



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

**Date:** Monday, November 25, 2024  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall

**Council Members:** Mayor Tom Mrakas (Chair)  
Councillor Ron Weese  
Councillor Rachel Gilliland  
Councillor Wendy Gaertner  
Councillor Michael Thompson (arrived at 6:04 p.m.)  
Councillor John Gallo  
Councillor Harold Kim

**Other Attendees:** Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer  
Patricia De Sario, Director, Corporate Services/Town Solicitor  
Robin McDougall, Director, Community Services  
Marco Ramunno, Director, Planning and Development Services  
Sara Tienkamp, Director, Operational Services  
Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director, Finance  
Carley Smith, Manager, Corporate Communications  
Michael de Rond, Town Clerk  
Emily Freitas, Council/Committee Coordinator

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**1. Call to Order**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Kim

**Seconded by** Councillor Gilliland

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Thompson

**Carried (6 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**

None.

**7. Proposed Budget Amendments**

**7.1 Councillor Gaertner; Re: Amendment 001 - Victoria Hall Refurbishment**

**Moved by** Councillor Gaertner

**Seconded by** Councillor Gilliland

1. That the scope of Project AM0259: Victoria Hall Refurbishment be reduced to only improvements to the structure of the building.

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

Nays (1): Councillor Gilliland

**Carried (6 to 1)**

**7.2 Councillor Gaertner; Re: Amendment 002 - Aurora Family Leisure Complex (AFLC) Fitness Equipment Replacement**

**Moved by** Councillor Gaertner

**Seconded by** Councillor Kim

1. That Project AM-F-0355: AFLC Fitness Equipment Replacement - 2025, be removed from the 2025 budget.

Nays (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

**Defeated (0 to 7)**

**7.3 Councillor Gaertner; Re: Amendment 003 - Youth Room Refresh**

**Moved by** Councillor Gaertner

**Seconded by** Councillor Gilliland

1. That Project AM-F-0507: Youth Room Refresh, be removed from the 2025 budget.

Yeas (3): Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gaertner

Nays (4): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

**Defeated (3 to 4)**

**7.4 Councillor Gaertner; Re: Amendment 004 - Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex (SARC) Pre-School Room Refresh**

**Moved by** Councillor Gaertner

**Seconded by** Councillor Gallo

1. That Project AM-F-0510: SARC Pre-School Room Refresh, be removed from the 2025 budget.

Nays (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

**Defeated (0 to 7)**

**7.5 Councillor Gaertner; Re: Amendment 005 - Yonge Street Plaza Repairs**

**Moved by** Councillor Gaertner

**Seconded by** Councillor Gallo

1. That Project AM-F-0501: Yonge Street Plaza Repairs, be removed from the 2025 budget.

Yeas (1): Councillor Gallo

Nays (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Kim

**Defeated (1 to 6)**

**7.6 Councillor Gaertner; Re: Amendment 006 - Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex (SARC) Toyota Arena Accessibility Updates**

The amendment was withdrawn.

**7.7 Councillor Gaertner; Re: Amendment 007 - Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex (SARC) External Mural**

**Moved by** Councillor Gaertner

**Seconded by** Councillor Gallo

1. That Project GN-F-0103: SARC External Mural, be removed from the 2025 budget.

Yeas (2): Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gaertner

Nays (5): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

**Defeated (2 to 5)**

**7.8 Councillor Gallo; Re: Amendment 008 - Tennis Court Reconstruction – David English Park**

**Moved by** Councillor Gallo

**Seconded by** Councillor Gilliland

1. That Project AM-F-0346: Tennis Court Reconstruction – David English Park be conditionally approved pending a further report from staff.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

**Carried (7 to 0)**

**7.9 Councillor Gallo; Re: Amendment 009 - Tennis Courts Resurface – Thomas Coates**

The amendment was withdrawn.

**7.10 Councillor Gallo; Re: Amendment 010 - Rehabilitation of Marksbury Court, Gilbank Drive, Lacey Court, McLeod Court**

The amendment was withdrawn.

**7.11 Councillor Gallo; Re: Amendment 011 - Unplanned Emergency Repairs Contingency**

The amendment was withdrawn.

**7.12 Councillor Gallo; Re: Amendment 012 - Town Parking Lot Maintenance**

**Moved by** Councillor Gallo

**Seconded by** Councillor Gilliland

1. That the funding request for Project AM0342: Town Parking Lot Maintenance be conditionally approved pending a further report from staff.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

**Carried (7 to 0)**

**7.13 Councillor Gallo; Re: Amendment 013 - South Town Hall Parking Lot**

The amendment was withdrawn.

**7.14 Councillor Gallo; Re: Amendment 014 - Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning Technician**

**Moved by** Councillor Gallo

**Seconded by** Councillor Gaertner

1. That the new position of Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning Technician be removed from the 2025 budget.

Yeas (5): Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Gallo

Nays (2): Mayor Mrakas, and Councillor Kim

**Carried (5 to 2)**

**8. Confirming By-law**

**8.1 By-law Number 6653-24 - Being a By-law to confirm actions by Council resulting from a Special Meeting of Council on November 27, 2024**

**Moved by** Councillor Weese

**Seconded by** Councillor Gilliland

That the confirming by-law be enacted.

**Carried**

**9. Adjournment**

**Moved by** Councillor Kim

**Seconded by** Councillor Thompson

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

**Carried**

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Tom Mrakas, Mayor

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Michael de Rond, Town Clerk