



**Town of Aurora
Council Workshop/Education Session
Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, October 3, 2023
Time: 5:45 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 (left at 6:42 p.m.)

Members Absent: Councillor Harold Kim

Other Attendees: Marco Ramunno, Director, Planning and Development Services
Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director, Finance
Jason Gaertner, Manager, Financial Management
Michael de Rond, Town Clerk
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator
Emily Freitas, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:48 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 Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Weese

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

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. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion

5.1 Development Charges

Gary Scandlan, Director from Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., presented an overview of the Development Charges (DC) Act (the 'Act') and a timeline for the completion of Aurora's DC study. They provided an update of legislation changes to the Act by the provincial government, including the introduction of Bill 23: More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022. They further explained the impact on the Town's ability to collect revenues to fund growth-related capital expenditures, affects to the eligible services that the Town collects on, and the impact to the 2024 DC Study. Mr. Scandlan finished by outlining next steps for the project.

6. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk