



**Town of Aurora
Council
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, March 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, Operational Services
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

*Attended electronically

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Council consented to recess the meeting at 9:15 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:26 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 Kim

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

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

- Delegation 6.3 - Ian M. Clark, Resident; Re: Item 8.1.8 - PDS23-018 - Heritage Permit Application, 60 Fleury Street, File Number: HPA-2023-01
- Delegation 6.4 - Matthew Kinsella, Architect; Re: Item 8.1.8 - PDS23-018 - Heritage Permit Application, 60 Fleury Street, File Number: HPA-2023-01

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 Phiona Durrant and Bobbie Marshall, Aurora Black Community Association;
Re: Black History Report**

Council consented to permit an additional five minutes for the presentation.

Phiona Durrant and Bobbie Marshall presented an overview of the successful events of Black History Month 2023 in Aurora, including key performance indicators and impact analysis, and thanked the Town, staff, and community for their support. Dedicated volunteer Ron Kellman was recognized and presented with the Aurora Black Community Honourable Jean Augustine Community Builder Award.

Moved by Councillor Gallo

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)

5.2 Milton Hart, Chair, Aurora Black Caucus; Re: Aurora Black Caucus

Milton Hart provided background on the Aurora Black Caucus and requested that the Town continue strengthening its partnerships with Black Community organizations on initiatives including the creation of a dismantling of anti-black racism policy, a formal replacement of the former Anti-Black Racism and Anti-Racism Task Force with a physical location, the celebration of Emancipation Day in Aurora on August 1, 2023, and the championing and celebration of accomplishments.

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Weese

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)

5.3 Al Downey Retirement

Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, paid tribute to Allan Downey, Director of Operational Services, who will retire on March 31, 2023. The Mayor and Councillors also acknowledged and thanked Al

Downey for his years of service and dedication to the community and wished him the best of luck in retirement.

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

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 Rita McMahon, Resident; Re: Item 8.1.8 - PDS23-018 - Heritage Permit Application, 60 Fleury Street, File Number: HPA-2023-01

Rita McMahon stressed the importance of transparency and decisions based on objective criteria, noting the engineering report does not support demolition, and requested that the proposed rebuild design be considered at the April 25, 2023 Council meeting if the demolition is approved.

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Weese

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to item 8.1.8.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

6.2 Robert Fairs, Resident; Re: Item 8.1.8 - PDS23-018 - Heritage Permit Application, 60 Fleury Street, File Number: HPA-2023-01

Robert Fairs expressed concerns regarding the application notice and review processes, noting many local residents did not receive notice and the Heritage Advisory Committee should be part of the review process.

Moved by Councillor Weese

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to item 8.1.8.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

6.3 Ian M. Clark, Resident; Re: Item 8.1.8 - PDS23-018 - Heritage Permit Application, 60 Fleury Street, File Number: HPA-2023-01

Council consented to permit an additional two minutes for the delegation.

Ian Clark commented on the importance of the Northeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District Plan and requested that the demolition request, including engineering reports, be referred to the Heritage Advisory Committee and that the application 90-day deadline be removed.

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Weese

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to item 8.1.8.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

6.4 Matthew Kinsella, Architect; Re: Item 8.1.8 - PDS23-018 - Heritage Permit Application, 60 Fleury Street, File Number: HPA-2023-01

Council consented to permit Ryan Panet, the property owner of 60 Fleury Street, to make a brief statement.

Ryan Panet thanked residents for expressing their concerns and emphasized that his priority is to provide a safe home for his family.

Matthew Kinsella spoke in support of the staff recommendation, provided background, and advised that the home is beyond restoration and should be replaced.

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to item 8.1.8.

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 Weese

That the Consent Agenda, items 7.1 to 7.9 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 February 28, 2023

1. That the Council meeting minutes of February 28, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.2 Council Closed Session Minutes of March 7, 2023

1. That the Council Closed Session minutes of March 7, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.3 Council Closed Session Public Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2023

1. That the Council Closed Session Public meeting minutes of March 7, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.4 Council Closed Session Minutes of February 28, 2023

1. That the Council Closed Session minutes of February 28, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.5 Council Closed Session Public Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2023

1. That the Council Closed Session Public meeting minutes of February 28, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.6 Council Closed Session Minutes of February 21, 2023

1. That the Council Closed Session minutes of February 21, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.7 Council Closed Session Public Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2023

1. That the Council Closed Session Public meeting minutes of February 21, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.8 Council Public Planning Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2023

1. That the Council Public Planning meeting minutes of February 14, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.9 Memorandum from Councillor Thompson; Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of February 24, 2023

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of February 24, 2023, be received for information.

Carried

8. Standing Committee Reports

Council consented to consider items in the following order: 8.1.8, 8.1.2, and 8.1.4.

Moved by Councillor Weese

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the Standing Committee Reports item 8.1 be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.1.2, 8.1.4, and 8.1.8, 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 March 7, 2023

8.1.1 Memorandum from Councillor Thompson; Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of January 27, 2023

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of January 27, 2023, be received for information.

Carried

8.1.2 PDS23-019 - Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision, Shining Hill Collections Inc., 162, 306, 370, 434 and 488 St. John's Sideroad West, File Number: OPA-2021-02, ZBA-2021-02 and SUB-2021-01

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

1. That Report No. PDS23-019 be received; and
2. That Official Plan Amendment application OPA-2021-02 be approved to amend the Official Plan Site Specific Policy #14 and OPA 37:
 - a. to re-designate the subject lands from "Existing Major Institutional", "Suburban Residential (SR-1)", "Supporting Area Open Space" and "Core Area Open Space" designations to "Suburban Residential (SR-1)", "Stable Residential", "Environmental Protection", "Public Parkland", and "Supporting Area Open Space" designations; and
 - b. remove Official Plan Site Specific Policy #14 over a portion of the subject lands and replace with a new site-specific policy to permit single detached dwellings up to a maximum height of three (3) storeys or eleven (11) metres and street townhouses up to a maximum height of thirteen (13) metres; and

3. That Zoning By-law Amendment application ZBA-2021-02 be approved to rezone the subject lands from Oak Ridges Moraine - Rural (RU-ORM), Rural (RU) and Institutional (I) to Detached Third Density Exception X (R3-X), Detached Fourth Density Exception X (R4-X), Townhouse Dwelling Residential Exception Zone (R8-X), Institutional (I), Oak Ridges Moraine Environmental Protection Zone (EP-ORM), Environmental Protection (EP), Public Open Space (O1) and Private Open Space Zone (O2); and
4. That the Draft Plan of Subdivision application SUB-2021-01 consisting of 108 dwelling units (87 singles and 21 towns), neighbourhood park, school block, natural heritage/open space areas, public roads be approved, subject to the conditions listed in Appendix 'A' to this report; and
5. That Council grant allocation from the reserve to service the development of 87 single-detached dwellings and 21 townhouses units on the approved Draft Plan of Subdivision; and
6. That the implementing Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment be brought forward to a future Council meeting for enactment.

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

Nays (1): Councillor Gaertner

Carried (6 to 1)

8.1.3 OPS23-002 - David Tomlinson Nature Reserve Phase 2 Options

1. That Report No. OPS23-002 be received; and
2. That staff be directed to implement Option 2, including the Phase 2 trail connections, boardwalks, and associated landscaping, and that the offline wetlands and Marsh Creek realignment be deleted from the Phase 2 scope of works.

Carried

8.1.4 FIN23-007 - Investment Policy Statement and Transition to Prudent Investment Regime

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Weese

1. That Report No. FIN23-007 be received; and
2. That the proposed Investment Policy Statement, attached as Attachment 1 be approved; and
3. That the Director, Finance – Treasurer be authorized to execute the ONE Joint Investment Board Agreement, substantially in the form attached as Attachment 2, subject to the final form and content being to the satisfaction of the Director, Finance – Treasurer and the Town Solicitor; and
4. That the Draft Investment Plan attached as Attachment 3 be received for information purposes; and
5. That a by-law be enacted to authorize the Town’s investments under the Prudent Investor regime as required by Ontario Regulation 438/97 and authorize execution of the ONE Joint Investment Board Agreement delegating control and management of the Town’s long-term investments to the ONE Joint Investment Board.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

8.1.5 FIN23-006 - Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for Members of Council, Committees and Local Boards

1. That Report No. FIN23-006 be received for information.

Carried

8.1.6 PDS23-008 - Request for a Parking By-law Amendment on Benville Crescent

1. That Report No. PDS23-008 - Request for a Parking By-law Amendment on Benville Crescent be referred to the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee for review and comment.

Carried

8.1.7 PDS23-011 - Extension of Approval to Draft Plan of Subdivision, Ambria (Bloomington) Limited (formerly 2523059 Ontario Inc.), 132, 148, 166, 178, 186, 192, and 198 Old Bloomington Road, Lots 12 and 14 and Part of Lots 10, 11 and 13, Registered Plan 166, File Number: SUB-2017-03

1. That Report No. PDS23-011 be received; and
2. That the Draft Approval to Plan of Subdivision for 132-198 Old Bloomington Road, File SUB-2017-03, be extended for one (1) year with a lapsing date of May 26, 2024.

Carried

8.1.8 PDS23-018 - Heritage Permit Application, 60 Fleury Street, File Number: HPA-2023-01

Main motion

Moved by Councillor Weese

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

1. That Report No. PDS23-018 be received; and
2. That the demolition permit for the property at 60 Fleury Street be approved; and
3. That the proposed design be referred to the Heritage Advisory Committee for review and comment.

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Weese

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the main motion be amended by replacing the second and third clauses with the following original staff recommendation:

"That Heritage Permit Application HPA-2023-01 be approved to permit the demolition and replacement of the existing fire-damaged structure at 60 Fleury Street with a new, heritage compatible Edwardian-style dwelling (Figures 3-5)."

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 Weese
Seconded by Councillor Gallo

1. That Report No. PDS23-018 be received; and
2. That Heritage Permit Application HPA-2023-01 be approved to permit the demolition and replacement of the existing fire-damaged structure at 60 Fleury Street with a new, heritage compatible Edwardian-style dwelling (Figures 3-5).

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

Carried (7 to 0)

9. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

None.

10. Motions

None.

11. Regional Report

11.1 York Regional Council Highlights of February 23, 2023

Moved by Councillor Weese
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

1. That the York Regional Council Highlights of February 23, 2023, 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)

12. New Business

Councillor Gaertner noted that the month of March is Endometriosis Awareness Month.

Councillor Gilliland inquired about the possibility of continuing committees, such as the Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Heritage Advisory Committee, during future transitions of Council terms until the new committee members have been appointed by Council. Staff provided a response and Councillor Gilliland agreed to bring forward a Notice of Motion.

Councillor Weese, with reference to a recent meeting with the Town Park Area Residents Ratepayers Association and Metrolinx, inquired about arranging for Metrolinx to present further information when available to Council, and the Mayor provided a response.

Councillor Gallo inquired about the next steps with reference to the presentation and requests from Milton Hart, Chair of the Aurora Black Caucus. The Mayor and staff provided a response, noting that staff would be reporting back to Council with options.

Mayor Mrakas announced and congratulated the new citizen members appointed to the following committees:

- Accessibility Advisory Committee: Peter Angelo, Alison Hughes, Max Le Moine, John Lenchak, Hailey Reiss, and Jo-anne Spitzer.
- Aurora Appeal Tribunal and Property Standards Committee: Linda Durringer, Balpreet Grewal, Tom Plamondon, Maricella Saucedo, and Julian Yang.
- Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee: Diane Buchanan, Phiona Durrant, Elaine Martini, Glenda Raketti, Jo-anne Spitzer, and Patricia Wallace.
- Environmental Advisory Committee: Nicole Arsenault, Shun Chen, Pippette Eibel, Alain Godin, Denis Heng, Kristen Martens, and Ken Turriff.
- Heritage Advisory Committee: Cynthia Bettio, John Green, David Heard, Kevin Hughes, Jeff Lanthier, and Bob McRoberts.

Mayor Mrakas announced that Team Sweden, participating in the upcoming Women's World Championship, is holding a free, open practice on April 1, 2023, at the Aurora Community Centre (ACC) at 10:30 a.m. followed by an autograph session at 1 p.m., and tickets are available for the pre-tournament game between Team Sweden and Team Switzerland at the ACC on April 2 at 2 p.m.

13. By-laws

13.1 By-law Number 6481-23 - Being a By-law to amend Municipal Waterworks Distribution By-law Number 3305-91, as amended.

13.2 By-law Number 6482-23 - Being a By-law to establish a Committee of Adjustment and appoint members to the Committee of Adjustment.

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Weese

That By-laws items 13.1 and 13.2 be enacted.

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

Nays (1): Councillor Gaertner

Carried (6 to 1)

14. Closed Session

None.

15. Confirming By-law

15.1 By-law Number 6483-23 - Being a By-law to confirm actions by Council resulting from a Council meeting on March 28, 2023

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the confirming by-law be enacted.

Carried

16. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Weese

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk