



**Town of Aurora
Council
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023
Time: 7 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
 Allan Downey, Director, Operations
 Robin McDougall, Director, Community Services
 Marco Ramunno, Director, Planning and Development Services
 Techa van Leeuwen, Director, Corporate Services
 Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director, Finance
 Daniel Bitonti, Acting Manager, Corporate Communications
 Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor
 Michael de Rond, Town Clerk
 Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator
 Palak Mehta, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

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

Council consented to recess the meeting at 8:57 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:08 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 Weese

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the revised agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved, including the following items requiring a two-thirds majority vote:

- 6.3 - Jane Snape, Resident; Re: Motion 10.3 – Councillor Rachel Gilliland, Councillor Ron Weese; Re: Pickleball Opportunities.
- 6.4 - Michael Bowcott, Resident; Re: Motion 10.3 – Councillor Rachel Gilliland, Councillor Ron Weese; Re: Pickleball Opportunities.
- 6.5 - Bill Maron, Total Tennis Inc.; Re: Motion 10.3 – Councillor Rachel Gilliland, Councillor Ron Weese; Re: Pickleball Opportunities.
- 6.6 - George Skoulikas, Resident; Re: Motion 10.2 – Mayor Mrakas; Re: 672 and 684 Henderson Drive.
- 6.7 - Emily McIntosh, Jenna Weck; Women of Ontario Say No; Re: CS23-008 - Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022.

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

**On a two-thirds majority vote the motion
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**

5.1 **Renée Northrup, Équipe Francobotique; Re: International Robotics Competition**

Students representing Équipe Francobotique - Les Pikacuits, a French-language robotics team based in Aurora, accompanied by their coach Renée Northrup, provided background on the First Lego League (FLL) Razorback Open Invitational, an international robotics competition to be held from May 18-21, 2023 in Arkansas, USA. The team strives to provide additional, locally generated, renewable energy sources to power electric vehicles without requiring significant infrastructure changes through retrofitting existing infrastructure.

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the presentation 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)

6. **Delegations**

6.1 **Jeffrey A. Abrams, Principles Integrity; Re: Item 8.1.2 – CS23-008 - Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022**

Council consented to allow ten minutes for the delegation.

Jeffrey A. Abrams provided comments regarding item 8.1.2 – CS23-008 - Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022, and insights on the intent of Bill 5.

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to item 8.1.2.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

6.2 Gord Kerr, Aurora Pickleball Group; Re: Motion 10.3 – Councillor Rachel Gilliland, Councillor Ron Weese; Re: Pickleball Opportunities

Gord Kerr spoke in support of Councillor Gilliland and Councillor Ron Weese's motion regarding an increase in pickleball courts in Aurora.

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Motion 10.3.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

6.3 Jane Snape, Resident; Re: Motion 10.3 – Councillor Rachel Gilliland, Councillor Ron Weese; Re: Pickleball Opportunities

Jane Snape spoke in support of Councillor Gilliland and Councillor Ron Weese's motion regarding an increase in pickleball courts in Aurora.

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Motion 10.3.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

6.4 Michael Bowcott; Re: Motion 10.3 – Councillor Rachel Gilliland, Councillor Ron Weese; Re: Pickleball Opportunities

Michael Bowcott, on behalf of Richmond Hill Pickleball Club, spoke in support of Councillor Gilliland and Councillor Ron Weese's motion and discussed the challenges and demands facing the sport of Pickleball.

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Motion 10.3.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

6.5 Bill Maron, Total Tennis Inc.; Re: Motion 10.3 – Councillor Rachel Gilliland, Councillor Ron Weese; Re: Pickleball Opportunities

Bill Maron spoke in support of Councillor Gilliland and Councillor Ron Weese's motion and shared experience and insights in operating a tennis/pickleball facility in London, Ontario.

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Motion 10.3.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

6.6 George Skoulikas, Resident; Re: Motion 10.2 – Mayor Mrakas; Re: 672 and 684 Henderson Drive

George Skoulikas, on behalf of Henderson Forest Aurora Ratepayer Association, spoke in support of Mayor Mrakas' motion, and expressed the environmental significance and importance of following process in the development of environmentally sensitive lands.

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Motion 10.2.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

6.7 Emily McIntosh, Jenna Weck; Women of Ontario Say No; Re: Item 8.1.2 – CS23-008 - Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022

Council consented to allow ten minutes for the delegation.

Emily McIntosh and Jenna Weck spoke to item 8.1.2 – CS23-008 - Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022, and called for a motion of support for the Ontario Government's proposed Bill 5.

A video clip was shared that provided the experiences of Nancy O'Brien who formerly worked as a Councillor's Assistant at the City of Ottawa for former Councillor Rick Chiarelli.

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Item 8.1.2.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

7. Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That the Consent Agenda, items 7.1 to 7.8 inclusive, be approved.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

7.1 Council Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2023

1. That the Council meeting minutes of January 31, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.2 Council Closed Session Minutes of January 31, 2023 (confidential attachment)

1. That the Council Closed Session minutes of January 31, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.3 Council Closed Session Public Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2023

1. That the Council Closed Session Public meeting minutes of January 31, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.4 Council Workshop/Education Session Minutes of February 7, 2023

1. That the Council Workshop/Education Session minutes of February 7, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.5 Public Planning Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2023

1. That the Public Planning meeting minutes of January 24 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried**7.6 Special Council Public Planning Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2023**

1. That the Special Council Public Planning meeting minutes of January 30, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried**7.7 Central York Fire Services - Joint Council Committee Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2023**

1. That the Central York Fire Services - Joint Council Committee meeting minutes of January 10, 2023, be received for information.

Carried**7.8 Correspondence from Pickleball Ontario; Re: Letter of Support - February 16, 2023 - Pickleball Opportunities**

1. That the letter of support from Pickleball Ontario of February 16, 2023 regarding Pickleball Opportunities be received for information.

Carried**8. Standing Committee Reports****Moved by Councillor Gallo****Seconded by Councillor Kim**

That the Standing Committee Reports, items 8.1 to 8.2 inclusive, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committees approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.1.2, 8.1.3, and 8.2.1, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

8.1 General Committee Meeting Report of February 7, 2023

8.1.1 Memorandum from Councillor Gaertner; Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of November 18, November 25, and December 16, 2022

[Memorandum](#)

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of November 18, November 25, and December 16, 2022, be received for information.

Carried

8.1.2 CS23-008 - Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022

[Report](#)

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

1. That Report No. CS23-008 be received; and
2. That the Town of Aurora endorses Bill 5; and
3. That a copy of the motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Michael Parsa, Associate Minister of Housing, MPP Aurora–Oak Ridges–Richmond Hill, Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket–Aurora, Stephen Blais, MPP Orléans, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

8.1.3 CS23-006 - Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

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

Main Motion

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Weese

1. That Report No. CS23-006 be received; and
2. That the Terms of Reference (Attachment 1) for the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee be approved; and
3. That the amended Terms of Reference (Attachment 2) for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee be approved.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

That the main motion be amended to add the following clauses:

“That the duties and functions of the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee include:

To advise staff on traffic safety concerns identified by various stakeholders including Council, citizens, ratepayer groups, staff and other interested parties. These concerns may include but not be limited to addressing the overall movement of traffic and traffic volumes on Town roads, speeding concerns, traffic calming requests, highway safety considerations, parking restrictions, the application of school safety zones and community safety zones, and any alternatives and strategies related thereto; and

To promote strategies that will modify aggressive driving behaviours through public education and awareness, through the implementation of by-laws, police enforcement, traffic calming measures and any other methods that have the effect of improving the general safety of the public at large by reducing accidents, property damage, personal injuries and fatalities.”

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

Carried (7 to 0)

Main motion as amended

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Weese

1. That Report No. CS23-006 be received; and
2. That the Terms of Reference (Attachment 1) for the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee be approved; and
3. That the amended Terms of Reference (Attachment 2) for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee be approved; **and**
4. **That the duties and functions of the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee include:**
 - a. **To advise staff on traffic safety concerns identified by various stakeholders including Council, citizens, ratepayer groups, staff and other interested parties. These concerns may include but not be limited to addressing the overall movement of traffic and traffic volumes on Town roads, speeding concerns, traffic calming requests, highway safety considerations, parking restrictions, the application of school safety zones and community safety zones, and any alternatives and strategies related thereto; and**
 - b. **To promote strategies that will modify aggressive driving behaviours through public education and awareness, through the implementation of by-laws, police enforcement, traffic calming measures and any other methods that have the effect of improving the general safety of the public at large by reducing accidents, property damage, personal injuries and fatalities.**

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

Carried (7 to 0)

8.1.4 CS23-007 - Business Licensing By-law Amendments - Taxicab Tariffs

[Report Attachment 1](#)

1. That Report No. CS23-007 be received; and
2. That staff bring forward amendments to Schedule 13 and Appendix 'A' of the Town's Business Licensing By-law No. 5630-14 to a future Council meeting to remove taxicab tariffs; and
3. That staff be directed to implement regulatory framework to regulate Vehicles for Hire (VFH) in Aurora for the purpose of consumer protection and public safety.

Carried

8.2 General Committee Meeting Report of February 21, 2023

8.2.1 PDS23-016 - Application for Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment Approval, 5-70 Archerhill Court Lots 1 to 14 and Archerhill Court, Plan 65M-2494 File Numbers: SUB-2021 and ZBA-2021-06

[Report Figures-1-4 Attachment 1 Attachment 2](#)

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

1. That Report No. PDS23-016 be received; and
2. That Draft Plan of Subdivision application SUB-2021-02 be approved, as shown in Figure 4 of this report and subject to the Conditions of Draft Plan Approval as outlined in Appendix 'A'; and
3. That the corresponding Zoning By-law Amendment application ZBA-2021-06 be approved, to rezone the subject lands from "Estate Residential (ER)" to "Detached Third Density Residential (R3-X) Exception Zone", "Detached Fourth Density Residential (R4)", "Detached Fourth Density Residential (R4-X) Exception Zone", "Detached Fourth Density Residential (R4-X2) Exception Zone", "Public Open Space (O1)", and "Environmental Protection (EP)" with site specific zoning standards as outlined in Appendix 'B' of this report; and

4. That the appropriate servicing be allocated to the development (138 units); and
5. That an implementing Zoning By-law Amendment be brought forward to a future Council meeting for enactment; and
6. That a By-law to stop up, close and convey Archerhill Court to the owner of the subject lands be brought forward to a future Council meeting for enactment.

Yeas (5): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Nays (2): Councillor Gaertner, and Councillor Thompson

Carried (5 to 2)

8.2.2 CMS23-006 - Church Street School - Asset Management

Report

1. That Report No. CMS23-006 be received; and
2. That a new capital project with total budget authority of \$173,000 be approved for the refinishing and repainting of Brevik Hall, Aurora room, boardroom, gallery, and ancillary spaces in the Church Street school to be funded from the facility asset management reserve; and
3. That a new capital project with total budget authority of \$187,000 be approved for the refinishing and repainting of Aurora Museum & Archives and Aurora Cultural Centre administrative spaces to be funded from the facility asset management reserve.

Carried

8.2.3 CMS23-004 - Office Furniture and Contract Award

Report

1. That Report No. CMS23-004 be received; and
2. That Council authorize Non-Standard procurement, under section 2.7 of the procurement policy for Piggyback Purchasing, to award the supply, delivery, and installation of systems furniture to Teknion under the terms of the Vendor of Record (VOR) agreement; and

3. That Council approve the procurement as a standing offer as defined under section 5.2 Standing Offers in the Procurement Policy.

Carried

8.2.4 CS23-009 - Council Compensation Ad Hoc Committee

[Report Attachment 1](#)

1. That Report No. CS23-009 be received; and
2. That the Terms of Reference (Attachment 1) for the Council Compensation Ad Hoc Committee be approved.

Carried

9. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

None.

10. Motions

10.1 Mayor Mrakas; Re: Affordable Housing Action Plan

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Kim

Whereas affordable housing has reached a crisis level in communities across Canada; and

Whereas responsible growth management and providing a range and mix of housing options are fundamental pillars of the Town's Official Plan; and

Whereas the Town continues to implement Provincial and Regional targets on housing, population, and density - having grown by approximately 12% from 2016-2021, and forecasted to continue to grow by over another 30% to 2051; and

Whereas this growth emphasizes the importance of proactive and strategic planning for affordable and attainable housing, which further supports the economic strength and livability of the Town overall; and

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That through the Town's ongoing Official Plan Review, the scope of the Town's Official Plan be expanded to include modernized housing policies that clearly

articulate and define the Town's strategies and actions on affordable and attainable housing to 2051 and beyond; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town develop an Affordable Housing Action Plan (AHAP), to be used to guide decision-making on how to address affordable housing and promote attainable housing options for residents through clear objectives and targets specifically designed for implementation within the local Aurora community context; and
3. Be it Further Resolved That the Affordable Housing Action Plan (AHAP) be developed through collaborative engagement with the community, local partners, and housing providers, and apply to both private market and public housing development; and
4. Be it Further Resolved That the Affordable Housing Action Plan also include specific monitoring and measuring tools to ensure the successful implementation of strategies over the horizon of 2051 and beyond.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

10.2 Mayor Mrakas; Re: 672 and 684 Henderson Drive

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

Whereas Weston Consulting has made requests to the Town of Aurora, The Regional Municipality of York, and the Province (Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing) to permit residential development at 672 and 684 Henderson Drive as of right; and

Whereas the effect of such request would result in circumventing the Town's existing approval process and forgoing an assessment of potential environmental impacts of proposed development on the subject lands; and

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora request the Province continue to support the Town's position as well as the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) ruling for 672 and 684 Henderson Drive

and NOT permit residential development as of right on these lands;
and

2. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Michael Parsa, Associate Minister of Housing, MPP Aurora–Oak Ridges–Richmond Hill, and Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket–Aurora.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

10.3 Councillor Rachel Gilliland, Councillor Ron Weese; Re: Pickleball Opportunities

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Weese

Whereas the Town envisioned by 2021, Aurora would have a dynamic and robust sport system that enables all Town residents to engage in meaningful sport opportunities equal to their abilities, resulting in increased levels of participation in sport; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora supported a Sport Plan, prioritizing growth, supporting an active community, and to place focus on increasing participation in sport; and

Whereas Pickleball is the number one growing sport in North America that is gaining popularity in Aurora within numerous age groups, particularly adults and older adults; and

Whereas often Pickleball leagues and courts fill up within the same day of registration leaving many without an opportunity to try or play the sport, or forced to go out of Town; and

Whereas even though, the Town is still developing a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan, residents are eager to begin identifying creative Pickleball opportunities to capitalize on the upcoming spring, summer and fall seasons to help meet the demand; and

Whereas there may be creative opportunities with existing tennis courts, under-utilized parking lots, or community/corporate partnerships that could be explored; and

Whereas tennis and pickleball courts serve a multi-use purpose extending use efficiently; and

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff report back with possible creative opportunities to increase Pickleball courts for the 2023 summer season; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That staff report back with a future Pickleball development plan with recommendations and future budget considerations through the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

10.4 Councillor Rachel Gilliland; Re: Feasibility of a Permanent Liquor License at the Aurora Community Centre

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Weese

Whereas the Town of Aurora has developed a Sport Tourism Strategy to enhance the visitor experience, bring new events into the community, highlight hometown athletes, and incorporate cultural experiences for the community and visitors; and

Whereas Aurora is a proven growing hockey community of fans, emerging players, and residents, with talent such as Connor McDavid, Robert Thomas, Barclay Goodrow, and Jr Panther Abby Lunney; and

Whereas the cost of watching NHL-level games in person has become extremely unaffordable for the average family or for couples to enjoy; and

Whereas there is an opportunity at the Aurora Community Centre to offer a permanent liquor license to watch in-person, high-level hockey games, such as the Jr. A Aurora Tigers and U18 Women's International Silver Stick Tournament; and

Whereas other municipalities have successfully licensed certain facilities, such as Barrie and Collingwood, to enjoy watching high-level hockey talent and provide an opportunity for local athletes to compete in their hometown, celebrate and highlight the achievements of local athletes who are role models for future athletes; and

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to investigate and report back to Council on the feasibility of a permanent liquor license at the Aurora Community Centre arena; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That staff report back with the recommended amendments to the Municipal Alcohol Policy that would need updating to facilitate this opportunity.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

11. **New Business**

Councillor Weese inquired about the process of designating community safety zones to address traffic concerns around elementary schools as not every elementary school has one. Mayor Mrakas advised that a Notice of Motion could be brought forward.

Councillor Gilliland inquired about a meeting to be hosted by Metrolinx at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex on March 1, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Town staff involvement. Staff clarified that the event is a public information session hosted by Metrolinx and that a meeting will be held later in March in collaboration with the Town Park Area Residents Ratepayers Association.

Councillor Gilliland announced the following activities and events:

- The Aurora Cultural Centre will present a live performance, singer, Amanda Rheaume, at the Aurora Armoury to be held on Saturday, March 4, 2023. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and the concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit: auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/amanda-rheaume.
- An “Art of Storytelling” exhibition based on Truth and Reconciliation will be held at Royal Rose Art Gallery from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 4, 2023. For more information visit, royalroseart.ca/events.

- The Aurora Historical Society is offering Scouts and Girl Guides programs, as well as free youth mentorship opportunities for students grade 9-12. For more information, visit: aurorahs.com/girl_guides_and_scouts_programs.
- York Region Crime Prevention Workshop will be held on Sunday, March 5, 2023 at the Aurora Community Centre from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Mrakas advised the federal government has banned the use of the social media app, TikTok, on all federal government devices in light of privacy and cybersecurity concerns and that municipal staff are looking to implement the same ban at the Town of Aurora. Further updates will be provided as staff continue through that process.

12. By-laws

None.

13. Closed Session

None.

14. Confirming By-law

14.1 By-law Number 6476-23 Being a By-law to confirm actions by Council resulting from a Council meeting on February 28, 2023

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That the confirming by-law be enacted.

Carried

15. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk