



**Town of Aurora  
Cannabis Retail Review Task Force  
Meeting Agenda**

**Date:** Thursday, February 19, 2026  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

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| <b>1. Call to Order</b>                                                                                  |              |
| <b>1.1 Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair</b>                                                           |              |
| 1. That Council Members be appointed as Chair and Vice Chair of the Cannabis Retail Review Task Force.   |              |
| <b>2. Land Acknowledgement</b>                                                                           |              |
| <b>3. Approval of the Agenda</b>                                                                         |              |
| <b>4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof</b>                                  |              |
| <b>5. Receipt of the Minutes</b>                                                                         |              |
| <b>6. Delegations</b>                                                                                    |              |
| <b>6.1 Patricia De Sario, Director, Corporate Services/Town Solicitor, Deputy Clerk; Re: Orientation</b> |              |
| <b>7. Matters for Consideration</b>                                                                      |              |
| <b>7.1 Terms of Reference for the Cannabis Retail Review Task Force</b>                                  | <b>1</b>     |
| 1. That the Terms of Reference for the Cannabis Retail Review Task Force be received for information.    |              |
| <b>7.2 Member Motion - Councillor Gallo; Re: Cannabis Retail Review Task Force</b>                       | <b>3</b>     |
| 1. That the memorandum regarding Member Motion - Councillor                                              |              |

Gallo; Re: Cannabis Retail Review Task Force be received; and

2. That the Cannabis Retail Review Task Force comments regarding Member Motion - Councillor Gallo; Re: Cannabis Retail Review Task Force be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

8. **Informational Items**

9. **New Business**

10. **Adjournment**



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**Cannabis Retail Review  
Task Force**  
Terms of Reference

## **Purpose**

The Cannabis Retail Review Task Force is established to review and provide recommendations regarding the experience of the Town since permitting retail cannabis stores within the Town of Aurora.

## **Membership**

The Task Force will be composed of up to ten (10) members, as follows:

- Two (2) members of Council;
- Up to seven (7) citizen members selected by Council; and
- A representative from York Regional Police

## **Term**

The Task Force shall terminate upon the acceptance of the Task Force's final report to Council.

## **Remuneration**

None.

## **Duties and Functions**

- Identify issues that have arisen related to public safety, land use, business clustering, signage, community perception, and economic development
- Explore best practices from other municipalities regarding cannabis retail management and community engagement
- Provide recommendations on potential actions or advocacy initiatives to address identified challenges and support balanced community outcomes

The Task Force shall take into consideration the applicable legislation, including but not limited to *Cannabis License Act, 2018*, *Cannabis Control Act, 2017*, *Planning Act*, and *Provincial Offences Act*.

## **Reporting**

The Managers of Economic Development and/or Bylaw Services will provide the recommendations of the Task Force through a report to Committee of the Whole.

## **Meeting Time and Location**

The Task Force will meet on an ad hoc basis with the specific dates and times for meetings to be determined by the Task Force, in consultation with the Town Clerk.

## **Staff Support**

Staff Liaisons will consist of staff from the Planning and Development Services department and Bylaw Services division, depending on which items are on a given agenda.

The Legislative Services division will provide administrative support services to the Task Force.



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## Member Motion

Councillor Gallo

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**Re:** Cannabis Retail Review Task Force

**To:** Members of Council

**From:** Councillor John Gallo

**Date:** October 14, 2025

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Whereas the Town of Aurora opted in to the licensing and operation of retail cannabis stores within the municipality following the introduction of the provincial cannabis retail framework; and

Whereas several retail cannabis locations have since opened within the Town, providing legal access to cannabis products for residents and contributing to local economic activity; and

Whereas Council has received feedback from residents expressing both support and concern regarding the number, location, and community impacts of cannabis retail stores; and

Whereas municipalities currently have limited authority under the provincial regulatory framework to influence the siting and density of cannabis retail stores, but continue to play an important role in community engagement, by-law enforcement, public education, and advocacy to higher levels of government; and

Whereas it is in the Town's interest to review the local impacts of retail cannabis stores social, economic, and community, since opting in, and to identify potential strategies or advocacy opportunities to address any issues that have arisen;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That a Cannabis Retail Review Task Force be established to:

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2. Be It Further Resolved That the Task Force shall include:
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3. Be It Further Resolved That the Task Force shall be supported by Town staff for administrative and technical assistance; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That the Task Force will be established and start February 2026; and
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## Council Meeting Extract

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

### 8. Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of October 14, 2025

**Moved by** Councillor Gilliland

**Seconded by** Councillor Thompson

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of October 14, 2025, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.3.2, 8.7.1 and 8.8.1 which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

**Carried (7 to 0)**

### 8.9 Member Motions

#### 8.9.5 Councillor Gallo; Re: Cannabis Retail Review Task Force

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**Carried**