillor Granger**

THAT By-law 5278-10 be brought forward for discussion.

CARRIED

**XIII CLOSED SESSION**

**Moved by Councillor Granger Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

THAT Council resolve into a Closed Session to consider the following matters:

- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; Re:
  - 1. Adena Meadows Limited et al. ("Magna")
    Parkland Dedication/Cash-in-lieu
    West side of Leslie Street, South of Wellington Street East
  - 2. Potential defamation

CARRIED

Council recessed into Closed Session at 11:33 p.m.

Mayor Morris left the meeting at 1:10 a.m.

Council reconvened into Open Session at 1:11 a.m. with Deputy Mayor McRoberts in the Chair.

**Moved by Councillor MacEachern Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

THAT the Council rise and report from Closed Session to confirm the direction from Closed Session regarding the potential defamation; and

THAT the Town Solicitor be directed to retain external legal counsel and to take any and all actions to bring resolution to this matter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
XIV READING OF BY-LAWS

Moved by Councillor Wilson  Seconded by Councillor Gallo

THAT the following listed by-laws be given 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings, and enacted:

5254-10 BEING A BY-LAW to designate a property to be of cultural heritage value or interest (The George Browning House – 15086-15088 Yonge Street)  
(Report PL09-078 – Council Oct.27/09)

5274-10 BEING A BY-LAW to amend Zoning By-law No. 2213-78, as amended (14985 Leslie Street)  
(Report PL10-058)

5278-10 BEING A BY-LAW to establish land as a highway forming part of John West Way, Aurora (Ridgewood Developments Inc.)

5279-10 BEING A BY-LAW to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from Council Meeting 10-21 on September 14, 2010  

CARRIED

XV ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Wilson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 1:14 a.m.  

CARRIED

THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING 10-21 WERE APPROVED AT COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2010 AS AMENDED.

PHYLLIS M. MORRIS, MAYOR  JOHN D. LEACH, TOWN CLERK