



**Town of Aurora  
Committee of the Whole  
Meeting Report**

**Date:** Tuesday, October 1, 2024  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall

**Council Members:** Mayor Tom Mrakas  
Councillor Ron Weese  
Councillor Wendy Gaertner  
Councillor Michael Thompson  
Councillor John Gallo  
Councillor Harold Kim

**Members Absent:** Councillor Rachel Gilliland

**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  
Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director, Finance  
Matthew Volpintesta, Acting Director, Operational Services  
Carley Smith, Manager, Corporate Communications  
Nancy Fleming, Manager, Engineering and Capital Delivery  
Michael de Rond, Town Clerk  
Emily Freitas, Council/Committee Coordinator

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**1. Call to Order**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:01 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**

Committee of the Whole approved the revised agenda as circulated by Legislative Services.

### **4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

Councillor Ron Weese declared a pecuniary interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50. respecting item 9.2 - CMS24-039 - Facility Space Allocation for Aurora Sports Hall of Fame and Sport Aurora, due to involvement with both organizations, therefore, did not participate in the discussion or vote on any question in respect to the matter.

### **5. Community Presentations**

None.

### **6. Delegations**

#### **6.1 Javed S. Khan, President and Chair, Aurora Sports Hall of Fame; Re: Facility Space Allocation for Aurora Sports Hall of Fame**

Javed S. Khan, President and Chair, Aurora Sports Hall of Fame, spoke in support of the staff report, highlighting that allocating the facility space will enhance visitor experience and expressed support for the ongoing renovations at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex (SARC). They further discussed the upcoming induction ceremony and the support from the Town to promote the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame history and culture.

Committee of the Whole received and referred the comments of the delegation to item 9.2.

**6.2 Daniel Segal, Segal Construction; Re: Municipal Housing Development**

Daniel Segal, Segal Construction, presented a draft resolution to address the development of attainable housing and requested that the draft resolution be presented as a report to Council for consideration.

Committee of the Whole received the comments of the delegation for information.

**7. Consent Agenda**

**7.1 Memorandum from Councillor Thompson; Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of July 26, 2024**

**Committee of the Whole recommends:**

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of July 26, 2024, be received for information.

**Carried**

**8. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Committee of the Whole recommends:**

That the Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, items 8.1 to 8.5 inclusive, be received for information.

**Carried**

**8.1 Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2024**

1. That the Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2024, be received for information.

**Carried**

**8.2 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2024**

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

**Carried**

**8.3 Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2024**

1. That the Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2024, be received for information.

**Carried**

**8.4 Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2024**

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

**Carried**

**8.5 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2024**

1. That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2024, be received for information.

**Carried**

**Committee of the Whole recommends:**

That the Committee Agenda items of sections 9 through 16 inclusive be approved, with the exception of items 9.1, 9.2, 10.1, 10.2, 14.1, 14.2, 14.3, 14.5, 15.1, which were discussed and voted on separately.

**Carried**

The Committee Agenda items pulled for separate discussion were considered in the following order: 10.1, 9.1, 9.2, 10.2, 14.1, 14.2, 14.3, 14.5, and 15.1.

## 9. Community Services Committee Agenda

### 9.1 CMS24-038 - Mapping Recreation for Persons with Disabilities – Final Plan Presentation

Jodi Ball and Gabrielle Peters, J Consulting Group Inc., provided a presentation on mapping recreation for persons with disabilities and highlighted how the project has been based around two phases: identifying the needs of the community and persons with disabilities and developing a recreation plan. The presentation included how engagement is used to identify the needs of persons with disabilities, caregivers, and community organizations, and presented key findings including support for recreation plan, the importance of Town programs, and the importance of using person first and identity first language. The project represents several goals for the community which includes ensuring that programming is inclusive, and working with disability organizations to bring additional resources to Town programming.

#### **Committee of the Whole recommends:**

1. That Report No. CMS24-038 be received; and
2. That Council endorse the recommendations contained in the attached Mapping Recreation for Persons with Disabilities Plan 2024-2029.

**Carried**

### 9.2 CMS24-039 - Facility Space Allocation for Aurora Sports Hall of Fame and Sport Aurora

#### **Committee of the Whole recommends:**

1. That Report No. CMS24-039 be received; and
2. That Council approve the request from the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame for expansion; and
3. That Council approve allocating space in the Aurora Family Leisure Complex for Sport Aurora.

**Carried**

## 10. Corporate Services Committee Agenda

### 10.1 CS24-024 - Central York Fire Services - Cost Recovery Program Enhancement

Fire Chief Rocco Volpe presented an overview of the Cost Recovery Program that recovers the costs of services provided by the Central York Fire Services (CYFS), including motor vehicle collisions, false alarms, and gas leaks. The report indicates that CYFS is enhancing the program by including means to recover firefighting costs for attendance at incidents involving property damage, and that the cost recovery program will be delivered by Fire Marque Inc. through set fees. It was noted that the estimated annual revenue will be provided to Central York Fire Services Joint Council Committee (JCC) at the end of the year.

#### **Committee of the Whole recommends:**

1. That Report No. CS24-024 be received for information.

**Carried**

### 10.2 CS24-023 - 2025 Council and Committee Meeting Schedule

#### **Committee of the Whole recommends:**

1. That Report No. CS24-023 be received; and
2. That a bylaw to amend section 20(f)(i) of the Procedure Bylaw No. 6228-19, as amended, be enacted at a future Council meeting to change the Public Planning meeting day from the second Tuesday of the month to the third Tuesday; and
3. That Council request the Mayor, in accordance with the powers under section 284.8 of the Municipal Act, 2001, to amend the Committee of the Whole meeting date from the first Tuesday of the month to the second Tuesday; and
4. That the 2025 Meeting Schedule (Attachment No. 1) be approved; and
5. That the Town Clerk be authorized to make amendments to the Council and Committee meeting calendar as required.

**Carried**

**11. Finance and Information Technology Committee Agenda**

**11.1 FIN24-044 - 2025-26 Rates and Fees Update with Bylaw**

**Committee of the Whole recommends:**

1. That Report No. FIN24-044 be received; and
2. That a by-law be enacted to set the 2025 and 2026 Fees and Charges for applications, permits, use of Town property, the sale of documents and for the prescribed service charges for administrative matters itemized on the attached schedules.

**Carried**

**11.2 FIN24-045 - Further Bill 185 Development Charges Bylaw Amendments**

**Committee of the Whole recommends:**

1. That Report No. FIN24-045 be received; and
2. That no further public meetings are required under section 12 of the Development Charges Act, 1997; and
3. That the proposed amending Development Charges By-law be enacted October 22, 2024.

**Carried**

**12. Administration Committee Agenda**

None.

**13. Operational Services Committee Agenda**

None.

**14. Planning and Development Services Committee Agenda**

**14.1 PDS24-089 - Automated Speed Enforcement Pilot Program and Community Safety Zones**

**Committee of the Whole recommends:**

1. That Report No. PDS24-089 be received; and
2. That a by-law to amend Parking By-law No. 4574-04.T be enacted to designate schools that front onto Town roads as Community Safety Zones; and
3. That staff be authorized to implement an Automated Speed Enforcement Pilot program and report back to Council with a detailed implementation plan.

**Carried**

**14.2 PDS24-099 - Request for Increased Capital Budget Authority for Capital Project SO0079 – Water and Wastewater Master Plan**

**Committee of the Whole recommends:**

1. That Report No. PDS24-099 be received; and
2. That the total approved budget authority for Capital Project No. SO0079 be increased to \$414,800 representing an increase of \$114,800; and
3. That the proposed budget authority increase of \$114,800 for Project No. SO0079 be funded by \$57,400 from both water and wastewater development charges.

**Carried**

**14.3 PDS24-105 - Proposed Amendments to Parking Bylaw 4574-04.T – Various Locations in the Town’s Downtown Area**

**Committee of the Whole recommends:**

1. That Report No. PDS24-105 be received; and
2. That a by-law to amend Parking Bylaw No. 4574-04.T be enacted to increase the on-street parking allowance from 3 hours to 4 hours in various areas outlined in the report.

**Carried**



**14.4 PDS24-106 - Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review Work Plan**

**Committee of the Whole recommends:**

1. That Report No. PDS24-106 be received for information.

**Carried**

**14.5 PDS24-107 - Doors Open 2025 Registration**

1. That Report No. PDS24-107 be received; and
2. That staff be directed to participate in the Doors Open event in 2025 in collaboration with the Ontario Heritage Trust.

**Carried as amended**

**15. Member Motions**

**15.1 Councillor Thompson; Re: Interchange at Highway 404 and St. John's Sideroad**

**Committee of the Whole recommends:**

Whereas the York Region Transportation Master Plan, approved by York Region Council in September of 2022 identified a need for an interchange to be built at Highway 404 and St. John's Sideroad by 2051; and

Whereas the Region will be updating the 2022 Transportation Master Plan every 5 years during its planning horizon, with the next update occurring in 2027; and

Whereas our Official Plan forecasts Aurora's population will be 79,600 residents and 38,300 jobs by 2041 and 85,800 residents and 41,600 jobs by 2051; and

Whereas additionally, neighbouring municipalities of Newmarket and Whitchurch-Stouffville are expected to grow cumulatively to over 221,500 people and 86,400 jobs to 2051, with the Region's total population also expected to be over 2 million people and approximately 1 million jobs over the same horizon; and

Whereas the Region's Municipal Comprehensive Review and Land Needs Assessment for the 2022 Regional Official Plan identified Aurora as having the greatest share of Major Office jobs over the planning horizon of any Northern Six York Region municipalities; and

Whereas Aurora's Employment Area along the 404 Corridor is over 2 kilometres long and is anticipated to generate over 6,000 new jobs, yet it currently is forced to rely on only one existing interchange at the south end, along Wellington Street East; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario has mandated significant local growth as part of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, and has defined Provincial Interests under the Planning Act that include providing employment opportunities and protecting the financial and economic well-being of the Province and its municipalities; and

Whereas the proposed St. John's Sideroad interchange has been built into the planning framework of the Town for nearly two decades, including as a planned element in the 2010 Aurora 2C Secondary Plan, the 2010 Official Plan, and the Town's current 2024 Official Plan; and

Whereas Council recently endorsed the Municipal Housing Target pledge of 8,000 residential units by 2031; and

Whereas traffic congestion is a growing concern for all Aurora residents and has an impact, socially, environmentally and economically, on the Town, neighbouring municipalities, and the Region at large;

1. Now Therefore Be it Hereby Resolved That staff provide the Region with Traffic and Household data and projections that supports the need for the interchange at St. John's and Highway 404; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora meet with the Region of York to express the need for the interchange at Highway 404 and St. John's to be constructed prior to 2035 and indicate to them that our preference would be that the interchange be built in the short term.

**Carried**

## 16. Regional Report

### 16.1 York Regional Council Highlights of September 19, 2024

#### Committee of the Whole recommends:

1. That the York Regional Council Highlights of September 19, 2024, be received for information.

**Carried**

## 17. New Business

Councillor Weese inquired about the town-wide parking strategy and the consideration for residential parking passes, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the relocation of paramedics in the Town, and the Mayor responded to indicate that they will be relocated out of the fire department to a new location.

Councillor Thompson commented on the Aurora Town Square grand opening and inquired about the response from residents. Staff agreed to follow up and provide information.

## 18. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Weese expressed appreciation for the Town's proclamation for Celebration of Sport Month in October.

Mayor Mrakas announced the following upcoming activities and events:

- Aurora Town Square's grand opening is taking place with indoor and outdoor entertainment and various events between from September 21 to October 13, 2024; visit [AuroraTownSquare.ca](https://AuroraTownSquare.ca) for more information and tickets.
- Colours of Fall will be held at Aurora's Town Park with a tribute to Neil Young and various activities on Thursday, October 10, 2024 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; please visit [aurora.ca/FallConcert](https://aurora.ca/FallConcert) for more information.

- Town of Aurora is committed to making Halloween trick-or-treating accessible for everyone; please visit [aurora.ca/TreatAccessibly](https://aurora.ca/TreatAccessibly) for more information and to obtain a free lawn sign.
- Aurora's Haunted Forest will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex and Sheppard's Bush; visit [aurora.ca/HauntedForest](https://aurora.ca/HauntedForest) to purchase wristbands and for more information.
- The Aurora Christmas Market will be held on the weekends of November 29, 2024 and December 6, 2024 at Aurora Town Square; please visit [aurora.ca/ChristmasMarket](https://aurora.ca/ChristmasMarket) for more information.

**19. Closed Session**

None.

**20. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**Carried**