



Town of Aurora Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 23, 2021
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall

Council Members: Mayor Tom Mrakas (Chair)
 Councillor Wendy Gaertner*
 Councillor John Gallo*
 Councillor Rachel Gilliland
 Councillor Sandra Humfries*
 Councillor Harold Kim
 Councillor Michael Thompson

Other Attendees: Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer
 Allan Downey, Director of Operations*
 Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services*
 Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services*
 Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director of Finance*
 David Waters, Director of Planning and Development Services*
 Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor*
 Michael de Rond, Town Clerk
 Samantha Yew, Deputy Town Clerk
 Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

*Attended electronically

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Mrakas acknowledged that the meeting took place on the traditional territory of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishinaabe peoples whose

presence here continues to this day. He further noted that Aurora is part of the treaty lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit and the Williams Treaties First Nations and thanked them for sharing the land.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Humfries

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

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

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. **Community Presentations**

None.

6. **Delegations**

None.

7. **Consent Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Humfries

That the Consent Agenda items, 7.1 to 7.10 inclusive, be approved.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

7.1 **Council Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2021**

1. That the Council meeting minutes of October 26, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.2 Council Closed Session Minutes of October 19, 2021 (confidential attachment)

1. That the Council Closed Session minutes of October 19, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.3 Council Closed Session Public Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2021

1. That the Council Closed Session Public meeting minutes of October 19, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.4 Council Closed Session Minutes of October 26, 2021 (confidential attachment)

1. That the Council Closed Session minutes of October 26, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.5 Council Closed Session Public Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2021

1. That the Council Closed Session Public meeting minutes of October 26, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.6 Council Closed Session Minutes of November 2, 2021 (confidential attachment)

1. That the Council Closed Session minutes of November 2, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.7 Council Closed Session Public Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2021

1. That the Council Closed Session Public meeting minutes of November 2, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.8 Council Closed Session Minutes of November 9, 2021 (confidential attachment)

1. That the Council Closed Session minutes of November 9, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.9 Council Closed Session Public Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2021

1. That the Council Closed Session Public meeting minutes of November 9, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.10 Council Public Planning Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2021

1. That the Council Public Planning meeting minutes of November 9, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

8. Standing Committee Reports

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the Standing Committee Reports, items 8.1 to 8.2 inclusive, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.1.3 and 8.2.3, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

8.1 General Committee Meeting Report of November 2, 2021

8.1.1 Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2021

[Minutes](#)

1. That the Finance Advisory Committee meeting minutes of October 12, 2021, be received for information.

Carried

8.1.2 Anti-Black Racism and Anti-Racism Task Force Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2021

[Minutes](#)

1. That the Anti-Black Racism and Anti-Racism Task Force meeting minutes of October 20, 2021, be received for information.

Carried

8.1.3 CS21-070 - Final Report Town of Aurora Municipal Service Delivery Review

[Report](#) [Attachment 1](#) [Attachment 2](#)

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

1. That Report No. CS21-070 be received; and
2. That staff be directed to prioritize and action the recommendations in the report as appropriate; and
3. That staff report back to Council on progress.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

8.1.4 PDS21-133 - Green Development Standards Update

[Report](#) [Presentation](#)

1. That Report No. PDS21-133 be received for information.

Carried

8.1.5 CMS21-035 - Sport Tourism Strategy Update 1

[Report](#) [Appendix A](#) [Appendix B](#) [Appendix C](#) [Appendix D](#)

1. That Report No. CMS21-035 be received; and
2. That a Sport Tourism Strategy be developed to engage the local business and hotel industry, create a visitor experience package to support existing events and explore potential new events to bring into the community with the current assets and resources available to the Town; and
3. That staff further investigate opportunities to enhance current facilities that would expand the event hosting potential and opportunities to bring new events into the community; and
4. That staff report back to Council in Winter 2022.

Carried

8.1.6 PDS21-137 - Promenade Streetscape Needs Assessment

[Report](#) [Attachment 1](#)

1. That Report No. PDS21-137 be received for information.

Carried

8.2 General Committee Meeting Report of November 16, 2021

8.2.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2021

[Minutes](#)

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of October 27, 2021, be received for information.

Carried

8.2.2 Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2021

[Minutes](#)

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of November 1, 2021, be received for information.

Carried

8.2.3 PDS21-105 - Heritage Permit Application File: HPA-2020-04 - 74 Centre Street

[Report](#) [Attachment 1](#) [Attachment 2](#)

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Humfries

1. That Report No. PDS21-105 be referred back to staff; and
2. That Council consents to a further 60-day extension of HPA-2020-04 from December 13, 2021.

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

Nays (1): Councillor Gaertner

Carried (6 to 1)

8.2.4 PDS21-124 - Review of Aurora Register - Evaluation Methodology

[Report](#) [Attachment 1](#) [Attachment 2](#) [Attachment 3](#)

1. That Report No. PDS21-124 be received; and
2. That Ontario Regulation 9/06 be approved to evaluate properties for cultural heritage interest and discontinue the use of "Evaluation of Heritage Resources in the Town of Aurora (2010)."

Carried

8.2.5 CMS21-038 - Disc Golf Opportunities in Aurora

[Report](#)

1. That Report No. CMS21-038 be received; and
2. That Highland Gate property be identified as the potential location for a future nine-hole disc golf course subject to additional consultation with the community and Highland Gate Ratepayers Association.

Carried

8.2.6 PDS21-123 - Amendment to Heritage Designation By-law Number 6182-19, De La Salle College and Pine Ridge Trail (Monk's Walk), 50-100 Bloomington Road West

[Report](#) [Attachment 1](#) [Attachment 2](#)

1. That Report No. PDS21-123 be received; and
2. That Council direct staff to issue a Notice of Intent to amend Heritage Designation By-law Number 6182-19 for 50-100 Bloomington Road West, as discussed herein in accordance with the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and
3. That Council direct staff to bring forward the amending by-law should there be no objections to the proposed amendment to By-law Number 6182-19.

Carried

8.2.7 PDS21-128 - Heritage Permit Application File: HPA-2021-14, 15356 Yonge Street (Knowles-Readman House)

[Report](#) [Attachment 1](#) [Attachment 2](#) [Attachment 3](#)

1. That Report No. PDS21-128 be received; and
2. That Heritage Permit Application HPA-2021-14 be approved for the removal of the two-storey tail wing of the “Knowles-Readman House”.

Carried

8.2.8 PDS21-131 - Town-Initiated Zoning Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law Number 6000-17

[Report](#) [Figures 1-4](#) [Figure 5](#)

1. That Report No. PDS21-131 be received; and
2. That staff be directed to proceed with a Statutory Public Meeting to present a draft Zoning By-law amendment to the Town’s Comprehensive Zoning By-law Number 6000-17 for general housekeeping purposes, as described herein.

Carried

8.2.9 York Regional Council Highlights of October 28, 2021

[Regional Report](#)

1. That the York Regional Council Highlights of October 28, 2021, be received for information.

Carried

9. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

Council consented to consider item 9.1 prior to consideration of section 8, Standing Committee Reports.

9.1 CS21-088 - Motor Vehicle Collision Cost Recovery Program

Rocco Volpe, Deputy Fire Chief - Operations, announced that today Fire Chief Ian Laing celebrated 45 years of service to the profession of fire fighting and was earlier presented with a service bar from the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management by Mayor Tom Mrakas of the Town of Aurora and Mayor John Taylor of the Town of Newmarket, along with Councillor Christina Bisanz, Chair of the Joint Council Committee.

Deputy Chief Volpe presented an overview of Fire Services Report 2021-13 - Cost Recovery Program - Final Pilot Project Update and noted that the

Joint Council Committee has approved the report's recommendation to implement the Cost Recovery Program on a permanent basis effective January 2022.

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

1. That Report No. CS21-088 be received for information.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

10. Motions

10.1 Councillor Gilliland; Re: Property Standards By-law Modernization and Review

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Kim

Whereas the Town's current Property Standards by-law was last written in 1999; and

Whereas the population growth and building landscape has changed drastically in the last 22 years; and

Whereas the Town would benefit from a review of the Property Standards By-law to reflect the growth and modernization experienced in Aurora;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff report back with a modernized review of the Property Standards By-law.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

11. New Business

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the possibility of grass surface and lighting improvements at the Aurora Lawn Bowling Club, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Gallo requested an update on the Town's plans for outdoor skating rinks for the upcoming season, including Queen's Diamond Jubilee Park, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Gilliland inquired about the plans for the outdoor skating rink at Town Park, and staff provided a response.

Mayor Mrakas announced that meetings in Council Chambers will be returning to in-person attendance for Council members, Town staff, and members of the public as of January 2022, and protocols will be in place.

12. By-laws

12.1 By-law Number 6389-21 - Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 5590-14, for the collection of solid waste and recyclable materials in the Town of Aurora.

12.2 By-law Number 6390-21 - Being a By-law to establish a schedule of fees and charges for municipal services, activities, and the use of property within the Town of Aurora (Fees and Charges By-law).

12.3 By-law Number 6391-21 - Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 4574-04.T, as amended, to regulate parking and traffic in the Town of Aurora (Stop Controlled Intersections-Machell Avenue and Irwin Avenue).

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the By-laws items, 12.1 to 12.3 inclusive, be enacted.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

13. Closed Session

None.

14. Confirming By-law

14.1 By-law No. 6393-21 Being a By-law to confirm actions by Council resulting from a Council meeting on November 23, 2021

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the confirming by-law be enacted.

Carried

15. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk