



Town of Aurora
Budget Committee
Meeting Report

Date: Monday, November 30, 2020
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Video Conference

Council Members: Mayor Mrakas (Chair)
 Councillor Gilliland
 Councillor Humfries
 Councillor Kim
 Councillor Gaertner
 Councillor Thompson
 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
 Jason Gaertner, Manager, Financial Management
 Alice Liu, Senior Advisor, Financial Management
 Sandeep Dhillon, Advisor, Financial Management
 Tracy Evans, Advisor, Financial Management
 Laura Sheardown, Advisor, Financial Management
 Eliza Bennett, Acting Manager, Corporate Communications
 Michael de Rond, 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 Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Budget Committee approved the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services.

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. Delegations

None.

5. Consideration of Items

5.1 2021-2022 Budget - Consolidated Departmental Objectives ([Binder Tab 16](#))

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the 2020 Objectives Overview of the Departmental Objectives be received for information.

Carried

5.2 Round Table Budget Discussion

Councillor Gilliland sought clarification on the pedestrian grade separated crossing project on Cousins Drive and its inclusion in future budgets, and staff provided a response noting that the Town continues to work with Metrolinx and any related budgetary items would be included in the 2022 budget.

Councillor Gaertner referred to the pathway leading to Tamarac Park and inquired about the possibility of maintaining the path throughout winter either by the Town or the Region and the associated cost required to do so, and the Mayor and staff provided clarification.

Councillor Gallo noted he would be reserving his comments until the information he requested at previous Budget Committee meetings is

provided and expressed concern regarding the staffing requests for 2021 as discussed at the Budget Committee meeting of November 23, 2020.

Councillor Humfryes referred to the phase in hiring of new positions throughout 2021 as discussed at the Budget Committee meeting of November 23, 2020 and noted that the request is within the allocation as per Town's budget objectives. She further expressed appreciation to the Finance department for their efforts throughout the budget process.

Councillor Kim expressed appreciation to the Finance department for their efforts throughout the budget process.

Councillor Thompson inquired about the possibility of opening more outdoor rinks and the required budget allocation to do so, and staff provided a response.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.