



Town of Aurora
Special Meeting of Council
Minutes

Date: Monday, November 25, 2024
Time: 6:00 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 (arrived at 6:04 p.m.)
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
Emily Freitas, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 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

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Thompson

Carried (6 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. Delegations

None.

6. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion

None.

7. Proposed Budget Amendments

7.1 Councillor Gaertner; Re: Amendment 001 - Victoria Hall Refurbishment

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

1. That the scope of Project AM0259: Victoria Hall Refurbishment be reduced to only improvements to the structure of the building.

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

Nays (1): Councillor Gilliland

Carried (6 to 1)

7.2 Councillor Gaertner; Re: Amendment 002 - Aurora Family Leisure Complex (AFLC) Fitness Equipment Replacement

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Kim

1. That Project AM-F-0355: AFLC Fitness Equipment Replacement - 2025, be removed from the 2025 budget.

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

Defeated (0 to 7)

7.3 Councillor Gaertner; Re: Amendment 003 - Youth Room Refresh

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

1. That Project AM-F-0507: Youth Room Refresh, be removed from the 2025 budget.

Yeas (3): Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gaertner

Nays (4): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Defeated (3 to 4)

7.4 Councillor Gaertner; Re: Amendment 004 - Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex (SARC) Pre-School Room Refresh

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

1. That Project AM-F-0510: SARC Pre-School Room Refresh, be removed from the 2025 budget.

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

Defeated (0 to 7)

7.5 Councillor Gaertner; Re: Amendment 005 - Yonge Street Plaza Repairs

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

1. That Project AM-F-0501: Yonge Street Plaza Repairs, be removed from the 2025 budget.

Yeas (1): Councillor Gallo

Nays (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Kim

Defeated (1 to 6)

7.6 Councillor Gaertner; Re: Amendment 006 - Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex (SARC) Toyota Arena Accessibility Updates

The amendment was withdrawn.

7.7 Councillor Gaertner; Re: Amendment 007 - Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex (SARC) External Mural

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

1. That Project GN-F-0103: SARC External Mural, be removed from the 2025 budget.

Yeas (2): Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gaertner

Nays (5): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Defeated (2 to 5)

7.8 Councillor Gallo; Re: Amendment 008 - Tennis Court Reconstruction – David English Park

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

1. That Project AM-F-0346: Tennis Court Reconstruction – David English Park be conditionally approved pending a further report from staff.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

7.9 Councillor Gallo; Re: Amendment 009 - Tennis Courts Resurface – Thomas Coates

The amendment was withdrawn.

7.10 Councillor Gallo; Re: Amendment 010 - Rehabilitation of Marksbury Court, Gilbank Drive, Lacey Court, McLeod Court

The amendment was withdrawn.

7.11 Councillor Gallo; Re: Amendment 011 - Unplanned Emergency Repairs Contingency

The amendment was withdrawn.

7.12 Councillor Gallo; Re: Amendment 012 - Town Parking Lot Maintenance

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

1. That the funding request for Project AM0342: Town Parking Lot Maintenance be conditionally approved pending a further report from staff.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

7.13 Councillor Gallo; Re: Amendment 013 - South Town Hall Parking Lot

The amendment was withdrawn.

7.14 Councillor Gallo; Re: Amendment 014 - Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning Technician

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

1. That the new position of Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning Technician be removed from the 2025 budget.

Yeas (5): Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Gallo

Nays (2): Mayor Mrakas, and Councillor Kim

Carried (5 to 2)

8. Confirming By-law

8.1 By-law Number 6653-24 - Being a By-law to confirm actions by Council resulting from a Special Meeting of Council on November 27, 2024

Moved by Councillor Weese

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That the confirming by-law be enacted.

Carried

9. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk