



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

Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2025
Time: 6 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
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
Carley Smith, Manager, Corporate Communications
Michael de Rond, Town Clerk
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator
Julia Shipcott, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6 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

Main motion

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the revised agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Weese

That the revised agenda be amended by the addition of Delegations items 5.3 to 5.13.

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

**On a two-thirds majority vote of Council Members present, the motion
Carried (7 to 0)**

Main motion as amended

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the revised agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved including the addition of Delegations items 5.3 to 5.13.

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

Carried (7 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

5.1 Ken Chen, Resident; Re: Item 6.1 - Override of Mayor's Veto of Item 9.1 from February 25, 2025 Council Meeting

Ken Chen spoke in opposition to the override of the Mayor's veto.

The delegation was not received.

5.2 Linda Ma, Resident; Re: Item 6.1 - Override of Mayor's Veto of Item 9.1 from February 25, 2025 Council Meeting

Linda Ma spoke in opposition to the override of the Mayor's veto.

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to item 6.1.

Yeas (5): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Nays (2): Councillor Weese, and Councillor Gilliland

Carried (5 to 2)

5.3 Ki Kit Li, Resident; Re: Item 6.1 - Override of Mayor's Veto of Item 9.1 from February 25, 2025 Council Meeting

Ki Kit Li spoke in opposition to the override of the Mayor's veto.

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to item 6.1.

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

Nays (1): Councillor Weese

Carried (6 to 1)

5.4 Harbinder Thandi, Resident; Re: Item 6.1 - Override of Mayor's Veto of Item 9.1 from February 25, 2025 Council Meeting

Harbinder Thandi spoke in opposition to the override of the Mayor's veto.

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to item 6.1.

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

Nays (1): Councillor Weese

Carried (6 to 1)

5.5 Joe Vesia, Resident; Re: Item 6.1 - Override of Mayor's Veto of Item 9.1 from February 25, 2025 Council Meeting

Joe Vesia spoke in opposition to the override of the Mayor's veto.

Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to item 6.1.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

5.6 Frank Ni, Resident; Re: Item 6.1 - Override of Mayor's Veto of Item 9.1 from February 25, 2025 Council Meeting

Frank Ni spoke in opposition to the override of the Mayor's veto.

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to item 6.1.

Yeas (5): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson,
Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Nays (2): Councillor Weese, and Councillor Gilliland

Carried (5 to 2)

5.7 Costabile Carpinelli, Resident; Re: Item 6.1 - Override of Mayor's Veto of Item 9.1 from February 25, 2025 Council Meeting

Costabile Carpinelli spoke in opposition to the override of the Mayor's veto.

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to item 6.1.

Yeas (4): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Kim

Nays (3): Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gallo

Carried (4 to 3)

5.8 Shaheen Moledina, Resident; Re: Item 6.1 - Override of Mayor's Veto of Item 9.1 from February 25, 2025 Council Meeting

Shaheen Moledina spoke in opposition to the override of the Mayor's veto.

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Weese

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to item 6.1.

Yeas (5): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Kim

Nays (2): Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gallo

Carried (5 to 2)

5.9 Jordan Drodge, Resident; Re: Item 6.1 - Override of Mayor's Veto of Item 9.1 from February 25, 2025 Council Meeting

Jordan Drodge spoke in support of the override of the Mayor's veto.

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to item 6.1.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

5.10 Steve Fleck, Resident; Re: Item 6.1 - Override of Mayor's Veto of Item 9.1 from February 25, 2025 Council Meeting

Steve Fleck spoke in support of the override of the Mayor's veto.

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to item 6.1.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

5.11 Susan Shaw, Resident; Re: Item 6.1 - Override of Mayor's Veto of Item 9.1 from February 25, 2025 Council Meeting

Susan Shaw spoke in support of the override of the Mayor's veto.

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to item 6.1.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

5.12 Wendy Morihovitis, Resident; Re: Item 6.1 - Override of Mayor's Veto of Item 9.1 from February 25, 2025 Council Meeting

Wendy Morihovitis spoke in support of the override of the Mayor's veto.

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Weese

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to item 6.1.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

5.13 Sally Haberer, Resident; Re: Item 6.1 - Override of Mayor's Veto of Item 9.1 from February 25, 2025 Council Meeting

Sally Haberer spoke in support of the override of the Mayor's veto.

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to item 6.1.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

6. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion

6.1 Override of Mayor's Veto of Item 9.1 from February 25, 2025 Council Meeting

(Item 9.1 from February 25, 2025 Council was re: Request that York Region Resubmit the Application for a Men's Shelter at 14452 Yonge St.)

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Weese

1. That Council override the Mayor's veto of the motion carried at the February 25, 2025 Council meeting regarding the Men's Emergency and Transitional Shelter.

Yeas (4): Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, and Councillor Gallo

Nays (3): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Kim

**On a two-thirds majority vote of all Council Members, the motion was
Defeated (4 to 3)**

6.2 Correspondence from the Office of the Chief Commissioner, Ontario Human Rights Commission; Re: Follow-up to proposed emergency and transitional housing project at 14452 Yonge St.

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Weese

1. That the correspondence from the Office of the Chief Commissioner, Ontario Human Rights Commission, regarding Follow-up to proposed

emergency and transitional housing project at 14452 Yonge St., be received for information.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

7. Confirming By-law

7.1 By-law Number 6679-25 - Being a By-law to confirm actions by Council resulting from a Special Meeting of Council on March 18, 2025

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the confirming by-law be enacted.

Carried

8. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk