



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

Date: Thursday, June 15, 2023
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Councillor Ron Weese (Chair)
Irene Clement
Jessie Fraser*
Adrian Martin* (departed 7:23 p.m./returned 7:45 p.m.)
Shaheen Moledina*
Corrina Tai*

Members Absent: Michelle Dakin (Vice Chair)
David Gren

Other Attendees: Gary Greidanus, Senior Landscape Architect*
Lisa Warth, Manager, Recreation
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

*Attended electronically

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7 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

Moved by Shaheen Moledina

Seconded by Irene Clement

That the revised 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 April 27, 2023

Moved by Jessie Fraser

Seconded by Shaheen Moledina

That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting minutes of April 27, 2023, be received for information.

Carried

6. Delegations

None.

7. Matters for Consideration

7.1 Memorandum from Recreation Supervisor, Community Programs; Re: Recreation Needs Assessment for Persons with Disabilities

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum noting the project will focus mainly on the inclusive programs and services desired by the community and how to best facilitate their participation in recreation and

leisure activities. The Committee and staff discussed various aspects and suggestions including: overlap between project scope and facilities; planning stages and community consultation; staff training; hiring of qualified staff; needs assessments and resources; accommodation of various special needs; feedback and communication with residents in multiple languages; and an improved registration form to allow greater input from parents/guardians.

Moved by Shaheen Moledina

Seconded by Jessie Fraser

1. That the memorandum regarding Recreation Needs Assessment for Persons with Disabilities be received; and
2. That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee comments regarding Recreation Needs Assessment for Persons with Disabilities be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

7.2 Memorandum from Director of Operations; Re: Shining Hill Neighbourhood Park – Preliminary Design

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum noting the plan to consolidate any Advisory Committee comments and report back to Council in September with a finalized design and cost estimate. The Committee and staff discussed various aspects and suggestions including: mitigation of park amenity sounds and lighting impact on adjacent residential areas; tree loss and compensation; environmental assessments; type of splash pad; dedicated pickleball court versus multi-use court; multi-sport basketball court; park and amenity lighting; multi-use soccer field; appropriate bike racks; connection to trail system; trail maintenance, lighting and accessibility; playground accessibility; and maintenance cost agreements.

Moved by Irene Clement

Seconded by Shaheen Moledina

1. That the memorandum regarding Shining Hill Neighbourhood Park – Preliminary Design be received; and

2. That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee comments regarding Shining Hill Neighbourhood Park – Preliminary Design be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

7.3 Memorandum from Director of Operations; Re: Summit Park Additional Amenities

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum noting the plan to consolidate any Advisory Committee comments and report back to Council in September for budget approval. The Committee and staff discussed various aspects and suggestions including consideration of: natural playground structures; a demographic study for the area to determine potential target user groups; public consultation on the proposed playground and park; appropriate bike racks; park and amenity lighting including courts, playground and fitness area; and accessibility.

Moved by Irene Clement

Seconded by Jessie Fraser

1. That the memorandum regarding Summit Park Additional Amenities be received; and
2. That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee comments regarding Summit Park Additional Amenities 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 the Town's policy on communicating upcoming community events to residents, and staff advised on the various methods employed including social media, Town website, advertising in local newspapers, and notices posted in facilities and businesses around Town.

The Committee inquired about musical events in parks, and staff advised on the upcoming schedule of events to be held throughout the summer, for which a printed flyer will be available in The Auroran newspaper.

The Committee suggested that communication and messaging in a variety of languages, including traditional methods of communication, should be considered.

The Committee inquired about whether any assessments would be done on Town parks respecting accessibility and inclusivity, and staff advised that a comprehensive study would be completed in 2024.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Corrina Tai

Seconded by Jessie Fraser

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Carried