



**Town of Aurora  
General Committee  
Meeting Report**

**Date:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall

**Council Members:** Councillor Ron Weese  
Councillor Rachel Gilliland (Chair)  
Councillor Wendy Gaertner  
Councillor John Gallo  
Councillor Harold Kim

**Members Absent:** Mayor Tom Mrakas  
Councillor Michael Thompson

**Other Attendees:** Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer  
Robin McDougall, Director, Community Services\*  
Marco Ramunno, Director, Planning and Development Services  
Techa van Leeuwen, Director, Corporate Services  
Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director, Finance\*  
Daniel Bitonti, Acting Manager, Corporate Communications\*  
Alexander Wray, Manager, By-law Services\*  
Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor  
Michael de Rond, Town Clerk  
Palak Mehta, Council/Committee Coordinator

\*Attended electronically

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**1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at: 7:15 p.m.

## **2. Land Acknowledgement**

General 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**

General Committee approved the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services.

## **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. Community Presentations**

### **5.1 Brian North, Southlake Foundation; Re: 2023 Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake**

Brian North, representing Southlake Foundation, provided background information on the 2023 Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake on April 30, 2023 and encouraged participation of residents within the Town of Aurora in the run and to compete in the Mayor's Challenge and Community Spirit Awards. The presentation outlined details surrounding the community fundraising event.

General Committee received the presentation for information.

## **6. Delegations**

None.

**7. Consent Agenda**

**7.1 Memorandum from Councillor Gaertner; Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of November 18, November 25, and December 16, 2022**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of November 18, November 25, and December 16, 2022, be received for information.

**Carried**

**8. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

None.

**9. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)**

**9.1 CS23-008 - Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. CS23-008 be received for information.

**Carried**

**9.2 CS23-006 - Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. CS23-006 be received; and
2. That the Terms of Reference (Attachment 1) for the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee be approved; and
3. That the amended Terms of Reference (Attachment 2) for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee be approved.

**Carried**

**9.3 CS23-007 - Business Licensing By-law Amendments - Taxicab Tariffs**

**General Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. CS23-007 be received; and
2. That staff bring forward amendments to Schedule 13 and Appendix 'A' of the Town's Business Licensing By-law No. 5630-14 to a future Council meeting to remove taxicab tariffs; and
3. That staff be directed to implement regulatory framework to regulate Vehicles for Hire (VFH) in Aurora for the purpose of consumer protection and public safety.

**Carried**

**10. Notices of Motion**

None.

**11. Regional Report**

None.

**12. New Business**

Councillor Weese inquired about storage space availability for community organizations use in Town's facilities, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Gaertner advised that the Regional Municipality of York is rehabilitating and replacing sections of an aging water feedermain along Yonge Street from Murray Drive and Edward Street to Ridge Road and requested that Town staff work with the Region to ensure that notice is provided to all residents and that impact is minimized.

### **13. Public Service Announcements**

Councillor Weese thanked the Town for their support of the Black History Month events and encouraged community involvement in the month-long programming.

Councillor Gilliland announced the following activities and events:

- In commemoration of Black History Month, several events are to be held through the Aurora Black Community Association (ABC), Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association (NACCA), and at the Aurora Public Library; visit [aurora.ca/blackhistorymonth](https://aurora.ca/blackhistorymonth) for more details
- An “Art of Storytelling” exhibition based on Truth and Reconciliation will be held at Royal Rose Art Gallery from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 4, 2023
- The Aurora Cultural Centre will present “The Sandbox – Meridian Magic Carpet Series” on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 10:30 a.m., as well as the Mayor's Celebration of Youth Arts 2023 opening reception on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- The Aurora Cultural Centre will present "A Magical Family Day!" event at both the Aurora Armoury and Trinity Anglican Church to be held on Monday, February 20, 2023
- A York Region Crime Prevention Workshop will be held on Sunday, March 5, 2023 at the Aurora Community Centre from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### **14. Closed Session**

None.

### **15. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.