



**Town of Aurora
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Thursday, March 20, 2025
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Michael Thompson (Chair)
Bo Brkic
Lindsay Carvalho
Michelle Dakin (Vice Chair)
Jessie Fraser*
Steve Hall
Shannon Ippolito
Sean Noble*

Members Absent: Irene Clement

Other Attendees: Nichole Campsall, Cultural Development Coordinator*
Matthew Volpintesta, Manager, Parks and Fleet Divisions
Lisa Warth, Manager, Recreation
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator
Julia Shipcott, Council/Committee Coordinator

*Attended electronically

1. Call to Order

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

1.1 Appointment of Committee Vice Chair

Moved by Lindsay Carvalho

Seconded by Steve Hall

1. That Michelle Dakin be appointed as Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for a two-year term (2025-2026).

Carried

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

Moved by Michelle Dakin

Seconded by Shannon Ippolito

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

Moved by Bo Brkic

Seconded by Shannon Ippolito

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

Carried

6. Delegations

None.

7. Matters for Consideration

7.1 Memorandum from Manager, Cultural Services; Re: Public Art Strategy Update

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum and noted the existing public art installations in Aurora. The Committee inquired about the potential for private funding in relation to the Major Private Developments site category, and suggested that greater detail on the development of the Public Art Strategy and its implementation work plan be provided to the Committee for further consideration and input.

Moved by Lindsay Carvalho

Seconded by Michelle Dakin

1. That the memorandum regarding the Public Art Strategy Update be received; and
2. That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee comments regarding the Public Art Strategy Update be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

7.2 Memorandum from Manager, Parks and Fleet; Re: 2025 Park Project Updates

Staff gave an overview of the memorandum and provided additional information on Fleury Park regarding the proposed priorities, based on community feedback, and funding that would be required to include a splash pad, playground accessibility features, and a new trail loop. The Committee expressed support for an accessible playground and inquired about the potential for external funding. The Committee further suggested that the proposed capital projects for 2026 be brought forward for the Committee's consideration and input prior to the budget process.

Moved by Bo Brkic

Seconded by Shannon Ippolito

1. That the memorandum regarding 2025 Park Project Updates be received; and

2. That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee comments regarding 2025 Park Project Updates be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

8. Informational Items

None.

9. New Business

The Committee inquired about follow-up information on the Sport Plan Refresh and previous field user group statistics, and staff agreed to provide updates at a future Committee meeting.

Staff encouraged all to attend the grand opening of the new gymnasium addition at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex on Saturday, April 5, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., including a ribbon cutting and many free activities, noting that details are available at aurora.ca/SARCGym and permitting is being finalized.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Lindsay Carvalho

Seconded by Bo Brkic

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Carried