



**Town of Aurora
General Committee
Meeting Report**

Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2020
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Video Conference

Council Members: Mayor Mrakas
Councillor Gaertner
Councillor Gallo
Councillor Gilliland
Councillor Humfries
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
David Waters, Director of Planning and Development Services
Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director of Finance
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

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.

Mayor Mrakas in the Chair.

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

General Committee approved the revised agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, including the following added items:

- Delegation 5.1 - Mercedes Custodio and Mo Ghoneim, Arts Help; Re: Library Square Project: Art Project
- Delegation 5.2 - Lenard Lind, Applicant; Re: Item 8.3 - OPS20-018 - Tree Removal Permit Application - 17 Church Street
- Item 7.3 - Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2020
- Item 7.4 - Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 26, 2020

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

5.1 Mercedes Custodio and Mo Ghoneim, Arts Help; Re: Library Square Project: Art Project

General Committee consented to allow additional time as required for the delegation.

Mercedes Custodio, Vice President of Outreach and Research, Sophie Brussaax, Co-Founder and Chief Visionary Officer, and Mo Ghoneim, Co-Founder and Managing Director, Arts Help Canada, provided background on their organization and presented a proposal to develop an interactive Art platform for the Town. Mr. Ghoneim noted the platform would be developed through a digital network consisting of indoor interactive digital screens and a local, grassroots online community with the key objectives of community engagement, impact through alignment with global

sustainable development goals, and awareness through the implementation of a public relations and communications strategy.

General Committee received the comments of the delegation for information.

5.2 Lenard Lind, Applicant; Re: Item 8.3 - OPS20-018 - Tree Removal Permit Application - 17 Church Street

Lenard Lind spoke in support of his tree removal permit application and replanting proposal, including the removal of three trees and relocation of the Locust tree, and requested that Council approve the staff report's alternative recommendation.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to item 8.3.

6. Consent Agenda

6.1 FIN20-028 - Q3 2020 Sole and Single Source Report

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. FIN20-028 be received for information.

Carried

7. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

General Committee recommends:

That the following Advisory Committee meeting minutes, items 7.1 to 7.4 inclusive, be received:

7.1 Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2020

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of November 2, 2020, be received for information.

7.2 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 11, 2020

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of November 11, 2020, be received for information.

7.3 Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2020

1. That the Community Advisory Committee meeting minutes of November 19, 2020, be received for information.

7.4 Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 26, 2020

1. That the Finance Advisory Committee meeting minutes of November 26, 2020, be received for information.

Carried

8. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

General Committee consented to consider items in the following order: 8.3, 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, and 8.7.

8.1 PDS20-075 - Heritage Permit Application, 23 Mark Street, HPA-2020-02

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS20-075 be received; and
2. That Heritage Permit Application File: HPA-2020-02 to permit the replacement of twenty-seven windows on the existing dwelling at 23 Mark Street be approved.

Carried

8.2 PDS20-076 - Heritage Permit Application, Elmwood Lodge: The Reuben J. Kennedy House, 15032 Yonge Street, File Number: HPA-2019-07

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS20-076 be received; and
2. That Heritage Permit Application File: HPA-2019-07 to permit the removal of twelve louvered window shutters on the Reuben J. Kennedy House at 15032 Yonge Street be refused.

Carried

8.3 OPS20-018 - Tree Removal Permit Application - 17 Church Street

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. OPS20-018 be received; and
2. That the Tree Removal Permit Application for the removal of three trees (two Norway Maples, one Silver Maple) and relocation of one tree

(Locust) at 17 Church Street be approved as presented by the applicant.

Carried

8.4 CS20-025 - Modernized Fence By-law

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CS20-025 be received; and
2. That a new Fence By-law be brought forth and enacted at a future Council meeting to repeal and replace the current Fence By-law No. 4753.05.P; and
3. That an amendment to the Fees and Charges By-law be brought forward to a future Council meeting to implement fees associated with a fence variance process; and
4. That an amendment to the Aurora Appeal Tribunal By-law be brought forward to a future Council meeting for enactment.

Carried

8.5 CS20-026 - Pending List Update

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CS20-026 be received; and
2. That items marked "Completed" be removed from the Pending List.

Carried

8.6 FIN20-029 - Annual Cancellation, Reduction or Refund of Property Taxes under Sections 357 and 358 of the *Municipal Act*

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. FS20-029 be received; and
2. That total property taxes in the amount of \$4,072.20 due from the property owners be adjusted pursuant to Section 357 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended (the Act); and
3. That total property taxes in the amount of \$10,923.45 due to the property owners be adjusted pursuant to Section 358 of the Act; and

4. That any associated interest charged applicable to these adjustments be cancelled in proportion to the total property taxes adjusted; and
5. That the Director of Finance, Treasurer be directed to remove said property taxes from the collector's roll reflecting these property tax adjustments; and
6. That the Director of Finance, Treasurer be delegated the authority, to process and remove property taxes from the collector's roll reflecting property tax adjustments throughout the calendar year, as set out in sections 357 and 358 of the *Municipal Act*, and with an information report presented to Council at the end of each calendar year.

Carried

8.7 PDS20-071 - Application for Draft Plan of Subdivision, 15370 Leslie (Skale) Inc., 15370 Leslie Street, Part Lot 2, Concession 2, File Number: SUB-2019-02, Related File Numbers: ZBA-2017-02 and SP-2017-02

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS20-071 be received; and
2. That the Draft Plan of Subdivision file No. SUB-2019-02 to create one block on a plan of subdivision to facilitate the future development of four common elements condominium townhouse blocks be approved, subject to the conditions of approval attached hereto as Schedule 'A'.

Carried

9. Notices of Motion

None.

10. New Business

Councillor Gaertner noted the poor condition of the Readman House on Yonge Street and inquired about its status and any policy that would protect vacant heritage structures, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Gallo inquired about the plan for public art in Library Square, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Kim expressed appreciation to staff for sharing the residents' concerns with the sidewalk snow removal contractor regarding previous grass damage and noted the improved snowplowing results of the recent snow event.

Councillor Gilliland advised that the short URL link to the Town's webpage for the Deck the Halls Tour is not functioning, and staff agreed to resolve the matter.

Councillor Gilliland thanked staff for providing her with tree and Committee of Adjustment information and requested confirmation that work being done at a Lacey Court property was approved. Staff provided a response including clarification on the tree compensation policy.

Councillor Humfries inquired about the next steps respecting the Arts Help delegation and proposal for Library Square, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Humfries referred to Councillor Gaertner's concerns regarding the Readman House and inquired about staff's enforcement of the Property Standards By-law in relation to heritage properties, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Humfries inquired about the status of the comprehensive review of the Town's Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Humfries expressed appreciation to staff for their communications efforts with residents regarding road reconstruction issues.

Councillor Gaertner expressed concerns regarding activities at a business unit on Industrial Parkway in relation to COVID-19 restrictions and inquired about any possible steps that could be taken, and staff provided a response.

Mayor Mrakas provided statistics related to York Region's COVID-19 enforcement task force activities and advised that he would forward the information to Council members.

Mayor Mrakas noted that, in addition to the mayors and chairs of the eleven largest municipalities of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) meeting on a weekly basis, the mayors of smaller urban municipalities in the GTHA would also be meeting on a weekly basis to discuss matters relevant to smaller communities during the COVID-19 pandemic, while continuing to work with the larger municipalities as well.

11. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Gaertner extended congratulations to staff on a successful Santa Under the Stars Parade.

Councillor Gilliland expressed appreciation to staff for their efforts on the Parade and acknowledged the positive feedback from residents.

Councillor Gilliland announced that Aurora's Deck the Halls drive-by tour will be held December 12-19, 2020, from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and a tour map will be released December 10 on the website. She expressed appreciation for the funding provided by the province.

Councillor Humfryes announced that Aurora's Christmas Market will be held in Town Park from Friday, December 4 to Sunday, December 6, 2020, and from Friday, December 11 to Sunday, December 13, 2020, noting that pre-registration is required to attend. She thanked staff for their efforts and further noted that a Christmas tree will be lit in Town Park.

Mayor Mrakas noted that registration for the Christmas Market has been filled and online shopping will be available at aurora.ca/christmasmarket.

Mayor Mrakas announced that the Christmas Dream Dinner program will continue this year, providing Christmas dinners to those in need, thanks to a \$7,000 donation from Auroran Jay Saveall, President of Green Side Up Contracting. Councillor Humfryes also expressed appreciation noting that more than 200 people would receive meals, and many more offers to help and volunteer have been received.

12. Closed Session

None.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Carried