



Town of Aurora
General Committee
Meeting Report

Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall

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

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*
Eliza Bennett, Acting Manager, Corporate Communications*
Alexander Wray, Manager, Bylaw Services*
Anna Ruberto, Manager, Procurement*
Anca Mihail, Manager, Engineering Services*
Phillip Rose, Manager, Library Square*
Michael de Rond, Town Clerk
Samantha Yew, Deputy Town Clerk
Ishita Soneji, Council/Committee Coordinator

*Attended electronically

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

General Committee 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. It was noted that Aurora is part of the treaty lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit and the Williams Treaties First Nations and we thank them for sharing the land.

3. Approval of the Agenda

General Committee approved the revised agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, and further revised the agenda on a two-thirds majority vote to include Item 10.2 - Notice of Motion regarding Financial Support of the Aurora Historical Society for Hillary House Rehabilitation.

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

6.1 Susan Morton-Leonard and Lynn Browne, Residents; Re: 2022 Budget Request for Train Whistle Cessation

Susan Morton-Leonard and Lynn Browne emphasized the need for train whistle cessation in Aurora and improving pedestrian safety equipment at all level crossings in the Town. They further requested that funds be allocated in the 2022 budget to address these concerns.

General Committee received the comments of the delegation.

6.2 Nick Pileggi, representing Gillam Residence Ltd. Partnership; Re: Item 9.5 - PDS21-152 - Application for Removal of (H) Holding Provision, Gillam Residence Ltd. Partnership - 15520 Yonge Street

Nick Pileggi provided a brief overview of the application to remove holding provision for 15520 Yonge Street and requested that the application be supported.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to Item 9.5.

7. Consent Agenda

7.1 CMS21-034 - Public Art Master Plan - Status Update

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CMS21-034 be received for information.

Carried

7.2 FIN21-045 - Q3 2021 Procurement Report

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. FIN21-045 be received for information.

Carried

8. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

General Committee recommends:

That the Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, 8.1 to 8.6 inclusive, be received for information.

Carried

8.1 Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2021

1. That the Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee meeting minutes of November 5, 2021, be received for information.

Carried

8.2 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2021

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of November 10, 2021, be received for information.

Carried**8.3 Aurora Town Square Project Monitoring Task Force Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2021**

1. That the Aurora Town Square Project Monitoring Task Force meeting minutes of November 16, 2021, be received for information.

Carried**8.4 Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee Meeting of November 18, 2021**

1. That the Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2021 be received for information.

Carried**8.5 Anti-Black Racism and Anti-Racism Task Force Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2021**

1. That the Anti-Black Racism and Anti-Racism Task Force Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2021, be received for information.

Carried**8.6 Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2021**

1. That the Community Advisory Committee meeting minutes of November 18, 2021, be received for information.

Carried**9. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)****9.1 FIN21-049 - Procurement Modernization Project Update**

Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director of Finance, presented an overview of the Procurement Modernization project. She provided details on the overall assessment process involving review of procurement-related policies and procedures, the four critical risk areas of evaluation, eight key target areas with specific due diligence indicators, and the next steps.

Paul Emanuelli, General Counsel and Managing Director, The Procurement Office, was also present to respond to questions.

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. FIN21-049 be received for information.

Carried

9.2 CS21-059 - Fence By-law Exemption Request – 32 Knowles Crescent

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CS21-059 be received; and
2. That an exemption to the Town's Fence By-law No. 4753-05.P to permit a recently constructed non-compliant fence in the rear yard at 32 Knowles Crescent, be denied; and
3. That staff report to Council at a future meeting outlining proposed amendments to the Fence By-law No 4753-05.P on a process to address future fence exemption requests.

Carried

9.3 CS21-089 - Pending List Review

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CS21-089 be received; and
2. That items marked "Completed" be removed from the Pending List.

Carried

9.4 OPS21-021 - Tree Removal Permit Application - 144 Temperance Street

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. OPS21-021 be received; and
2. That the Tree Removal Permit Application for 144 Temperance Street be approved.

Carried

9.5 PDS21-152 - Application for Removal of (H) Holding Provision, Gillam Residence Ltd. Partnership - 15520 Yonge Street, Plan 246 PT Lot 4, File Number: ZBA(H)-2021-01, Related File Number: SPM-2021-01

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS21-152 be received; and
2. That the Application to Remove the (H) Holding Provision File ZBA(H)-2019-01 for Gillam Residence Ltd. Partnership at 15520 Yonge Street be approved; and
3. That the amending by-law to remove the (H) Holding provision be presented for enactment at a future Council meeting.

Carried

9.6 PDS21-155 - Application for Site Plan Approval, Horseshoe Properties Inc., 130 Industrial Parkway North, File Number: SP-2021-05

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS21-155 be received; and
2. That Site Plan Application File SP-2021-05 to permit the development of a building addition for warehousing with a Gross Floor Area of 1,163.08 m² (12,519 ft²) be approved in principle, subject to the following conditions:
 1. Resolution of all outstanding minor technical comments from internal departments and external agencies including the Region of York and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning & Development Services, prior to execution of a site plan agreement; and
 2. Execution of a site plan agreement between the Owner and the Town ensuring all Town and external agency requirements are satisfied, including the payment of fees and securities and Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland.

Carried

10. Notices of Motion

10.1 Councillor Kim; Re: Naming Policy Review

Whereas the Town of Aurora has not reviewed the policies regarding facility and street naming since 2007; and

Whereas the Town would benefit from a fulsome review and modernization of the various naming policies;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff review our current naming policies and report back to Council with policy recommendations; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That staff report back by the end of the first quarter of 2022.

10.2 Mayor Mrakas; Re: Financial Support of the Aurora Historical Society for Hillary House Rehabilitation

Whereas the Aurora Historical Society is facing considerable financial pressure relating to its repair and rehabilitation of Hillary House; and

Whereas balances in the Heritage Reserve Fund will be planned for specific projects recommended to or by Council during the annual budget process, or other times through-out the year, having consulted with the Heritage Advisory Committee; and

Whereas the Town has \$321,300 in funding available within its Heritage Reserve Fund from which financial support may be offered to the Aurora Historical Society; and

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town match any funding obtained by the Aurora Historical Society for the rehabilitation of the Hillary House up to a maximum of \$150,000; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the matching funds to the Aurora Historical Society be funded through a contribution from the Heritage Reserve Fund; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That upon confirmation of the proposed amount to be provided to the Aurora Historical Society and the scope of the

capital works to be funded by the grant that the Heritage Advisory Committee's endorsement be sought at that time.

11. Regional Report

None.

12. New Business

Councillor Gilliland referred to the comments expressed in Delegation 6.1 and inquired about the next steps.

New Business Motion No. 1

General Committee recommends:

That the comments from Delegation 6.1, by Susan Morton-Leonard and Lynn Browne, regarding train whistle cessation in Aurora, be referred back to staff to report back to Council.

Carried

Councillor Gilliland referred to the discussion regarding Item 9.4 - OPS21-021 - Tree Removal Permit Application - 144 Temperance Street and inquired about incorporating carbon capture methodologies in the tree compensation policy, and staff provided a response.

13. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Gaertner extended wishes for Hannukah to all those celebrating and noted that the Town's Menorah Lighting Ceremony will take place on December 1, 2021 at Town Hall.

Councillor Gilliland announced that the Deck the Halls Tour will be held from December 10 to 19, 2021 and more information is available at aurora.ca/deckthehalls.

Councillor Humfryes announced that the Kwik Kopy boardwalk at Yonge Street and St. John's Sideroad is now open and extended her appreciation to the Operations department staff.

Councillor Humfries extended appreciation to the Aurora Business Improvement Area (BIA) for hosting the Parade Day Fun event at Machell's Alley on November 27, 2021 for the Santa Under the Stars Parade.

Mayor Mrakas and Councillors Kim and Humfries extended appreciation to the Special Events team, Operations department, and all those involved for a successful Santa Under the Stars Parade.

Mayor Mrakas announced the following activities and events in Aurora:

- The Town's overnight winter parking restrictions are in effect from November 15, 2021 to April 15, 2022; visit aurora.ca/winterparking for more information.
- Anyone who receives a parking ticket from now until December 13, 2021, can pay their fine by donating new, unwrapped children's toys or gift cards.
- Aurora's Christmas Market will be held from December 3 to 5, 2021 and December 10 to 12, 2021, and more information is available at aurora.ca/christmasmarket.
- The Town's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on December 3, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. at Town Park.
- The Family First Night event, to ring in the New Year, will be held on December 31, 2021 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Aurora Town Park.
- Aurora's Accessibility Advisory Committee is seeking public input from residents, employees, visitors, and local businesses on how to improve accessibility in Aurora; visit engageaurora.ca/accessibleaurora.

Councillor Gaertner announced that a flag raising will be held on December 6, 2021, in support of National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women.

14. Closed Session

None.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.