



Town of Aurora
Council Public Planning
Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Video Conference

Council Members: Mayor Mrakas
 Councillor Kim
 Councillor Gaertner
 Councillor Thompson
 Councillor Gilliland
 Councillor Gallo

Members Absent: Councillor Humfries

Other Attendees: David Waters, Director of Planning and Development Services
 Edward Terry, Senior Policy Planner
 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 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

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

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

Absent (2): Councillor Humfryes, and Councillor Gilliland

Carried (5 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. Planning Applications

The Mayor outlined the procedures that would be followed in the conduct of the public meeting. The Town Clerk confirmed that the appropriate notice was given in accordance with the relevant provisions of the *Planning Act*.

4.1 PDS20-077 - Official Plan Review

Planning Staff

Edward Terry, Senior Policy Planner, provided background information and status update on the Official Plan review process outlining the public engagement initiatives undertaken by the Town leading up to the February 11, 2020 Council Public Planning meeting such as planner pop-up events and provided a summary of the public comments received. He noted that after the Council Public Planning on February 11, 2020, staff has retained technical and public engagement consultants, developed a project webpage with an introductory video, and established three steering committees (leadership, community, and technical) to provide feedback to the project team throughout the review process.

Consultants

David Riley, Principal & Planning Consultant, and Paul Lowes, Principal & Project Director from SGL Planning and Design Inc., presented an overview of the Official Plan review process thus far noting that the twelve fundamental principles of Official Plan have been refined to four focus area themes: growth and infrastructure, natural heritage, complete

communities, and cultural heritage and archaeology. He further provided details of the project timelines and phases and the process of developing discussion papers on the four focus area themes. Sabrina Coletti, Manager, Planning, from WSP Canada presented an overview of the public engagement process that will be carried out throughout 2021 and the key focus themes. She further provided details on the roles of the three steering committees and the schedule of upcoming meetings in 2021, as well as next steps regarding drafting the discussion papers, and an overview of the project plan.

Public Comments

Nicholas Dell, representing an Aurora property owner, and Aurora residents Peter Smith and Rebecca Beaton provided the following comments for consideration in the Official Plan review process and question:

- Comments regarding:
 - Mitigation of homes with high water tables leading to possible water problems in surrounding areas
 - Maintaining building heights to allowable limits and inclusion of fines for non-compliance in the revised Official Plan
 - Retention of mature trees in existing older neighbourhoods and inclusion of stronger tree protection measures in the revised Official Plan
 - Possible differential approach for each of the four Stable Neighbourhood Areas and consider necessary amendments to preserve their separate characteristics
 - Mitigating growth and avoiding over development
- Question regarding:
 - Possible changes to the existing Oak Ridges Moraine designation for 14897 and 14773 Leslie Street as a result of the Regional Municipal Comprehensive Review

Planning Staff

Staff provided a response regarding the Oak Ridges Moraine designated lands noting that no changes were made after the Provincial review of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP) was completed in 2017

and that the removal and/or redesignation of the subject lands from the ORMCP is not part of the Regional Municipal Comprehensive Review.

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

1. That Report No. PDS20-077 be received; and
2. That staff report back prior to releasing the Discussion Papers for public consultation and to provide an update on the Official Plan Review work plan.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Humfries

Carried (6 to 0)

5. Confirming By-law

5.1 6298-20 Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from a Council Public Planning Meeting of December 8, 2020

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That the confirming by-law 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)

6. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk