



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

Date: Thursday, October 19, 2023
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Councillor Ron Weese (Chair)
Irene Clement*
Michelle Dakin (Vice Chair)
Jessie Fraser*
Shaheen Moledina*
Corrina Tai* (arrived 7:43 p.m.)

Members Absent: David Gren
Adrian Martin

Other Attendees: John Firman, Manager, Business Support
Matthew Volpintesta, Manager, Parks and Fleet*
Lisa Warth, Manager, Recreation
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

*Attended electronically

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 Jessie Fraser

Seconded by Irene Clement

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 June 15, 2023

Moved by Michelle Dakin

Seconded by Shaheen Moledina

1. That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 15, 2023, be received for information.

Carried

6. Delegations

None.

7. Matters for Consideration

7.1 Memorandum from Manager, Business Support; Re: Facility Allocation Policies Review

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum. The Committee expressed support for the proposed changes. The Committee and staff discussed various aspects including: the quality and acoustic issues of

meeting rooms available for not-for-profit organizations; new meeting spaces planned at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex; allocation procedures and prioritization of youth over adult programs; large youth events that require paid duty officers; appeal process for decisions made at the discretion of the director; diversity and inclusion; allocation and permitting of large tournaments and policies to encourage sport tourism; clarification on definition of adult, youth and Aurora-based organizations; and the vetting process for any un-incorporated organization operating in the spirit of a non-for-profit organization.

The Committee inquired about the possibility of providing a different fee for residents and not-for-profit groups of Aurora versus non-residents. Staff advised that, while fees are outside the scope of the policies review, price changes are being considered across the board.

Moved by Shaheen Moledina

Seconded by Jessie Fraser

1. That the memorandum regarding Facility Allocation Policies Review be received; and
2. That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee comments regarding Facility Allocation Policies Review be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

7.2 Memorandum from Manager, Business Support; Re: Feasibility of a Permanent Liquor License at the Aurora Community Centre

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum. The Committee and staff discussed various aspects including: impact on the upstairs Auditorium meeting space; justification to undertake the proposed pilot project with special occasion permits considering the lack of a business case to support proceeding at this time; the difference between a permanent liquor license and special occasion permit; Town liability and cost; comparison with pilot project at Concerts in the Park; and the metrics to measure success.

Moved by Irene Clement

Seconded by Jessie Fraser

1. That the memorandum regarding Feasibility of a Permanent Liquor License at the Aurora Community Centre be received; and
2. That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee comments regarding Feasibility of a Permanent Liquor License at the Aurora Community Centre be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

8. Informational Items

None.

9. New Business

Lisa Warth introduced and welcomed Matt Volpintesta, the Town's new Manager of Parks and Fleet, who will also be regularly attending the Committee meetings.

The Chair noted that they are working with staff on issues previously raised by the Committee regarding playground standards and planned upgrades, and more information is forthcoming.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Jessie Fraser

Seconded by Shaheen Moledina

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Carried