



**Town of Aurora
Community Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Video Conference

Committee Members: Balpreet Grewal (Chair)
Laura Thanasse (Vice Chair)
Shivangi Bagga
Earl Cochrane (departed 7:45 p.m.)
Chris Gordon
Denis Heng
Janet Mitchell
Sera Weiss

Members Absent: Jennifer Sault
Councillor Sandra Humfries

Other Attendees: Lisa Hausz, Manager, Economic Development and Policy
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Procedural Notes

This meeting was held electronically as per Section 19. i) of the Town's Procedure By-law No. 6228-19, as amended, due to the COVID-19 situation.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Laura Thanasse

Seconded by Janet Mitchell

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

3. **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*.

4. **Receipt of the Minutes**

4.1 **Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2021**

Moved by Sera Weiss

Seconded by Earl Cochrane

That the Community Advisory Committee meeting minutes of April 15, 2021, be received for information.

Carried

5. **Delegations**

None.

6. **Matters for Consideration**

6.1 **Memorandum from Manager, Economic Development and Policy; Re: Aurora Promenade Streetscape Needs Assessment**

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum and introduced the project consultants: Wai Ying Di Giorgio, Principal, Urban Design; and Andrew Hooke, Project Manager; of The Planning Partnership. The consultants sought input from the Committee on elements of the study area streetscape including the road, sidewalk, landscape, lighting, and maintenance.

The Committee expressed general support of the plan and proposed improvements, and provided feedback and suggestions regarding: the need for assessment and/or statistical data as a basis for decisions; examples of other municipalities with pedestrian-friendly areas; concern about reducing street parking; concern about how to divert traffic without affecting businesses and local residential areas; the need for viable options; fit with regional transit plans; traffic flow options; increased accessibility for pedestrian traffic; making the area a destination through investment; installation of trees and environmental effects; planters and

drought-resistant plants; landscaping to help reduce sound and slow down traffic; better lighting; garbage cans; patios; and bike lanes.

Staff noted that the consultation will continue and further comments can be shared online at engageaurora.ca/downtownstreetscape.

Moved by Laura Thanasse

Seconded by Janet Mitchell

1. That the memorandum regarding Aurora Promenade Streetscape Needs Assessment be received; and
2. That the Community Advisory Committee comments regarding the Streetscape Needs Assessment be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

7. Informational Items

None.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Laura Thanasse

Seconded by Sera Weiss

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Carried