



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

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2024
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Councillor Ron Weese (Chair)
Bo Brkic
Irene Clement*
Michelle Dakin (Vice Chair)
Jessie Fraser*
Shaheen Moledina*

Members Absent: Adrian Martin
Corrina Tai

Other Attendees: Ishita Soneji, Deputy Town Clerk*
Lisa Warth, Manager, Recreation
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

*Attended electronically

1. Call to Order

The Chair 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

Moved by Michelle Dakin

Seconded by Bo Brkic

That the revised 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 May 16, 2024

Moved by Jessie Fraser

Seconded by Bo Brkic

1. That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting minutes of May 16, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

6. Delegations

None.

7. Matters for Consideration

7.1 Memorandum from Manager, Recreation; Re: Sport Plan Refresh Project

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum and introduced the project consultants, David Lynch, Partner, and Jeremy Geisler, Senior Analyst, of Optimus SBR. The consultants presented a project overview, noting the current phase of engagement with community and local sport organizations, and facilitated a discussion with the Committee focused on: the distinction between sport and recreation; current support for local sport organizations; the potential four main pillars of the Sport Plan,

ensuring a lens of diversity, equity, and inclusion; and ways to increase participation and involvement in sports.

The Committee provided input and additional feedback included suggestions to: organize sport fairs/drop-ins with communications in multiple languages; revise the Sport Plan title to include "Recreation"; extend the conversation to a more diverse audience; provide opportunities for big sports events; work with corporate partners to provide scholarships and funding; investigate opportunities to work with provincial bodies on leadership and development; encourage more diversity on sports boards; and explore options to address financial barriers to participation.

The consultants agreed to follow up on their recent distribution of a Sport Plan survey to confirm that all community and local sport organizations and members receive the communications to ensure a greater response.

Moved by Shaheen Moledina

Seconded by Irene Clement

1. That the memorandum regarding Sport Plan Refresh Project be received; and
2. That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee comments regarding Sport Plan Refresh Project be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

8. Informational Items

8.1 Memorandum from Deputy Town Clerk; Re: 2025-2026 Citizen Member Recruitment for Advisory Committees

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum, highlighting that current citizen members must reapply for the second half of the Council term to be considered for this committee or any other committee of interest. It was noted that the application process is open as of September 19 until November 1, 2024.

The Committee inquired about the possibility to include "Sport" in the Committee name and Terms of Reference. Staff provided clarification regarding the Committee's Terms of Reference and opportunities for

review, and noted the Terms of Office for citizen members according to the Town's Ad Hoc/Advisory Committees and Local Boards Policy.

Moved by Michelle Dakin

Seconded by Shaheen Moledina

1. That the memorandum regarding 2025-2026 Citizen Member Recruitment for Advisory Committees be received for information.

Carried

9. New Business

None.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Bo Brkic

Seconded by Michelle Dakin

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Carried