



Town of Aurora Budget Committee Meeting Report

Date: Saturday, November 21, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Video Conference

Council Members: Mayor Mrakas
Councillor Gaertner
Councillor Gallo
Councillor Gilliland
Councillor Humfryes (departed 2:58 p.m.)
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
Doug Bertrand, Manager, Facilities
Sandeep Dhillon, Advisor, Financial Management
Tracy Evans, Advisor, Financial Management
Jason Gaertner, Manager, Financial Management
Alice Liu, Senior Advisor, Financial Management
Anca Mihail, Manager of Engineering and Capital Delivery
Michael Mulvenna, IT Manager
Laura Sheardown, Advisor, Financial Management
Lisa Warth, Manager, Recreation
Michael de Rond, 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 9:01 a.m.

Budget Committee consented to recess the meeting at 11:22 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

Budget Committee consented to recess the meeting at 12:48 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:20 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 Operating Budget - Community Partner Presentations

5.1.1 Aurora Cultural Centre Board 2021-2022 Operating Grant (Binder Tab 15)

Eric Acker, President, Aurora Cultural Centre Board, noted that 2020 is the 10th anniversary of the Aurora Cultural Centre (ACC) and the planned year of celebrations was significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. On behalf of the Board, he recognized Suzanne and her team for their outstanding efforts in overcoming the challenges and creating innovative opportunities to continue delivering cultural programming and activities to the community. He noted that the federal and provincial funding supports enabled their team to continue working virtually, and he acknowledged the ACC's strong partnership with the Town and staff.

Suzanne Haines, Executive Director, presented an overview of the ACC's 2020 activities to date including programming, volunteer recognition, community participation and statistics, revenues and expenses, and key performance indicators. She spoke about the 2020 year-end and 2021-2022 projections and operating budgets, noting the budget impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, Library Square project, and Kaleidoscope in the Schools pilot program, and expressed appreciation for the Town's continued support. Laura Hostick, Treasurer, was also present to answer questions.

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the presentation from the Aurora Cultural Centre Board be received; and
2. That the request for the 2021-2022 operating grant to the Aurora Cultural Centre Board in the amounts of \$432,480 and \$441,100 for 2021 and 2022 respectively be tentatively approved.

Carried

5.2 2021-2022 Capital Budget Review

5.2.1 Review of the Proposed 2021 Repair and Replacement Capital Projects ([Binder Tab 17](#))

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the proposed 2021 Repair and Replacement Capital Projects be received; and
2. That the following proposed 2021 Repair and Replacement Capital Projects be approved as presented; and

Community Services

- 72204 Security Audit and Implementation
- 72372 215 Industrial - Refurbishment of Generator
- 72452 Energy and Demand Management Plan Implementation
- 72453 Unplanned - Emergency Repairs Contingency
- 72457 Lane Ropes for SARC and AFLC and new diving board at SARC
- 73324 Pet Cemetery Restoration

Corporate Services

14070 Boardroom Audio/Video Equipment

Operational Services

34432 Roads - 2 Ton (#24-21)

71136 Parks - 1 Ton Pickup Crew Cab (#203-21)

71158 Parks - Grass Crew Trailer (#244-21)

73175 Walkway Lights - Graham Parkette

73215 Playground Replacement, Walkway Repaving - L
Willson Park

34007 Webster Drive Curb/Road Drainage Repair

34616 Sidewalk/Engineered Walkway Reconstruction

Planning and Development Services

31178 Reconstruction of Poplar Crescent

31199 Road Resurfacing - Gurnett St., Kennedy St. E.,
Victoria St.

42075 Performance Monitoring of LID Controls

3. That the following proposed 2021 Repair and Replacement Capital Projects, which were pulled for discussion, be approved as presented; and

Corporate Services

14075 Business Process Automation and Data Integration

14082 Data Centre Upgrades

14012 Financial System

43038 Water Meter Replacement Program

Operational Services

34441 Roads - Street Sweeper (#40-21)

71154 Parks - Utility Trailer (#231-21)

73160 Emerald Ash Borer Management Program

73242 Improvements to Fleury Park Washroom Facility

Planning and Development Services

31243 Long-term Remediation for Pavement Heave over
Vandorf Culvert West of Bayview

42066 Damaged Storm Pipe off Henderson Dr

42080 Jones Court Stream Rehabilitation

4. That the following proposed 2021 Repair and Replacement Capital Project, which was pulled for discussion, be approved as presented, and that staff report back with options on the material to be used; and

Operational Services

73192 Boardwalk Resurface - McKenzie Marsh

5. That the following proposed 2021 Repair and Replacement Capital Projects, which were pulled for discussion, be given conditional budget approval pending additional information to Council; and

Community Services

72201 Work Station Refresh Carpet Paint

Corporate Services

14047 Computer and Related Infrastructure Renewal

6. That the following proposed 2021 Repair and Replacement Capital Project, which was pulled for discussion, be received for information; and

Corporate Services

43055 Advanced Metering Infrastructure (Conditionally approved 2019)

7. That the following proposed 2021 Repair and Replacement Capital Projects, which were pulled for discussion, be referred to staff for a report back to Council with additional information.

Operational Services

72281 AFLC - Skate Park

Planning and Development Services

31124 Henderson Dr - Wildlife Passage

Carried

5.2.2 Review of the Proposed 2021 Growth and New Capital Projects (Binder Tab 18)

Staff noted that the following proposed Growth and New Capital Projects have been removed from the 2021 budget:

Corporate Services

14079 Data Integration with Tools

14083 Meeting Room Hardware Standardization

Operational Services

73321 Cattle Crawl Underpass (Conditionally approved
2019)

Staff noted that the following proposed Growth and New Capital Project budget has been reduced from \$1.2 million to \$750,000:

Operational Services

73287 Hallmark Lands – Baseball Diamonds

Budget Committee consented to defer consideration of the items pulled for discussion to the Budget Committee meeting of November 23, 2020.

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the proposed 2021 Growth and New Capital Projects be received; and
2. That the following proposed 2021 Growth and New Capital Projects be approved as presented:

Community Services

71060 - Facilities - 1/2 ton Truck (New)

Corporate Services

14085 Migration to Cityview Workspace

14089 Business Intelligence

24013 Building Division Website Portal

Fire

21109 Fire - Smaller Vehicles

Operational Services

34232 Fleet - Four Post Hoist (New)

73296 Trails - Joseph Hartman Trail Connection (DG
Group)

73327 DeGraaf Cres Trail

Planning and Development Services

34527 Yonge/Wellington Intersection Improvements.

Carried

5.2.3 Review of the Proposed 2021 Studies and Other Capital Projects
([Binder Tab 19](#))

Budget Committee consented to defer this item to the Budget Committee meeting of November 23, 2020.

5.2.4 Review of Closed Capital Projects
([Binder Tab 20](#))

Budget Committee consented to defer this item to the Budget Committee meeting of November 23, 2020.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.