Town of Aurora
General Committee
Meeting Report

Date: **Tuesday, October 6, 2020**
Time: **7:00 pm**
Location: **Video Conference**

Council Members: Mayor Mrakas
Councillor Gaertner
Councillor Gallo
Councillor Gilliland
Councillor Humfryes
Councillor Kim
Councillor Thompson

Other Attendees: Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer
Allan Downey, Director of Operations
Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services
Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services
Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director of Finance
David Waters, Director of Planning and Development Services
Eliza Bennett, Acting Manager, Corporate Communications
Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor
Michael de Rond, Town Clerk
Samantha Yew, Deputy Town Clerk
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

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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 Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

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. Community Presentations

General Committee consented to permit an additional five minutes for Community Presentation 4.1.

4.1 Mike Walters, CAO, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA); Re: LSRCA 2020 Budget Companion

Mr. Walters presented an overview of the LSRCA 2020 Budget Companion and annual operating priorities, including the service areas and programs provided within the region and lower-tier municipalities.

General Committee received the presentation for information.

5. Delegations

None.

6. Consent Agenda

None.

7. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

General Committee recommends:

That the Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes items, 7.1 to 7.4 inclusive, be received with the exception of items 7.2 and 7.3, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below:

7.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2020

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 9, 2020, be received for information.

Carried

7.2 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 14, 2020

General Committee recommends:

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 14, 2020, be received for information.

Carried

7.3 Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2020

General Committee recommends:

1. That the Finance Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 15, 2020, be received for information.

Carried

7.4 Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2020

1. That the Community Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 17, 2020, be received for information.

Carried

8. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

8.1 FIN20-015 - 2019 Year-end Budget Report - as at December 31, 2019

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. FIN20-015 be received for information.

Carried

8.2 PDS20-044 - Town of Aurora Proposed Anti-Idling Policy

Main motion as amended

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS20-044 be received; and
2. That Council approve the Town of Aurora Anti-Idling policy attached to this report; **and**
3. **That staff be directed to report back after one year with a policy review.**

Carried

8.3 PDS20-050 - Implementation of Automated Speed Enforcement Program

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS20-050 be received; and
2. That staff report back on the findings of the Region's Automated Speed Enforcement Program following completion of the two-year, limited use pilot program.

Carried

8.4 PDS20-055 - Pedestrian Grade Separated Crossings and Future Priority Crossings within Barrie GO Rail Corridor

General Committee consented to vote on the first and second clauses of the main motion as amended separately.

Main motion as amended

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS20-055 be received.

Carried

General Committee recommends:

2. That Council **identify as a priority the Cousins Drive pedestrian rail crossing** identified in Attachment 2 and staff report back on the feasibility of funding the crossing as part of the 2022 Budget 10-year capital planning process.

Carried

9. Notices of Motion

None.

10. New Business

Councillor Gaertner expressed concerns regarding the maintenance of the Stewart Burnett Park and Lambert Willson Park (LC4) ball diamonds, and staff provided a response.

11. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Gaertner announced that Southlake Regional Health Centre would be holding a Virtual Community Town Hall on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, to discuss the future of the hospital.

Councillor Kim announced and congratulated the newly-appointed members of the Anti-Black Racism and Anti-Racism Task Force: Phiona Durrant, Noor El-Dassouki, Keenan Hull, Mae Khamissa, Mark Lewis, and Tricia Wright.

Councillor Humfryes announced that October is Small Business Month and encouraged everyone to support local small businesses.

Councillor Humfryes announced that the Aurora Prayer Breakfast would be held virtually at **www.prayforthem.ca** on Thursday, October 22, 2020, and the keynote speaker is author and public speaker Maranatha Weeks. Councillor Gilliland noted that this free event would begin at 8 a.m.

Councillor Humfryes extended a reminder that the Aurora Farmers' Market and Artisan Fair continues to run each Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Town Park until October 31, 2020.

Councillor Gallo extended congratulations to St. Andrew's College on its plans to open a new private girls' school, as well as congratulations to the first Head of St. Anne's School, Sabrina D'Angelo. Mayor Mrakas noted that St. Andrew's College held a press conference today regarding these plans.

Councillor Gilliland extended a reminder about the Colours of Fall concert being held on Thursday, October 8, 2020, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Town Park, noting that residents must pre-register for this concert.

Councillor Gilliland announced that Aurora's Haunted Greenhouse will be held from October 24 to October 30, 2020, noting that 'Halloween in a Bag' games and activities would also be available.

Councillor Gaertner extended appreciation to the staff of the Special Events team for their efforts.

Councillor Gaertner extended best wishes to Frank Condlln, husband of the late Jan Freedman (the "Jam Lady"), on his relocation to Stratford to be with family.

Mayor Mrakas announced that a ground-breaking ceremony for Library Square would be held on Thursday, October 8, 2020.

Mayor Mrakas advised that a ribbon-cutting ceremony would soon be held for the opening of a new hotel in Aurora.

Mayor Mrakas further stressed the importance of supporting local businesses and remaining vigilant against the spread of COVID-19 through physical distancing, wearing masks, and hand washing.

12. Closed Session

None.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.