



**Town of Aurora
Council
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, July 9, 2024
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall

Council Members: Mayor Tom Mrakas (Chair)
Councillor Ron Weese
Councillor Rachel Gilliland
Councillor Wendy Gaertner
Councillor Michael Thompson
Councillor John Gallo*
Councillor Harold Kim

Other Attendees: Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer
Patricia De Sario, Director, Corporate Services/Town Solicitor
Robin McDougall, Director, Community Services
Marco Ramunno, Director, Planning and Development Services
Sara Tienkamp, Director, Operational Services
Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director, Finance
Carley Smith, Manager, Corporate Communications
Michael de Rond, Town Clerk
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

*Attended electronically

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Council resolved into a Closed Session at 8:36 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 9:57 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Mrakas 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

Main motion

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Weese

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

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Weese

That the notice provisions of By-law Number 6228-19, the Procedure By-law, be waived to permit the addition of a closed session item to the agenda, exempted from open discussion by Section 239(2)(e) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, litigation or potential litigation, with the general nature thereof being the reconsideration of the direction provided to staff regarding 65 St. John's Sideroad East.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

On a two-thirds majority vote the motion

Carried (7 to 0)

Main motion as amended

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Weese

That the revised agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, including the addition of a Closed Session item regarding 65 St. John's Sideroad East, be approved.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried (7 to 0)

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. Community Presentations

5.1 Miranda Link, Youth & Community Development Coordinator; Re: John West Memorial Scholarship Award

Miranda Link presented an overview of the achievements and community involvement of the John West Memorial "Leaders of Tomorrow" Scholarship Award 2024 recipients: Ananya Murlidharan, graduate of Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School and Anika Radulescu, graduate of St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School. Ananya and Anika were presented with their awards and congratulated by the Mayor, Members of Council, and Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services.

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That the presentation be received for information.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried (7 to 0)

5.2 Joseph Petrungaro, Director, Roads, Traffic and Fleet, and Nelson Costa, Manager, Traffic Safety and Signal Operations, York Region; Re: Turn Prohibitions at St. John's Sideroad and Old Yonge Street

Council consented to permit an additional five minutes for the presentation.

Joseph Petrungaro provided introductory remarks and Nelson Costa presented an overview of a one-year pilot of turn prohibitions at St. John's Sideroad and Old Yonge Street, including traffic concerns and delays, pilot turn prohibitions, traffic simulations, communication, and implementation.

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the presentation be received for information.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried (7 to 0)

6. Delegations

None.

7. Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That the Consent Agenda, items 7.1 to 7.5 inclusive, be approved.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried (7 to 0)

7.1 Council Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2024

1. That the Council Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.2 Council Closed Session Minutes of July 2, 2024

1. That the Council Closed Session Minutes of July 2, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.3 Council Closed Session Public Meeting Minutes of July 2, 2024

1. That the Council Closed Session Public Meeting Minutes of July 2, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.4 Central York Fire Services Joint Council Committee Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2024

1. That the Central York Fire Services Joint Council Committee Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

7.5 Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2024

1. That the Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

8. Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of July 2, 2024

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of July 2, 2024, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.2.1, 8.4.1, 8.6.1, 8.6.2, 8.7.2, and 8.7.5, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried (7 to 0)

8.1 Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

8.1.1 Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2024

1. That the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

8.1.2 Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2024

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

8.1.3 Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2024

1. That the Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

8.1.4 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2024

1. That the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 17, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

8.2 Community Services Committee Agenda

8.2.1 CMS24-022 - Community Reflection Space Location

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Kim

1. That Report No. CMS24-022 be received; and
2. That Town Hall be approved as the location for the Community Reflection Space; and
3. That staff report back to Council with a proposed design, timeline, and budget implications.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried (7 to 0)

8.3 Corporate Services Committee Agenda

None.

8.4 Finance and Information Technology Committee Agenda

8.4.1 FIN24-034 - Updated Corporate Asset Management Plan

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

1. That Report No. FIN24-034 be received; and
2. That the updated Corporate Asset Management plan for the Town of Aurora be approved; and
3. That the proposed capital asset levels of service measures and targets be approved.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried (7 to 0)

8.5 Administration Committee Agenda

None.

8.6 Operational Services Committee Agenda

8.6.1 OPS24-016 - Windrows Pilot Program Extension – Service Delivery Options

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Weese

1. That Report No. OPS24-016 be received; and
2. That the continuation of the Windrow Removal Pilot Program for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities for the 2024/2025 winter season, to be funded from the Tax Rate Stabilization reserve, be approved; and
3. That option C from the report be the preferred service delivery model.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried (7 to 0)

8.6.2 OPS24-018 - Sidewalk Winter Maintenance – Service Delivery Review

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Kim

1. That Report No. OPS24-018 be received; and
2. That staff increase the number of sidewalk routes from of eight to ten for the 2024/2025 winter season; and
3. That the length of individual sidewalk routes be reduced and maintained at approximately 25 kilometres to maintain current approved service level standards.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried (7 to 0)

8.7 Planning and Development Services Committee Agenda

8.7.1 PDS24-079 - Natural Capital Asset Management Plan

1. That Report No. PDS24-079 be received; and
2. That Council adopt and approve the draft Natural Capital Asset Management Plan, including all proposed levels of service therein.

Carried

8.7.2 PDS24-053 - Bike Share Feasibility Study

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

1. That Report No. PDS24-053 be received; and

2. That staff be authorized to issue a Request for Information (RFI) for the Bike Share Program as detailed in this report and report back to Council with the results.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried (7 to 0)

8.7.3 PDS24-067 - Request for Increased Capital Budget Authority for Capital Project GN0163 – Design of Active Transportation Facilities - Yonge Street: Bloomington Road to Rail Bridge

1. That Report No. PDS24-067 be received; and
2. That the total approved budget authority for Capital Project No. GN0163 be increased to \$329,200, representing an increase of \$129,200; and
3. That \$20,000 in previously approved capital budget authority for Project No. GN0056 and its associated funding be transferred to Project No. GN0163; and
4. That the remaining proposed budget authority increase of \$109,200 for Project No. GN0163 be funded with \$98,300 from Roads & Related development charges and \$10,900 from the Growth & New reserve.

Carried

8.7.4 PDS24-078 - Heritage Permit Application HPA-2024-03 – 23 Mark Street

1. That Report No. PDS24-078 be received; and
2. That Heritage Permit Application HPA-2024-03 be approved to permit a rear garden suite at 23 Mark Street as shown in Attachment 2 of this report.

Carried

**8.7.5 PDS24-080 - Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment
Applications, Gervais Development (Centre) Corp., 180, 182 Centre
Cres, Part of Lot 105, Registered Plan 246, File Number: ZBA-2022-
05, Related File Number: OPA-2022-03 and SP-2022-12**

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

1. That Report No. PDS24-080 be received; and
2. That Official Plan Amendment application OPA-2022-03 be approved to amend Schedule 'H' of the Town of Aurora Official Plan to identify a new Site-Specific Policy for the subject lands. The site-specific policy will permit buildings taller than four storey or 15 metres in height are subject to a front yard step back at the second storey and the angular plane provisions as outlined in Appendix "A"; and
3. That Zoning By-law Amendment application ZBA-2022-05 be approved to rezone the subject lands to "Second Density Apartment Residential Exception RA2(XX) Zone" as outlined in Appendix "B"; and
4. That a total of 330 persons worth of servicing allocation be granted to facilitate the proposed development of 193 apartment dwelling units; and
5. That the implementing By-laws for the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment be brought forward to a future Council meeting for enactment.

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

Nays (1): Councillor Gaertner

Carried (6 to 1)

**8.7.6 PDS24-041 - Request for Non-Standard Procurement Approval for
Capital Project No. AM0332 – Aurora Promenade Streetscape
Detailed Design**

1. That Report No. PDS24-041 be received; and

2. That Council approve the award of a Non-Standard Procurement for Capital Project No. AM0332, Detailed Design of the Aurora Promenade Streetscape to CIMA+ in the amount of \$578,927.80 excluding taxes.

Carried

8.8 Member Motions

None.

8.9 New Business

8.9.1 New Business Motion No. 1

1. That the total budget authority for Project No. AM0356 – Playground Replacement (Fully Accessible) – Town Park be increased to \$565,000 representing an increase of \$33,000, to facilitate the installation of an accessible swing; and
2. That the increase be funded from the Parks and Recreation Asset Management reserve.

Carried

9. Audit Committee Meeting Report of June 25, 2024

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Weese

That the Audit Committee Meeting Report of June 25, 2024, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried (7 to 0)

9.1 FIN24-031 - 2023 Audited Financial Statements and Audit Report

1. That Report No. FIN24-031 be received; and

2. That the 2023 Audit Reports and Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, be approved and published on the Town's website.

Carried

9.2 FIN24-032 - 2023 Year-End Operating and Capital Results - as of Dec. 31, 2023

1. That Report No. FIN24-032 be received for information.

Carried

10. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

10.1 FIN24-033 - Interim Forecast Update – As of April 30, 2024

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Kim

1. That Report No. FIN24-033 be received for information.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried (7 to 0)

11. New Business

Councillor Weese commented on the recent formation of new ratepayers associations in Ward 1 and the need for Town ward budget support of their meetings and Neighbourhood Watch programs.

Councillor Gallo requested a status update on the water feature at Queen's Diamond Jubilee Park, and staff provided a response.

12. Regional Report

12.1 York Regional Council Highlights of June 27, 2024

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

1. That the York Regional Council Highlights of June 27, 2024, be received for information.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried (7 to 0)

13. By-laws

13.1 By-law Number 6619-24 - Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 4574-04.T, as amended, to regulate parking and traffic in the Town of Aurora (Stop Controlled Intersections-Tamarac Trail and Albery Crescent).

13.2 By-law Number 6620-24 - Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 6579-24, to adopt Official Plan Amendment No.1 (File No. OPA-2022-03).

13.4 By-law Number 6622-24 - Being a By-law to authorize the execution of the Municipal Funding Agreement for the transfer of funds under the Canada Community-Building Fund.

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the By-laws, items 13.1, 13.2, and 13.4, be enacted.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried (7 to 0)

13.3 By-law Number 6621-24 - Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 6000-17, as amended, respecting the lands municipally known as 180 and 182 Centre Crescent (File No. ZBA-2022-05).

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the By-laws item 13.3 be enacted.

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

Nays (1): Councillor Gaertner

Carried (6 to 1)

14. Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Weese

That Council resolve into a Closed Session to consider the following matter:

1. Reconsideration of the direction provided to staff regarding 65 St. John's Sideroad East

Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board as per Section 239(2)(e) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried (7 to 0)

Reporting out of Closed Session

Council rose from Closed Session with nothing to report.

15. Confirming By-law

15.1 By-law Number 6623-24 Being a By-law to confirm actions by Council resulting from a Council meeting on July 9, 2024

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Weese

That the confirming by-law be enacted.

Carried

16. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Weese

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk