



**Town of Aurora
Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee
Meeting Agenda**

Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2025
Time: 10 a.m.
Location: Video Conference

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1. **Call to Order**
 - 1.1 **Appointment of Committee Chair**
 1. That a Committee member be elected as Chair of the Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee for a two-year term (2025-2026).
 - 1.2 **Appointment of Committee Vice Chair**
 1. That a Committee member be elected as Vice Chair of the Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee for a two-year term (2025-2026).
 2. **Land Acknowledgement**
 3. **Approval of the Agenda**
 4. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**
 5. **Receipt of the Minutes**
 - 5.1 **Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2024** 1
 1. That the Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee meeting minutes of December 11, 2024, be received for information.
 6. **Delegations**
 7. **Matters for Consideration**
 - 7.1 **Application from Learning Disabilities Association of York Simcoe; Re: Funding Request for Summer Camp** 4

(Deferred from Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee Meeting of

December 11, 2024.)

1. That the Application from Learning Disabilities Association of York Simcoe; Re: Funding Request for Summer Camp be received; and
2. That the Committee provide direction to:
 - a. Grant the funding request; or
 - b. Deny the funding request; or
 - c. Defer consideration of the funding request to a future meeting

7.2 Application from Hill House Hospice; Re: 2025 Walk for Compassionate Care

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 - b. Deny the funding request; or
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7.3 Application from The Salvation Army Northridge Community Church; Re: Funding for 2025 Programs

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1. That the Application from The Salvation Army Northridge Community Church; Re: Funding for 2025 Programs be received; and
2. That the Committee provide direction to:
 - a. Grant the funding request; or
 - b. Deny the funding request; or
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8. Informational Items

9. New Business

10. Adjournment



**Town of Aurora
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Meeting Minutes**

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Committee Members: Angela Covert (Chair)
Michelle Black
Robert Gaby
Shaheen Moledina
Dan Winters

Members Absent: Abe Reiss (Vice-Chair)

Others Present: Jason Gaertner, Manager, Financial Management
Michael de Rond, Town Clerk

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10 a.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.

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3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Michelle Black

Seconded by Shaheen Moledina

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. Receipt of the Minutes

5.1 Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2024

Moved by Robert Gaby

Seconded by Dan Winters

1. That the Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

6. Delegations

None

7. Matters for Consideration

7.1 Application from Learning Disabilities Association of York Simcoe; Re: Funding Request for Summer Camp

Moved by Michelle Black

Seconded by Robert Gaby

1. That the Application from Learning Disabilities Association of York Simcoe; Re: Funding Request for Summer Camp be deferred to a meeting in the new year.

Carried

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8. Informational Items

None.

9. New Business

None.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Michelle Black

Seconded by Dan Winters

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Carried



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Application to Receive Funds

The Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic has raised over \$1 million to date and has financially assisted several community organizations to provide much needed services to residents living in the Town of Aurora. Recipient selection is conducted annually by the application review and disbursement committee of the Town of Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic and is based on the information provided in this application.

Funding Criteria and guidelines;

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Name of Individual or Community Group *

Learning Disabilities Association of York Simcoe

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On a separate document, please outline your initiative and any supporting documentation you have. The information being provided should align with the funding criteria guidelines found above. Please attach your documentation with this this form.



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To Whom It May Concern,

We at the *Learning Disabilities Association of York Simcoe* (LDAYS) would like to request \$5000 from the *2025 Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic*. We are extremely excited to potentially participate in this event and we believe any amount of proceeds would go a long way in helping us better serve the residents of Aurora.

LDAYS is a non-profit organization that advocates and works with students and adults with a primary diagnosis of learning disabilities (LD) and/or ADHD. The funds from this event will go towards our summer camp, which will entail a 2 week fully subsidized camp in Aurora for children of ages 7-12 with LDs and/or ADHD. The camp activities will include outdoor swimming, nature walks, arts and crafts, with an additional focus on building social skills in a safe and encouraging environment. We will be using our established Social Skills program that is curriculum based and covers topics such as communication, relationship building, emotional regulation, self-esteem, self-advocacy, problem solving, and internet safety. Each day will consist of learning sessions interspaced between activities and play that are designed to help develop these skills. We have been running our summer camp in Aurora for over 23 years, and are excited to bring it to Aurora this summer free of charge.

This program will serve the Aurora residents by offering a safe, engaging, and positive space for like-minded individuals to practice their social skills, form connections, and build confidence in themselves and their abilities. Social skills are particularly important life skills for children with LDs and/or ADHD, as they often lack self-confidence or may feel inferior to others. Building these skills can increase their self-esteem, improve their self-awareness, empower them to self-advocate, and contribute to their overall success in school and work. According to the *Learning Disability Association of Ontario*, the incidence rate of LDs is estimated to range as high as 10% or more of the population, though there is more statistical evidence from demographic sources for a range of 4 to 6%. In the YRDSB, 54.2% of all students with an identification have a learning disability (The Regional Municipality of York, 2019). A Canadian study concluded that children with LDs have fewer reciprocal friends, lower quality of friendship, lower social acceptance, lower academic self-concept, and poorer social skills than their normally achieving non-LD peers, with only 11.3% of these individuals ranking their social skills as high (PACFOLD, 2005). Students with LDs can be successful when properly supported and solid coping skills are developed. Creating a space and community of like-minded individuals will help our participants feel included and supported by one another.

We plan to use the received funding to subsidize the camp for students in low to middle-income households. We project the total cost of our camp to be \$12,000, thus we are asking for \$5,000 to help us subsidize 12 students. As a Non-Profit, we are fully sustained by community support and are constantly looking for donations and funding, especially since we do not currently have a sponsor for our Social Skills program. With \$5000 we will be able to subsidize 12 children ages 7-12 who have been diagnosed with an LD and/or ADHD and live in low to middle income households in Aurora. Children born to low-income families are less likely to have access to services that would treat their LD and inform and reduce stigma surrounding their disability. Historically, programs like our summer camp are expensive and can be unaffordable and financially straining on families with children identified with an LD and/or ADHD. Often children with ADHD are expected to pay for additional



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support at camp programs, which can be costly to the parents and isolating to the camper. Funding will give the opportunity for individuals in low to middle income households in Aurora to participate in a subsidized learning experience and summer camp that will provide lifelong skills and help build a stronger foundation for their future.

Should the LDAYS be selected as one of the recipients for the *2025 Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic* this year, we will gratefully recognize this donation through all of our communication outlets with our clients in the community. We would promote our participation in the event throughout the whole process, leading up to the event, during the event and after the event has taken place. We would do this through articles in our agency newsletters that are emailed to over 300 of our association's members, our website, our organization's social media accounts on Instagram and Facebook (currently followed by approximately 22,000 individuals combined), and our emails to parents whose children have signed up for camp.

We strongly believe that funding of \$5000 for our summer camp would largely benefit the LD and ADHD community in Aurora, especially those in low to middle income households. We thank you for your consideration and we hope that you will choose us to participate in your event this year. The cost for the location and facilitators fees will already be subsidized by Bingo funds we have secured for 2025 the camp.

We thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sirola", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Helga Sirola
Executive Director
Learning Disabilities Association of York Simcoe



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January 22, 2025

2025 Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic
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Hill House Hospice: 2025 Walk for Compassionate Care

I am writing to formally apply for support from the Town of Aurora for our upcoming annual Walk for Hill House Hospice, scheduled for Sunday, May 25, 2025 (www.walkforhillhousehospice.com). This year's event, proudly presented by Canso Investment Counsel Ltd., aims to rally support for our mission of delivering expert medical care and unwavering compassion to individuals facing life-limiting illnesses. Hill House has no municipal boundaries and our patients include residents of the Town of Aurora, which does not have a residential hospice within its borders.

As the first residential hospice in York Region and the second built in Ontario, Hill House Hospice proudly serves 120 patients annually, alongside their families and caregivers. Our commitment to inclusivity allows us to welcome people without prejudice or discrimination based on race, ethnicity, culture, religion, abilities, gender, or sexual orientation. Beyond the traditional medical approach, we include alternative therapies to promote holistic wellness. Our caring complementary therapists provide patients and families with music therapy, aromatherapy, reiki, therapeutic touch, reflexology and more recently dog therapy. They help manage pain and symptoms, decrease anxiety, help with relaxation, create an outlet for emotional expression, provide a connection to others and help decrease feelings of isolation.

Hill House Hospice plays a pivotal role for hospice care in York Region. While our operational funding is partially supported by the provincial government's Ministry of Health, the remaining 50% must be sourced through community contributions. Through initiatives like our annual Walk and the generosity of donors, we can continue to provide our end-of-life services at no cost for our patients, including vital support for caregivers. We remain accessible to all, regardless of their financial circumstances.

Despite recent economic and fundraising challenges for charities including the postal strike that has impacted mail in donations, we remain steadfast in our dedication to providing our services free of charge and maintaining a high staff-to-patient ratio to ensure unparalleled care and support. In light of this, we seek the Town of Aurora's support through a donation of \$5,000.00 from the Mayor's Charity Golf Classic. Your contribution will directly impact our ability to address our most pressing needs and sustain the quality of care that our patients deserve.

We express our sincere gratitude for considering our request. Thank you for your time, consideration, and past support to help Hill House Hospice provide comfort and dignity to those on their end-of-life journey.

Respectfully,

Joanne Giannakopoulos, CFRE
 Director of Development
 Hill House Hospice



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February 14, 2025

To: The Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic

Dear Committee members,

The Salvation Army, Northridge Community Church is applying for \$5000.00 for ongoing funding needs programs that will occur during 2025. Each are distinct but all support the needs of individuals and families living with Aurora, ON. Our goal for overall donations for this fiscal was not fully met during the 2024 Christmas season. Kettles did well but due to the mail strike our cash/cheque donations were reduced.

FOOD BANK:

The Salvation Army, Northridge Community Church has a weekly supplementary food bank to families/individuals and homeless persons.. Many come monthly while others book appointments when needs arise. On average we provide food to 180 people per month.

Food donations come from community/church members; businesses and two delivery trucks coming from the York Region Food Bank and The Salvation Army. The majority of food received are non-perishable canned/boxed items.

We are currently in the position of need to purchase produce, eggs, milk and meat products. We are thrilled with our partnership relationship with the York Region Food Network from whom we can purchase produce at a greatly reduced price – this makes for a win / win for both of our organizations.

SINGLE PARENTS' FOCUS GROUP (Empowerd Moms):

I had requested some funding for this program last year. In full transparency – I had to postpone the group till March of this year as enrollment was low and with other work demands I could not focus on the needs of this group. So the \$500 fund earmarked from last year's grant was put towards the food bank. BUT, I am happy to say that due to relationship building after our Christmas Toy program we were able to connect with more moms who now have expressed interest in the program.

The group will start on March 18th and run till June 10th. So far 12 moms have registered themselves and 23 children. As we provide dinner for all and childcare for the children the costs of the program have increased. But I am excited by that – I believe the mothers will greatly benefit from the material, discussion, connection and mentorship.

Empowered Mom's program includes videos, journaling and discussion. Topics include: Emotional Health, Wellness, Financial Stability, and Parenting. Empowered Moms is a Christian based program that welcomes people of all faiths and life experiences.

CLOTHING VOUCHERS; GIFT CARDS; BACK PACK PROGRAM (OVERALL FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

Needs have increased. We support community members in need with

- clothing vouchers to The Salvation Army Thrift Store;
- gift cards for gas and food;
- provide specific personal items for homeless folk as well as showers/laundry services;
- and for September 2025 we wish to increase the number of children we will serve in our back pack program

Thank you for your consideration,

Angela Covert

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