



**Town of Aurora
Special Meeting of Council
Minutes**

Date: Monday, September 25, 2023
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall

Council Members: Mayor Tom Mrakas (Chair)
Councillor Ron Weese
Councillor Rachel Gilliland
Councillor Wendy Gaertner* (arrived 7:34 p.m.)
Councillor Michael Thompson
Councillor John Gallo
Councillor Harold Kim

Other Attendees: Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer
Robin McDougall, Director, Community Services
Marco Ramunno, Director, Planning and Development Services
Sara Tienkamp, Director, Operational Services
Nichole Campsall, Cultural Development Coordinator
Michelle Johnson, Collections and Exhibitions Coordinator
Phil Rose, Manager of Cultural Services
Shelley Ware, Recreation Supervisor, Special Events
Bruce Gorman, Chief Executive Officer, Aurora Public Library
Suzanne Haines, Executive Director, Aurora Cultural Centre
Michael de Rond, Town Clerk
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

*Attended electronically

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6 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 Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the revised agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Gaertner

Carried (6 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. Delegations

None.

6. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion

6.1 CMS23-037 - Aurora Town Square Report Chronology

Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services, presented an overview of the history of the Aurora Town Square project, acknowledgement of the project and cultural partners, key milestones, and capital campaign.

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

1. That Report No. CMS23-037 be received for information.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Gaertner

Carried (6 to 0)

6.2 CMS23-036 - Aurora Town Square - Heritage, Programming and Special Events

Council consented to allow additional time for the presentation.

Michelle Johnson, Collections and Exhibitions Coordinator, presented an overview of the heritage services and activities to be offered from the new headquarters at Aurora Town Square including new exhibition opportunities and collection storage space.

Nichole Campsall, Cultural Development Coordinator, presented an overview of the programming to be offered at Aurora Town Square including education programs for local students, community programs, special workshops, live performances, and Culture Days programming.

Shelley Ware, Recreation Supervisor, Special Events, presented an overview of the planned new and enhanced special event opportunities, noting the importance of special events in the community and the impact of Aurora Town Square.

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Kim

1. That Report No. CMS23-036 be received for information.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Gaertner

Carried (6 to 0)

6.3 Aurora Cultural Centre Programming Presentation

Suzanne Haines, Executive Director, Aurora Cultural Centre, presented an overview of the Aurora Cultural Centre including its structure, current programming and staff, shared vision of success, and the planned additional services to the community in Aurora Town Square including gallery and visual arts, performing arts, and education programming.

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Weese

1. That the presentation be received for information.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Gaertner

Carried (6 to 0)

6.4 Aurora Public Library/Aurora Town Square Programming Presentation

Bruce Gorman, Chief Executive Officer, Aurora Public Library, presented an overview of the services and programming offered by the Library, its value to the community, and its connection and partnership with Aurora Town Square.

Moved by Councillor Weese

Seconded by Councillor Kim

1. That the presentation be received for information.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Gaertner

Carried (6 to 0)

6.5 CS23-038 - Aurora Town Square Business Plan

Council consented to allow additional time for the presentation.

Phil Rose, Manager of Cultural Services, expressed appreciation to staff members and project partners for their input and presented an overview of the proposed 2024-2026 Business Plan including: context; executive

summary; operational plan and staffing structure; strategic marketing and communications, metrics; community engagement initiatives; partnerships and collaborations; financial projections; risk analysis; and impact and evaluation.

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Kim

1. That Report No. CMS23-038 be received for information.

Motion to refer

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That Report No. CMS23-038 be referred to the General Committee meeting of October 3, 2023.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

6.6 CMS23-042 - Aurora Cultural Centre Staffing Plan

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Kim

1. That Report No. CMS23-042 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)

6.7 CMS23-034 - Aurora Town Square Grand Opening

Shelley Ware, Recreation Supervisor, Special Events, presented an overview of plans for the Aurora Town Square Grand Opening Spotlight Series to take place over a four-week period.

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

1. That Report No. CMS23-034 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)

6.8 CMS23-039 - Aurora Public Library - Memorandum of Understanding

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Weese

1. That Report No. CMS23-039 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)

7. Confirming By-law

7.1 By-law Number 6542-23 - Being a By-law to confirm actions by Council resulting from a Special Meeting of Council on September 25, 2023

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the confirming by-law be enacted.

Carried

8. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk