



**Town of Aurora
Committee of the Whole
Meeting Report**

Date: Monday, December 2, 2024
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 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
Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director, Finance
Carley Smith, Manager, Corporate Communications
Slav Szlapczynski, Deputy Town Solicitor
Michael de Rond, Town Clerk
Emily Freitas, Council/Committee Coordinator

*Attended electronically

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The 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

Committee of the Whole approved the revised agenda as circulated by Legislative Services.

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

None.

6. Delegations

6.1 Michael Braithwaite, Blue Door; Re: Housing for All Land Trust

Michael Braithwaite, Blue Door, presented a brief overview of the Housing for All Land Trust and highlighted their goal to partner with the Town to develop affordable housing.

Committee of the Whole received the comments of the delegation for information.

6.2 Kathy Duncan and Jason Cheng, Climate Action Newmarket-Aurora; Re: the Town's Climate Change Adaptation Plan, Community Energy Plan and the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

Committee of the Whole consented to permit an additional five minutes for the delegation.

Kathy Duncan and Jason Cheng, Climate Action Newmarket-Aurora, presented an overview of the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and the call to action including: the Town's climate emergency declaration; current environmental trends; milestones achieved; background of the fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty and its purpose; possible actions; and request for endorsement.

Committee of the Whole received the comments of the delegation for information.

6.3 Geoffrey Dawe, Aurora Historical Society; Re: Item 9.3 - CMS24-050 - Aurora Historical Society – Hillary House – Consultation Feedback

Geoffrey Dawe, Aurora Historical Society, spoke in support of the recommendations contained in Report CMS24-050 – Aurora Historical Society – Hilary House – Consultation Feedback.

Committee of the Whole received and referred the comments of the delegation to item 9.3.

Carried

6.4 Len Bulmer, Resident; Re: Item 14.1 - PDS24-133 - Endorsement of the Affordable Housing Action Plan

Len Bulmer, Aurora Cares, Housing for All, spoke in support for the Affordable Housing Action Plan and highlighted the importance of the plan into addressing homelessness and transitional housing.

Committee of the Whole received and referred the comments of the delegation to item 14.1.

7. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, items 7.1 to 7.2 inclusive, be received for information.

Carried

7.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2024

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

7.2 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2024

1. That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

8. Consent Agenda

None.

9. Community Services Committee Agenda

9.1 CMS24-044 - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Status Update

Committee of the Whole recommends:

1. That Report No. CMS24-044 be received for information.

Carried

9.2 CMS24-048 - Contract Award - Preventative Maintenance and Servicing of Arena Refrigeration Equipment

Committee of the Whole recommends:

1. That Report No. CMS24-048 be received; and
2. That Council authorize Non-Standard procurement, under section 6.8 of the procurement policy to award the Preventative Maintenance and Servicing of Arena Refrigeration Equipment to CIMCO Refrigeration.

Carried

9.3 CMS24-050 - Aurora Historical Society – Hillary House – Consultation Feedback

Committee of the Whole recommends:

1. That Report No.CMS24-050 be received; and
2. That Council authorize staff to negotiate with the Aurora Historical Society and bring back a report in Closed Session with recommendations.

Carried

10. Corporate Services Committee Agenda

10.1 CS24-035 - 2024 Pending List Review

Committee of the Whole recommends:

1. That Report No. CS24-035 be received; and
2. That items marked “Complete” be removed from the Pending List.

Carried

11. Finance and Information Technology Committee Agenda

None.

12. Administration Committee Agenda

None.

13. Operational Services Committee Agenda

13.1 OPS24-022 - Blue Box Collection Changes – Non-eligible Sources

Committee of the Whole recommends:

1. That Report No. OPS24-022 be received; and

2. That the Municipality no longer collect recycling, garbage, and compost for non-eligible sources effective January 1, 2026, be approved; and
3. That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

14. Planning and Development Services Committee Agenda

14.1 PDS24-133 - Endorsement of the Affordable Housing Action Plan

Committee of the Whole recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS24-133 be received; and
2. That Council endorse the finalized Affordable Housing Action Plan as attached to this report.

Carried

14.2 PDS24-134 - Application for Draft Plan of Condominium, Howland Green Wellington East Ltd., 35 Sunday Drive, Part of Lot 20, Concession 3, Parts 1, 2 and 3 on Plan 65R-40023, File Number: CDM-2024-01, Related File Number: SP-2022-14

Committee of the Whole recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS24-134 be received; and
2. That the Draft Plan of Condominium File No. CDM-2024-01 to establish a standard condominium consisting of a total of 43 commercial units within a 4-storey office building, be approved, subject to the conditions attached hereto as Schedule 'A' of this report.

Carried

14.3 PDS24-140 - Aurora BIA Governance Review and Downtown Collaboration Model

Committee of the Whole recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS24-140 be received; and
2. That a by-law be brought forward to a future Council meeting to repeal BIA Designation By-law No. 6128-18 and any amending by-laws, thereby dissolving the Aurora Business Improvement Area; and
 - a. That staff be directed to perform all necessary administrative functions to conclude the business of the Aurora BIA, and assume their assets and liabilities in accordance with section 214 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended; and
 - b. That the Aurora Economic Development Corporation be requested to incorporate the functions of the BIA into their economic development services; and
 - c. That staff lead the development and implementation of a business engagement strategy for the Downtown area, and report back to a future meeting of Council.
3. That any cash assets assumed pursuant to section 214 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, be allocated to initiatives in the downtown area; and
4. That upon dissolution of the Aurora BIA By-law Councillors of Ward 1 and Ward 2, currently assigned to the Aurora BIA Board of Directors, be offered an opportunity to join the Aurora Economic Development Corporation's Downtown Action Team.

Carried

15. Member Motions

None.

16. Regional Report

None.

17. New Business

Councillor Gaertner and Councillor Gilliland referred to the earlier delegation from Michael Braithwaite and requested that staff provide a future report regarding the Housing for All Land Trust, and staff agreed to follow up.

Councillor Gaertner referred to the earlier presentation from Kathy Duncan and Jason Cheng and requested that staff provide a future report regarding the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, and staff agreed to follow up.

Councillor Weese requested for clarification regarding access to the 2024 pending list review and staff provided an answer.

Councillor Gallo inquired about the status of the transitional men's shelter locations identified in the 2024 pending list review and if staff will be providing a report before the end of the year, and staff provided a response.

18. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Weese thanked staff for organizing the Tree Lighting Ceremony at Aurora Town Square and thanked residents for attending the festivities.

Councillor Gaertner announced that the Menorah Lighting Ceremony will take place on Sunday, December 29, 2024 at Aurora Town Square.

Mayor Mrakas congratulated former York Regional Police Chief Eric Jolliffe for their appointment as York Region's Chairman and CEO.

Mayor Mrakas congratulated former York Region Chair Wayne Emmerson on their retirement.

Mayor Mrakas announced that the Christmas Market is taking place at Aurora Town Square between December 6 to 8, 2024; visit aurora.ca/ChristmasMarket for more information.

19. Closed Session

None.

20. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.