



Town of Aurora
Community Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 17, 2020
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Video Conference

Committee Members: Balpreet Grewal (Chair)
Chris Gordon (departed 7:30 p.m.)
Denis Heng
Jennifer Sault
Laura Thanasse
Sera Weiss
Councillor Rachel Gilliland

Members Absent: Janet Mitchell (Vice-Chair)
Barry Bridgeford
Councillor Harold Kim

Other Attendees: Mayor Mrakas (ex-officio)
Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services
Michael Bat, Traffic/Transportation Analyst
Natalie Kehle, Energy and Climate Change Analyst
Anca Mihail, Manager of Engineering and Capital Delivery
Phillip Rose-Donahoe, Manager, Library Square
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Procedural Notes

This meeting was held electronically as per Section 19. i) of the Town's Procedure By-law No. 6228-19, as amended, due to the COVID-19 situation.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Jennifer Sault

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved with the exception that Item 6.3 be considered at the end of the agenda.

Carried as amended

3. **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*.

4. **Receipt of the Minutes**

4.1 **Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2020**

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Sera Weiss

That the Community Advisory Committee meeting minutes of February 20, 2020, be received for information.

Carried

5. **Delegations**

None.

6. **Matters for Consideration**

Items were considered in the following order: 6.1, 6.2, 6.4, 6.5, 6.3.

6.1 **CAC20-002 - Master Transportation Study Update**

Staff provided background on the Transportation Master Plan noting its two major components: 1) to evaluate where we are now by looking at existing demand; and 2) to determine what options the Town can consider to accommodate future growth.

Jonathan Chai, Project Manager, HDR, presented an overview of the Master Transportation Study Update including the study area and planning

context, transportation needs and alternative solutions, existing cycling facilities, recommended cycling facilities and case studies.

The Committee expressed support for the proposed plan and discussed various aspects with staff and the consultant including: improving existing pathways for cyclists and accessibility; bike/shared lane signage and markings; bollards; separated bike lanes; sharrows and speed humps; and year-round access.

The Committee advised of an outstanding safety issue regarding the discrepancy between pedestrian crossing lights on the south side of an intersection versus the north side.

The Committee suggested that a stop sign be installed on Henderson Drive at Seaton Drive to slow the traffic in that area.

The Committee referred to Denmark as an example of where the infrastructure is designed to promote walking and cycling as the preferred modes of transportation and suggested this concept be applied in the Library Square area.

The Committee inquired about the east/west connectivity on Wellington Street West between Yonge and Bathurst Streets. Staff provided a response noting that this matter would be discussed with the Region as Wellington is a regional road.

Moved by Laura Thanasse

Seconded by Sera Weiss

1. That Report No. CAC20-002 be received; and
2. That the Community Advisory Committee comments regarding the recommendations for active transportation presented in the Transportation Master Plan be received and referred to staff for consideration.

Carried

6.2 Memorandum from Manager, Library Square; Re: Cultural Master Plan Update

Phil Rose-Donahoe, Manager, Library Square, presented an overview of the Town's Cultural Master Plan (CMP) including a summary of the cultural planning accomplishments from 2014 to 2019. He reviewed the CMP update process currently in progress and guided by the

Collaborative Leadership Team, and extended an invitation to Committee members to be involved in the CMP process.

The Committee offered suggestions toward building the cultural community including: support of school art events; flexibility in timing of cultural programming; food and beverages at events; and public art and front yard art installations. Staff noted that the Town's by-laws would need to be considered for activities in certain locations. Staff agreed to follow up on the suggestions.

The Committee suggested expanding the Collaborative Leadership Team by adding music representatives to the cultural partners list.

Moved by Sera Weiss

Seconded by Laura Thanasse

1. That the memorandum regarding Cultural Master Plan Update be received; and
2. That the Community Advisory Committee comments regarding the Cultural Master Plan Update be received and referred to staff for consideration.

Carried

6.3 CAC20-005 - Town of Aurora Proposed Anti-Idling Policy

Staff provided an overview of the report regarding the proposed anti-idling policy, which aims to limit unnecessary idling within the Town limits, noting that the primary implementation strategy would involve public education, followed by enforcement of provisions of the Noise By-law when necessary.

The Committee expressed concerns regarding the proposed five-minute vehicle idling limit, the potentially broad interpretation of the two exceptions, and fleet management. The Committee inquired about the accessibility of By-law Services in receiving complaints and staff provided clarification on the availability of By-law Enforcement Officers, priorities, and their approach to educate first. The Committee expressed its support of the proposed communication and education campaigns and suggested the idling limit be reduced to one or two minutes, similar to neighbouring communities.

Moved by Sera Weiss

Seconded by Laura Thanasse

1. That Report No. CAC20-005 be received; and
2. That the Community Advisory Committee comments regarding the Town of Aurora Proposed Anti-Idling Policy be received and referred to staff for consideration.

Carried

6.4 CAC20-006 - Implementation of Automated Speed Enforcement Program

Staff gave an overview of the report regarding the Region's implementation of an automated speed enforcement (ASE) program through a two-year, limited use pilot program in selected community safety zones.

The Committee expressed support for staff's recommendation to defer the Town's implementation of an ASE program until the Region has completed its pilot program.

The Committee referred to a sloped section of Murray Drive, situated in one of the designated community safety zones, and inquired about alternative, more cost-effective solutions. Staff provided a response noting speed cushions and flexible post signage as options.

The Committee inquired about the availability of any outcome information to justify the need for safety risk mitigation in the selected locations of the pilot program, and staff provided a response noting the situations could be monitored and followed up with the Region after one year.

Moved by Denis Heng

Seconded by Jennifer Sault

1. That Report No. CAC20-006 be received; and
2. That the Community Advisory Committee comments regarding Implementation of Automated Speed Enforcement Program be received and referred to staff for consideration.

Carried

6.5 Round Table Discussion; Re: Future of the Community Advisory Committee

The Committee discussed various aspects of its mandate and role in providing feedback to staff and Council. It was noted that the environmental aspect would be removed from this Committee's mandate once Councillor Gilliland's motion to reinstate the Environmental Advisory Committee is adopted by Council and its members are appointed, and the Committee expressed support for this direction.

The Committee expressed a desire to meet at least bimonthly and more often if necessary. It was requested that a standing item be included on the agenda to facilitate an open discussion at the end of each meeting. The Committee stressed the importance of staff circling back to update members on the final outcome of their input and how it was received by Council.

Moved by Sera Weiss

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

1. That the Committee comments regarding Future of the Community Advisory Committee be received and referred to staff for consideration and action as appropriate.

Carried

7. Informational Items

7.1 CAC20-004 - Pedestrian Grade Separated Crossings and Future Priority Crossings within Barrie GO Rail Corridor

Moved by Sera Weiss

Seconded by Jennifer Sault

That Report No. CAC20-004 - Pedestrian Grade Separated Crossings and Future Priority Crossings within Barrie GO Rail Corridor be deferred to the November 19, 2020 Community Advisory Committee meeting.

Motion to defer

Carried

7.2 Verbal Update from Director of Corporate Services; Re: Clean Communities By-law No. 6257-20

Staff provided an update on the success of the new Clean Communities By-law, which was discussed by the Committee in February and enacted by Council in May 2020.

Moved by Sera Weiss

Seconded by Laura Thanasse

1. That the verbal update from the Director of Corporate Services regarding Clean Communities By-law No. 6257-20 be received for information.

Carried

8. Adjournment

Moved by Jennifer Sault

Seconded by Sera Weiss

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Carried