



Town of Aurora
Council
Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 24, 2020

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Video Conference

Council Members: Mayor Mrakas (Chair)
 Councillor Kim
 Councillor Gaertner
 Councillor Humfries
 Councillor Thompson
 Councillor Gilliland
 Councillor Gallo

Other Attendees: Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer
 Allan Downey, Director of Operations
 Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services
 Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services
 Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director of Finance
 David Waters, Director of Planning and Development Services
 Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor
 Eliza Bennett, Acting Manager, Corporate Communications
 Michael de Rond, Town Clerk
 Samantha Yew, Deputy Town Clerk
 Ishita Soneji, 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 Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Humfries

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, be approved.

Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Kim, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Humfries, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Gilliland

Absent (1): Councillor Gallo

Carried (6 to 0)

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

None.

5. Delegations

None.

6. Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the Consent Agenda Items, 6.1 to 6.4 inclusive, be approved.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

6.1 Council Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2020

1. That the Council meeting minutes of October 27, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6.2 Council Closed Session Minutes of October 27, 2020 (confidential attachment)

1. That the Council Closed Session minutes of October 27, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6.3 Council Closed Session Public Minutes of October 27, 2020

1. That the Council Closed Session Public meeting minutes of October 27, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6.4 Memorandum from Councillor Gaertner; Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of September 25, 2020

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of September 25, 2020, be received for information.

Carried

7. Standing Committee Reports

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Humfries

1. That the General Committee meeting report of November 3 and November 17, 2020, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items 7.2 (7.2.3 and 7.2.7), which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

7.1 General Committee Report of November 3, 2020

7.1.1 Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2020

1. That the Finance Advisory Committee meeting minutes of October 13, 2020, be received for information.

Carried

7.1.2 CS20-020 - Workplace Diversity and Inclusion

1. That Report No. CS20-020 be received for information.

Carried

7.1.3 PDS20-068 - Stable Neighbourhood Policy Review – Urban Design Guidelines

1. That Report No. PDS20-068 be deferred to the General Committee meeting of November 17, 2020.

Carried

7.1.4 CMS20-025 - Aquatic Feasibility Study - Update

1. That Report No. CMS20-025 be received for information.

Carried

7.1.5 PDS20-067 - Applications for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment, 1623 Wellington Street Development Limited, 1623 Wellington Street East, Concession 3, Part Lot 10, File Numbers: OPA-2020-02 and ZBA-2020-02, Related File Numbers: SP-2018-05 and C-2020-01

1. That Report No. PDS20-067 be received; and
2. That Official Plan Amendment application OPA-2020-02 be approved to:
 - a. Amend Schedule 'AA' of OPA 30 and revise Schedule 'H' of the Town of Aurora Official Plan in accordance with Figures 6 and 7 attached to this report, respectively; and
 - b. Revise the policies of Section 3.5.3 of OPA 30, and Section 16.36 of the Town's Official Plan in accordance with the proposed changes as listed in Appendix 'B' to this report; and
3. That Zoning By-law Amendment application ZBA-2020-02 be approved to rezone the subject lands from "Business Park (E-BP) Zone", "Business Park [E-BP(398)] Exception 398 Zone" and "Holding Provision Business Park [(H)E-BP(398)] Exception 398 Zone", to "Business Park [E-BP(XX)] Exception XX Zone"; and

4. That the implementing Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments be brought forward to a future Council Meeting for adoption.

Carried

7.1.6 CMS20-026 - Library Square - Governance Review

1. That Report No. CMS20-026 be received for information.

Carried

7.1.7 CMS20-027 - Cultural Master Plan Status Report

1. That Report No. CMS20-027 be received; and
2. That Council approve the expansion of the Cultural Master Plan Collaborative Leadership Team by up to three (3) additional members.

Carried

7.1.8 PDS20-061 - Update on Legislative Changes to Planning Act, Development Charges, and Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe

1. That Report No. PDS20-061 be received for information.

Carried

7.1.9 PDS20-066 - Application for Site Plan Approval, Luxury Railings Ltd., 125 Engelhard Drive, File Number: SP-2019-11

1. That Report No. PDS20-066 be received; and
2. That Site Plan Application File SP-2019-11 to permit the development of a new industrial building, be approved in principle, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Resolution of all outstanding comments and requirements from internal departments and external agencies including the Region of York and the LSRCA, to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning & Development Services, prior to execution of a site plan agreement; and
 - b. Execution of a site plan agreement.

Carried

7.2 General Committee Report of November 17, 2020

7.2.1 Memorandum from Councillor Gaertner; Re: Letter from Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, Re: Provincial Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020

1. That the memorandum regarding Letter from Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority regarding Provincial Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020, be received; and
2. That the motion presented by Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority regarding Provincial Bill 229 be adopted and a copy of this resolution be provided to the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and the Premier of Ontario.

Carried

7.2.2 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2020

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

Carried

7.2.3 PDS20-068 - Stable Neighbourhood Policy Review - Urban Design Guidelines

Main motion

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Kim

1. That Report No. PDS20-068 be received; and
2. That the revised Urban Design Guidelines for Stable Neighbourhoods as attached to this report be approved; and
3. That staff present a semi-annual report to Council on minor variance application activity within the Town's four Stable Neighbourhood Study Areas.

Amendment:**Moved by** Councillor Gaertner**Seconded by** Councillor Gilliland

That the main motion be amended by adding the following clause:

"That the semi-annual report include staff approved variances not in compliance with sections 3.1 to 3.3 (pattern of lots, streetscapes, and architectural form and style) of the urban design guidelines for all the Stable Neighbourhood Study Areas."

Yeas (1): Councillor Gaertner

Nays (5): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Kim, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gallo

Absent (1): Councillor Humfries

Defeated (1 to 5)

Yeas (5): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Kim, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gallo

Nays (1): Councillor Gaertner

Absent (1): Councillor Humfries

**Main motion
Carried (5 to 1)**

7.2.4 PDS20-070 - Request for Traffic Calming Measures - Aurora Heights Drive and Seaton Drive

1. That Report No. PDS20-070 be received for information.

Carried

7.2.5 PDS20-031 - Regional MCR Update - Employment Land Conversions and Employment Land Mapping in Aurora

1. That Report No. PDS20-031 be received for information.

Carried

7.2.6 PDS20-069 - Administration of Capital Project 31116

1. That Report No. PDS20-069 be received for information.

Carried

7.2.7 CS20-022 - Audio Recordings of Closed Session Meetings

Council consented to vote on the fourth clause of the main motion separately.

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Kim

1. That Report No. CS20-022 be received; and
2. That beginning with the first closed session meeting of 2021, staff audio record all closed session meetings; and
3. That access to the recordings be restricted to the Town Clerk, Chief Administrative Officer, Town Solicitor and the Town's closed session meeting investigator.

Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Kim, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gallo

Absent (1): Councillor Humfries

Carried (6 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Kim

4. That a by-law be enacted at a future Council meeting to classify the recordings as permanent in the Town's Record Retention and Classification By-law.

Yeas (5): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Kim, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Gallo

Nays (1): Councillor Gilliland

Absent (1): Councillor Humfries

Carried (5 to 1)

7.2.8 CS20-023 - Approval of 2021 Meeting Schedule

1. That Report No. CS20-023 be received; and
2. That the 2021 Meeting Schedule (Attachment No. 1) be approved; and
3. That the Town Clerk be authorized to make amendments to the Council and Committee Meeting Schedule as required.

Carried

7.2.9 CMS20-028 - Sports Field Development Strategy Update

1. That Report No. CMS20-028 be received for information; and
2. That the Director of Community Services be authorized to enter into agreements with local Schools and School Boards for the shared use of sports fields, including any ancillary agreements required for same.

Carried

7.2.10 PDS20-074 - Request to Remove a Property from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, 93 Tyler Street

1. That Report No. PDS20-074 be received; and
2. That the listed property located at 93 Tyler Street be removed from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.

Carried

8. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

None.

9. Motions

None.

10. Regional Report

10.1 York Region Council Highlights - October 22, 2020

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Kim

1. That the York Region Council Highlights of October 22, 2020, be received for information.

Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Kim, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gallo

Absent (1): Councillor Humfryes

Carried (6 to 0)

11. New Business

Councillor Gallo inquired about any recent emergency expenditures or decisions due to the COVID-19 situation, and staff provided a response noting all recent expenditures or decisions have been operational in nature.

Councillor Kim, Councillor Gaertner, and Mayor Mrakas expressed condolences on the passing of former Aurora Councillor Ron Wallace.

Councillor Kim inquired about ways of commemorating former Councillor Ron Wallace in the Town and if Council direction is required, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Kim referred to the residents' concerns regarding damage to lawns from sidewalk plows, and staff provided a response noting that operator errors have been relayed to the contractors.

Councillor Gaertner extended regards to Robert Baldwin for being appointed the Chief Administrative Officer of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.

Councillor Gaertner referred to the pathway to Tamarac Park and inquired if the pathway would be plowed during winter, and staff provided a response.

12. By-laws

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the following by-laws, 12.1 to 12.3 inclusive, be enacted.

Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Kim, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gallo

Absent (1): Councillor Humfries

Carried (6 to 0)

12.1 By-law Number 6293-20 - Being a By-law to establish a schedule of fees and charges for municipal services, activities and the use of property within the Town of Aurora (Fees and Charges By-law).

12.2 By-law Number 6294-20 - Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 5285-10, as amended, to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 22.

12.3 By-law Number 6295-20 - Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 6000-17, as amended, respecting the lands municipally known as 1623 Wellington Street East.

13. Closed Session

None.

14. Confirming By-law

14.1 By-law Number 6296-20 - Being a By-law to confirm actions by Council resulting from a Council meeting on November 24, 2020

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the confirming by-law be enacted.

Yeas (5): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Kim, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gallo

Absent (1): Councillor Humfries

Carried (6 to 0)

15. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk