

# AURORA TOWN SQUARE

## Chronology

2017-2023

## Capital and Operating



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# 2017-2023

## Acknowledgement

- Council (multiple terms)
- Project Partners
  - Aurora Public Library
  - Aurora Cultural Centre
  - Aurora Museum and Archives
- Cultural Partners
  - Aurora Historical Society, Aurora Sports Hall of Fame, Aurora Farmer's Market, Aurora Seniors Association, Pine Tree Potters, Society of York Region Artists and Theatre Aurora
- Arts, Culture and Heritage Groups
  - Aurora Community Band, Borealis Big Band, Aurora Film Circuit, Marquee Theatrical Productions, Music Aurora, Aurora Philosophy Institute, York Region Arts Council, etc.



The background is a grayscale architectural rendering of a modern building's interior. It features a multi-level atrium with a glass and metal structure, wooden floors, and people walking. A prominent blue rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing white text. The overall aesthetic is clean and professional.

# 2017-2023

Path Travelled

- Long History
- Many meetings, discussions, decisions
- Vision/Values
- We are confident that Aurora Town Square 'WILL' exceed expectations for years to come.
- Milestones



# 2017-2018

## Milestones

- demolition of 52 and 56 Victoria Street
- Council approved moving forward with the detailed design of the lower square option
- design for the expansion to the Church Street School which included the three (3) floors and theatre was approved





# March 2019

## Milestones

- Addition to Church Street School approved in the amount of \$27,189,600
- Outdoor Square approved at \$8,380,500 including skating loop, water spray feature and water wall
- Additional funding was approved to include additional parking along Church St., Victoria St. and the laneway within the scope of the project
- Draft operating plan approved based on MSB Model (\$720K implemented over 3 yrs)
- Council then directed staff to report back on the options, costs, and visuals for:
  - an above-ground and below-ground linkage/bridge
  - addition of a universal washroom
  - commercial café space on the plaza level



# May-October 2019

## Milestones

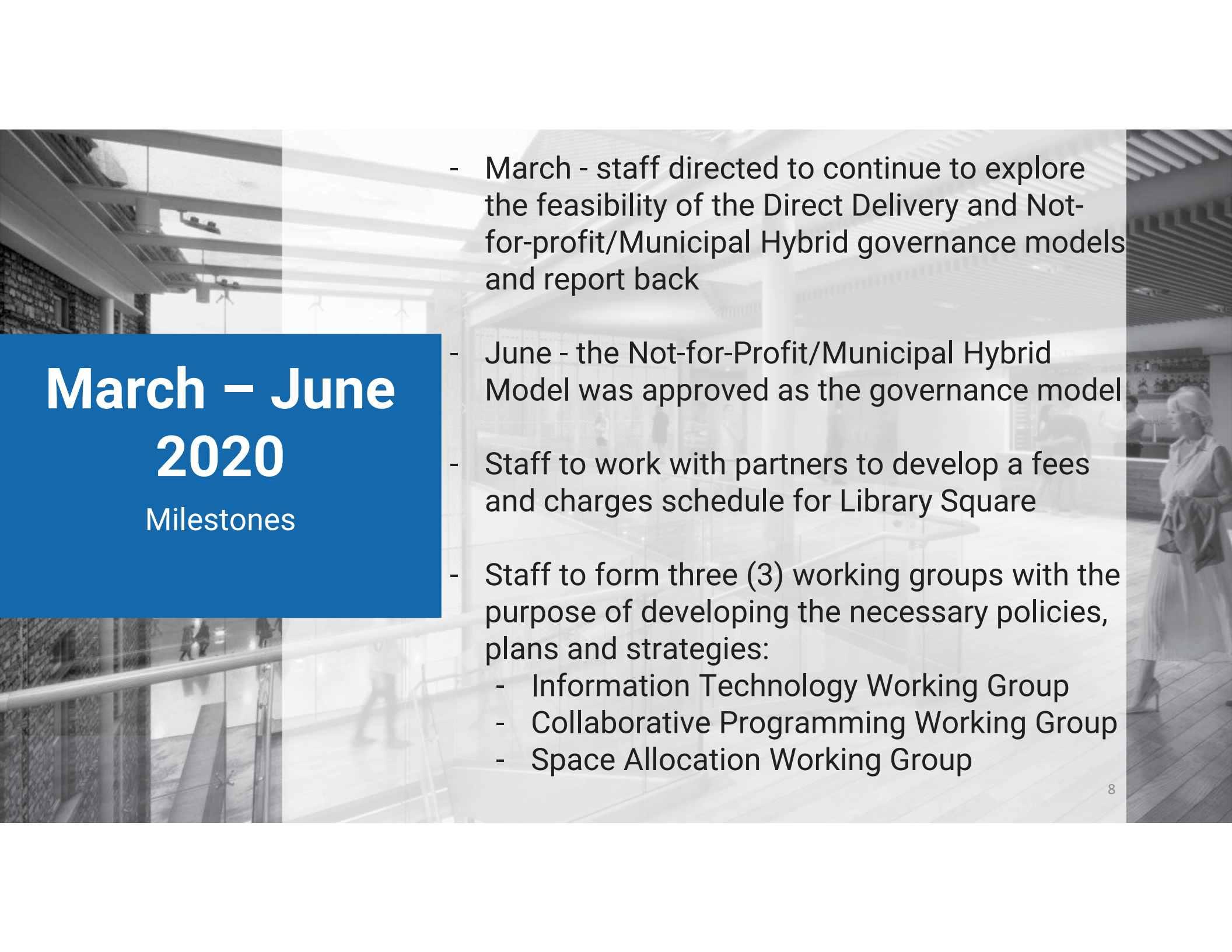
- Linkage approved and \$3,544,440 added to project
- Library Entrance Vestibule approved and \$398,900 added to project
- Café Snack Bar approved and \$157,700 added to project
- Library Corridor Extension, new Yonge Street Entrance and Multi-purpose rooms approved and \$5,465,300 added to project
- Project Management contract was awarded to Colliers Project Leaders
- Time to refine design and prepare Construction Documentation





# Nov-Dec 2019 Milestones

- Performance Hall acoustics and colour palate were amended in order to be as versatile as possible.
- Washrooms were redesigned in order to meet Code and space requirements.
- The green roof on the pedestrian bridge was removed to mitigate design concerns, cost and maintenance challenges
- inclusion of previously approved Library Square R&R work in the construction contract to be tendered
- Library Square Project No. 81019 total approved budget being increased to \$51,611,700



# March – June 2020

## Milestones

- March - staff directed to continue to explore the feasibility of the Direct Delivery and Not-for-profit/Municipal Hybrid governance models and report back
- June - the Not-for-Profit/Municipal Hybrid Model was approved as the governance model
- Staff to work with partners to develop a fees and charges schedule for Library Square
- Staff to form three (3) working groups with the purpose of developing the necessary policies, plans and strategies:
  - Information Technology Working Group
  - Collaborative Programming Working Group
  - Space Allocation Working Group





# August - Nov 2020

## Milestones

- Construction Budget Control Task Force was established
- Tender awarded to Chandos Construction Ltd., project budget approved \$51,939,500
- Downtown Parking Working Group was created to discuss and manage parking related issues for Downtown including Library Square
- Staff formed a Collaborative Programming Working Group (CPWG)



# March – Sept 2021

## Milestones

- Alternative Names
- Parking opportunities
- Council approved that the Town would be responsible for the following:
  - computer network including the wide area network, local area network, Wi-Fi, networking, and meeting room hardware/software
  - facility bookings
  - Staff to develop a Space Usage and Room Permitting Policy
- Fees and Charges By-law to be updated to accommodate all Aurora Town Square services, activities, and use of property as necessary





# March – June 2022

## Milestones

- Status update – Agreements and IT Services
- Council approved the conversion of the Manager of Aurora Town Square and the Marketing Creative Specialist contract positions to permanent positions.
- Space Usage and Room Permitting Policy approved
- Council approved the following positions:
  - 1 Full-Time Facilities Crew Lead
  - 1 Full-Time Customer Services Representative
  - 1 Technical Specialist role on an interim basis until the governance matters are finalized



# February - July 2023

## Milestones

- The project budget increased by \$1,200,000 to \$53,139,700
- Asset management projects to be completed prior to opening.
- Staff provided an update on the 2024-2026 operating budget.
- Council approved
  - 1 full-time IT Support/Technical Production position funded through a planned reduction to the Aurora Public Library's funding requirements
- Operating plan financial strategy be included in the 2024 Budget for Council's review and consideration
- ATS operating plan to be brought before Council prior to budget deliberations including ACC's programming and staffing plan



# March 2022 – March 2023

## Capital Campaign

- May - Name sale opportunities were approved for:
  - Aurora Town Square Bridge granted to Treasure Hill Homes
  - Aurora Town Square Lobby/Atrium granted to TFP Aurora Development Limited
  - Aurora Town Square Performing Arts Dance Studio granted to Emery Investments/Addison Hall Business Park
- Totalling: \$1,300,000
- Name sale opportunities were approved for:
  - Aurora Town Square Reading Garden granted to Charlieville Developments Ltd.
  - Aurora Town Square Box Office, Visual Arts Studio and Multipurpose Studio granted to Shining Hill Group of Companies
  - Aurora Town Square Program Room granted to private donor
- Totalling: \$625,000



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