



**Town of Aurora  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Thursday, January 18, 2024  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

**Committee Members:** Councillor Ron Weese (Chair)  
Irene Clement\*  
Michelle Dakin (Vice Chair)  
Jessie Fraser\*  
Shaheen Moledina\*  
Corrina Tai\*

**Members Absent:** Adrian Martin

**Other Attendees:** Michelle Johnson, Collections and Exhibitions Coordinator  
Phillip Rose, Manager of Cultural Services  
Lisa Warth, Manager, Recreation  
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

\*Attended electronically

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**1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

The Committee acknowledged that the meeting took place on Anishinaabe lands, the traditional and treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island, recognizing the many other Nations whose presence here continues to this day, the special relationship the Chippewas have with the lands and waters of this territory, and that Aurora has shared responsibility for the stewardship of these lands and waters. It was noted that Aurora is part of the treaty lands of the

Mississaugas and Chippewas, recognized through Treaty #13 and the Williams Treaties of 1923.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved by** Michelle Dakin

**Seconded by** Irene Clement

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

**Carried**

**4. 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*.

**5. Receipt of the Minutes**

**5.1 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2023**

**Moved by** Irene Clement

**Seconded by** Shaheen Moledina

1. That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2023, be received for information.

**Carried**

**6. Delegations**

None.

**7. Matters for Consideration**

**7.1 Memorandum from Collections and Exhibitions Coordinator; Re: Community Reflection Space**

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum and a visual review of the four proposed community reflection space locations for the Committee's

consideration. It was noted that the Committee will have an opportunity to provide input on the design features of the space later in the year.

The Committee and staff discussed the merits and limitations of the proposed locations, as well as the public consultation process and outreach, including risk assessment, emergency services input, and potential user groups and uses of the space. The Committee expressed support for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Park location.

**Moved by** Jessie Fraser

**Seconded by** Michelle Dakin

1. That the memorandum regarding Community Reflection Space be received; and
2. That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee comments regarding Community Reflection Space be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

**Carried**

## **8. Informational Items**

### **8.1 Memorandum from Manager, Recreation; Re: Recreation Needs Assessment for Persons with Disabilities - Follow-up**

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum noting the online survey is now available on the Town's Engage Aurora platform until February 14, 2024, to provide input on the Recreation Needs Assessment for Persons with Disabilities, as well as opportunities to attend a virtual or in-person focus group; visit [engageaurora.ca/RNA](https://engageaurora.ca/RNA) for more information. Committee members were encouraged to share this information with their contacts.

**Moved by** Jessie Fraser

**Seconded by** Shaheen Moledina

1. That the memorandum regarding Recreation Needs Assessment for Persons with Disabilities - Follow-up be received for information.

**Carried**

**9. New Business**

The Committee inquired about the Town's parkland acquisition process and the Chair provided a response.

The Chair advised that member David Gren has resigned from the Committee; therefore, the Town is now recruiting to fill this vacancy for the remainder of the term and applications will be received until February 11, 2024.

**10. Adjournment**

**Moved by** Shaheen Moledina

**Seconded by** Jessie Fraser

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

**Carried**