



**Town of Aurora
General Committee
Meeting Report**

Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall

Council Members: Mayor Tom Mrakas
Councillor Ron Weese
Councillor Rachel Gilliland
Councillor Wendy Gaertner
Councillor John Gallo
Councillor Harold Kim

Members Absent: Councillor Michael Thompson

Other Attendees: Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer*
Robin McDougall, Director, Community Services
Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services
Marco Ramunno, Director, Planning and Development Services
Adam Robb, Senior Planner, Development/Heritage
Luigi, Colangelo, Acting Director, Operations
Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director, Finance*
Daniel Bitonti, Acting Manager, Corporate Communications*
Sara Tienkamp, Manager, Parks and Fleet*
Phil Rose, Manager, Cultural Services
Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor
Michael de Rond, Town Clerk
Palak Mehta, Council/Committee Coordinator

Attended electronically*

1. Call to Order

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

General Committee consented to recess the meeting at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

General Committee 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

That the revised agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved, including the Notice of Motion from Councillor Gilliland regarding Pilot Mobile Food and Licensed Beverage Consumption at Concerts in the Park, requiring a two-thirds majority vote.

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 Javed S. Khan and Mike Smith, Aurora Sports Hall of Fame; Re: FORE! Inaugural Aurora Sports Hall of Fame Golf Classic

Mike Smith, representing the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame, provided an overview of the FORE! Inaugural Aurora Sports Hall of Fame Golf Classic and encouraged the participation of residents within the Town of Aurora.

General Committee received the presentation for information.

5.2 Erin Cerenza and Tim Jones, Neighbourhood Network; Re: Neighbourhood Network Update

Erin Cerenza and Tim Jones, representing Neighbourhood Network, provided an update including their mission and vision, how they promote volunteerism, supporting communities, creating opportunities, building connections, and how residents can get involved.

General Committee received the presentation for information.

6. Delegations

6.1 Angela Daust, Resident; Re: Item 9.1 – PDS23-040 - Designation of 30 Individual Properties Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act

Angela Daust expressed concerns regarding the proposed designation of 31 Tyler Street and noted that the design and physical value of the property is not of historical significance as it was rebuilt. Key points, such as historical, associative, and contextual value were also discussed, including affects on property value.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to item 9.1.

6.2 Christine and David Butler, Residents; Re: Item 9.1 – PDS23-040 - Designation of 30 Individual Properties under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act

Christine and David Butler expressed concerns regarding the proposed designation of 81 Tyler Street and discussed the home's foundation, heating costs, as well as affects on property value.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to item 9.1.

6.3 Rev. Fr. Florian, Resident; Re: Item 9.1 – PDS23-040 - Designation of 30 Individual Properties under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act

Rev. Fr. Florian expressed concerns regarding the proposed designation of 33 Mosley Street, Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste Mission and questioned the reasoning behind the proposed designation.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to item 9.1.

6.4 Alexander Papadimitropoulos, Resident; Re: Item 9.1 – PDS23-040 - Designation of 30 Individual Properties Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act

Alexander Papadimitropoulos expressed concerns regarding the proposed designation of 71 Tyler Street and the consequences of designating were highlighted, including an increase in the cost of insurance, renovations, and for preserving the home, as well as the affects on property value.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to item 9.1.

7. Consent Agenda

None.

8. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

None.

9. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

9.1 PDS23-040 - Designation of 30 Individual Properties under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS23-040 be received; and
2. That for the properties whose Notice of Intent to Designate has been withdrawn, Council authorize staff to:
 - Issue the respective Notices of Withdrawal; and

- Remove the respective properties from the Town's Heritage Register in accordance with the provisions of Bill 23 and the *Ontario Heritage Act*, and
3. That for the properties where the Notice of Intent to Designate has not been withdrawn, the appropriate designation by-laws be brought back for enactment; and
 4. That the Notice of Intent to Designate for the following 8 properties where objections were submitted be removed:
 - 16 Reuben Street
 - 31 Tyler Street
 - 33 Mosley Street
 - 41 Wellington Street East
 - 71 Tyler Street
 - 81 Tyler Street
 - 1978 Vandorf Sideroad
 - 15800 Yonge Street

Carried

9.2 CMS23-016 - Pickleball Opportunities - 2023

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CMS23-016 be received; and
2. That the Sports Field and Park Use Policy be amended to reflect the proposed alternative use for dedicated outdoor pickleball courts; and
3. That Council approve OPTION 1B and OPTION 2 for implementation and to be funded from operating budget; **and**
4. **That staff investigate and report back with possible private/commercial parking lot opportunities that could be used as alternative pickleball locations.**

Carried as amended

9.3 CMS23-013 - Community Partnership Grant Program - Policy Approval

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CMS23-013 be received; and
2. That the Community Partnership Grant Policy (attachment 1) be approved; and
3. That the Town's existing Corporate Sponsorship Policy be repealed.

Carried

9.4 CMS23-012 - Approval of Capital Project No. 72478 - Sports Dome - Air Conditioning

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CMS23-012 be received; and
2. That the condition on the approval of a total of \$155,000 in capital budget authority for Capital Project No. 72478 – Sports Dome Air Conditioning be lifted, and the project proceed; and
3. That \$40,000 in previously approved budget authority and its associated funding be transferred from Project No. 72460 – Aurora Sports Dome Retrofit to Project No. 72478 – Sports Dome Air Conditioning; and
4. That a legal opinion as to whether the Town has recourse regarding the air conditioner at the Sports Dome be provided to Council

Carried as amended

9.5 CS23-027 - Aurora Appeal Tribunal and Property Standards Committee Remuneration

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CS23-027 be received; and
2. That the Aurora Appeal Tribunal and Property Standards Committee Members be provided remuneration in the amount of \$80 per meeting; and

3. That the attached Terms of References for the Aurora Appeal Tribunal and Property Standards Committee be approved.

Carried

10. Notices of Motion

10.1 Councillor Gilliland; Re: Committees Continuing Past Council Term

Whereas the Town of Aurora designated a special Heritage Conservation District, that the town and community take great pride in preserving; and

Whereas municipalities may establish a Heritage Advisory Committee and are required to establish an Accessibility Advisory Committee; and

Whereas each new term of Council, new committees are established, however, this has historically caused long gapping between meetings due to the Council change over resulting in applications without this review; and

Whereas other municipalities have chosen to continue some committee meetings until a new committee is appointed to avoid this gapping;

1. Now Therefore Be it Hereby Resolved That staff take the necessary steps to ensure that the Heritage Advisory Committee and Accessibility Advisory Committee continue on past the end of the Council term until a new committee is appointed.

10.2 Councillor Gilliland; Re: Pilot Mobile Food and Licensed Beverage Consumption at Concerts in the Parks

Whereas this pilot is intended to offer equitable opportunity for others to enjoy a licensed beverage in an outdoor setting, much like the Armoury experience, during the August 23 and August 30 Concert in the park; and

Whereas this short-term pilot is intended to collect data, gather community feedback, and measure its success for any future implementation; and

Whereas staff may investigate a sustainable and equitable plan for establishing support for local restaurants and food vendors allowing them to showcase their cuisine at the Concerts in the Park series for 2024, establishing a plan in 2023, which contributes to our town's economic

recovery, helps businesses build new customers, and diversifies choices the public may otherwise not try; and

Whereas our municipal 2014 licensing bylaw that relates to mobile food and refreshment vendors may benefit from a review, to accommodate a modern seamless approach and more economically viable for pop up food and refreshment service; and

Whereas this pilot and plan needs to focus on municipal and regional public health guidelines and appropriate facilities including access to washrooms and waste receptacles.

1. Now Therefore Be it Hereby Resolved That staff investigate the feasibility of implementing a pilot project for the summer 2023 Concerts in the Park to allow the consumption of licensed beverages by sales only on August 23 and August 30 including beer and wine for purchase only and report back to Council for direction; and
2. That staff investigate a sustainable and equitable plan for establishing support for local restaurants and food vendors cuisine at the Concerts in the Park series for 2024 bringing a report to Council in time for the consideration in the 2024 budget; and
3. That staff review our licensing bylaw that relates to mobile food and refreshment vendors and report back to Council with any recommended changes.

11. Regional Report

None.

12. New Business

Councillor Gilliland inquired about damage made by snow blades on lawns, conflicting maintenance work and the progress on this issue, as well as contact information for residents to report their concerns. Staff provided a response.

Councillor Gaertner inquired about parking restrictions and time limits in residential areas, and how to address issues regarding residents parking on streets for long periods of time. Staff provided a response.

Councillor Gallo inquired about the status of a previous motion carried on September 20, 2022 regarding cannabis stores in Aurora. Staff provided a response.

13. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Kim announced the Nature's Emporium run for Southlake event to be held on April 30, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.; visit give.southlake.ca for more details.

Councillor Gaertner acknowledged the numerous holidays over the season, including Easter, Passover, Ramadan, and Orthodox Easter.

14. Closed Session

None.

15. Adjournment

The meeting be adjourned at 9:44 p.m.