



**Town of Aurora
Council
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2025
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 Harold Kim

Members Absent: Councillor John Gallo

Other Attendees: Robin McDougall (Acting Chief Administrative Officer), Director, Community Services
Marco Ramunno, Director, Planning and Development Services
Sara Tienkamp, Director, Operational Services
Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director, Finance
Alexander Wray, Acting Director, Corporate Services
Carley Smith, Manager, Corporate Communications
Michael de Rond, Town Clerk
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Gallo

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. Community Presentations

None.

6. Delegations

None.

7. Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Weese

That the Consent Agenda, items 7.1 to 7.2 inclusive, be approved.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Gallo

Carried (6 to 0)

7.1 Council Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2024

1. That the Council Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.2 Memorandum from Councillor Thompson; Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of December 20, 2024

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of December 20, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

8. Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of January 14, 2025

Moved by Councillor Weese

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of January 14, 2025, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.8.1, 8.8.2, and 8.8.3, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Gallo

Carried (6 to 0)

8.1 Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

8.1.1 Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 27, 2024

1. That the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 27, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

8.1.2 Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2024

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

8.1.3 Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2024

1. That the Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

8.1.4 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2024

1. That the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

8.2 Consent Agenda

8.2.1 Memorandum from Councillor Thompson; Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of November 22, 2024

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of November 22, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

8.2.2 Petition from Town of Aurora Residents of Murdock Avenue; Re: Addition of Murdock Avenue to the 2025 McLeod Drive Area Reconstruction Project

1. That the Petition from Town of Aurora Residents of Murdock Avenue regarding Addition of Murdock Avenue to the 2025 McLeod Drive Area Reconstruction Project be received for information.

Carried

8.3 Community Services Committee Agenda

None.

8.4 Corporate Services Committee Agenda

None.

8.5 Finance and Information Technology Committee Agenda

8.5.1 FIN25-001 - 2025 Final Budget Reconciliation to Full-Accrual Accounting

1. That Report No. FIN25-001 be received; and
2. That the reconciliation of the 2025 to 2026 operating budgets to the full-accrual basis of accounting, as required under Ontario Regulation 284/09, as summarized in Attachment 1 be endorsed.

Carried

8.5.2 FIN25-002 - Renewal of Rogers Communications Canada Inc. Provincial Vendor of Records Agreement

1. That Report No. FIN25-002 be received; and
2. That a Non-Standard Procurement be awarded to Rogers in the amount of \$800,000 for the purchase of cell phones and cellular plans.

Carried

8.6 Administration Committee Agenda

None.

8.7 Operational Services Committee Agenda

8.7.1 OPS25-001 - Approval of Capital Budget No. AM0342 - Town Parking Lot Maintenance

1. That Report No. OPS25-001 be received; and
2. That the condition on the approval of and budget authority for Capital Project No. AM0342 – Town Parking Lot Maintenance in the amount of \$250,000 be lifted, resulting in total approved budget authority of \$550,000, and the project proceed, be approved.

Carried

8.8 Planning and Development Services Committee Agenda

8.8.1 PDS25-001 - Community Planning Permit System (CPPS) Project Information Report

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

1. That Report No. PDS25-001 be received for information.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Gallo

Carried (6 to 0)

8.8.2 PDS25-002 - Traffic Calming Request on Timberline Trail

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

1. That Report No. PDS25-002 be received for information.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Gallo

Carried (6 to 0)

8.8.3 PDS25-003 - Speed Limit Assessment on Stone Road

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Weese

1. That Report No. PDS25-003 be received; and
2. That the existing posted speed limit of 50 km/h on Stone Road (north leg) from Bayview Avenue to Clift Road be changed to 40 km/h.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Gallo

Carried (6 to 0)

8.8.4 PDS25-006 - Train Whistle Cessation Program Assessment at Town Crossings

1. That Report No. PDS25-006 be received; and
2. That Council approve total budget authority of \$200,000 for the Train Whistle Cessation Safety Assessment capital project, representing a total increase of \$105,000 to be funded with \$52,500 from Roads & Related development charges and \$52,500 from the Growth & New Reserve.

Carried

8.8.5 PDS25-010 - Application for Draft Plan of Common Elements Condominium, Skale (15370 Leslie) Inc., 15370 Leslie Street, Block 1, Plan 65M-4743, File Number: CDM-2024-03, Related File Numbers: ZBA-2017-02, SP-2017-02, SUB-2019-02, PLC-2024-03

1. That Report No. PDS25-010 be received; and
2. That the Draft Plan of Common Elements Condominium Application File No. CDM-2024-03 to establish a common elements condominium road for 32 townhouses be approved, subject to the conditions attached hereto as Schedule 'A' of this report.

Carried

8.9 Member Motions

None.

8.10 Regional Report

8.10.1 York Regional Council Highlights of December 5, 2024

1. That the York Regional Council Highlights of December 5, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

9. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

9.1 PDS25-017 - Pavement Rehabilitation Strategy for Murdock Avenue

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

1. That Report No. PDS25-017 be received for information.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Gallo

Carried (6 to 0)

10. New Business

Councillor Gaertner observed that International Holocaust Remembrance Day was held on January 27, 2025, and requested that the Town recognize this day in future through a proclamation and on the Town's website. The Mayor agreed this should be done on an annual basis.

Councillor Thompson advised that the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) has been requested to present to Council on the restoration projects, including Devlin Place, that the LSRCA has done in Aurora during 2024.

11. By-laws

- 11.1 By-law Number 6665-25 - Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 6482-23, to establish a Committee of Adjustment and appoint members to the Committee of Adjustment.
- 11.2 By-law Number 6666-25 - Being a By-law to repeal By-law Numbers 6128-18 and 6356-21 and dissolve the Aurora Business Improvement Area.
- 11.3 By-law Number 6667-25 - Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 4574-04.T, as amended, to regulate parking and traffic in the Town of Aurora (Community Safety Zones).
- 11.4 By-law Number 6668-25 - Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 4574-04.T, as amended, to regulate parking and traffic in the Town of Aurora (Maximum Rate of Speed – Stone Road).

Moved by Councillor Weese

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the By-laws, items 11.1 to 11.4 inclusive, be enacted.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Gallo

Carried (6 to 0)

12. Closed Session

None.

13. Confirming By-law

- 13.1 By-law Number 6669-24 - Being a By-law to confirm actions by Council resulting from a Council meeting on January 28, 2024

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the confirming by-law be enacted.

Carried

14. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gilliland
Seconded by Councillor Weese

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk