



**Town of Aurora
Special Meeting of Council
Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2024
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall

Council Members: Mayor Tom Mrakas (Chair)
Councillor Ron Weese
Councillor Wendy Gaertner (arrived at 6:05 p.m.)
Councillor Michael Thompson (arrived at 6:05 p.m.)
Councillor John Gallo
Councillor Harold Kim

Members Absent: Councillor Rachel Gilliland

Other Attendees: Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer
Robin McDougall, Director, Community Services
Marco Ramunno, Director, Planning and Development Services
Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director, Finance
Matthew Volpintesta, Acting Director, Operational Services
Michael de Rond, Town Clerk
Emily Freitas, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Mrakas acknowledged that the meeting took place on Anishinaabe lands, the traditional and treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island, recognizing the many other Nations whose presence here continues to this day, the special relationship the Chippewas have with the lands and waters of this territory, and that Aurora has shared responsibility for the stewardship of these

lands and waters. It was noted that Aurora is part of the treaty lands of the Mississaugas and Chippewas, recognized through Treaty #13 and the Williams Treaties of 1923.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Weese

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Yeas (4): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Absent (3): Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, and Councillor Thompson

Carried (4 to 0)

4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50*.

5. Delegations

None.

6. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion

6.1 FIN24-043 - Amending Development Charge Bylaw as per Bill 185 Public Meeting

Byron Tan, Manager, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., provided a presentation on the proposed policy changes to the Development Charge (DC) Bylaw for Council's consideration. The presentation included a review of the current DC Bylaw and highlighted recent changes to the development charge legislation that was reflected in *Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024* which includes the affordable rental unit and affordable owned unit exemptions. It was further noted that the DC Bylaw will be amended to include the definition for 'retail' that aligns with York Region's definitions.

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

1. That Report No. FIN24-043 be received; and
2. That the memo dated August 23, 2024, Re. 2024 Development Charges Background Study Update – Amendments as per Bill 185 be endorsed; and
3. That any new comments, questions, and suggestions arising from the statutory Public Meeting be referred to staff for consideration; and
4. That Council hereby determines that no further public meetings are required under section 12 of the Development Charges Act, 1997.

Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Absent (1): Councillor Gilliland

Carried (6 to 0)

7. Confirming By-law

7.1 By-law Number 6642-24 - Being a By-law to confirm actions by Council resulting from a Special Meeting of Council on October 1, 2024

Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the confirming by-law be enacted.

Carried

8. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Weese
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk