



**Town of Aurora
Council
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, December 10, 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
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
Slav Szlapczynski, Deputy Town Solicitor
Michael de Rond, Town Clerk
Emily Freitas, Council/Committee Coordinator

*Attended electronically

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7 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 Weese

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the revised agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, including the addition of Delegations item 6.3, be approved.

Yeas (5): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Absent (2): Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Thompson

**On a two-thirds majority vote the motion
Carried (5 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

None.

6. Delegations

6.1 Len Bulmer and Adam Mobbs, Aurora Cares, Housing for All; Re: Item 9.1 - CAO24-005 - Location for a Men's Transitional Shelter Update

Len Bulmer and Wendy Morihovitis, Aurora Cares, Housing for All, spoke in support for a men's transitional shelter located in Aurora and expressed concerns regarding the time being taken to select a viable location.

Moved by Councillor Weese
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to item 9.1.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

6.2 Harbinder Thandi, Resident; Re: Item 9.1 - CA024-005 - Location for a Men's Transitional Shelter Update

Harbinder Thandi spoke in support for a men's transitional shelter and expressed concerns regarding 14452 Yonge Street.

Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to item 9.1.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

6.3 Roy Cohen, Resident; Re: Item 9.1 - CA024-005 - Location for a Men's Transitional Shelter Update

Roy Cohen provided Council with alternate options for transitional housing and raised concerns regarding the previously proposed location at 14452 Yonge Street.

Moved by Councillor Weese
Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to item 9.1.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

7. Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That the Consent Agenda, items 7.1 to 7.12 inclusive be approved, with the exception of sub-item 7.11, which was 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)

7.1 Council Meeting Minutes of November 26, 2024

1. That the Council Meeting Minutes of November 26, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.2 Council Closed Session Minutes of November 26, 2024 (confidential attachment)

1. That the Council Closed Session Minutes of November 26, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.3 Council Closed Session Public Meeting Minutes of November 26, 2024

1. That the Council Closed Session Public Meeting Minutes of November 26, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.4 Special Council Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2024

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

Carried

7.5 Special Council Public Planning Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2024

1. That the Special Council Public Planning Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.6 Council Closed Session Minutes of November 19, 2024 (confidential attachment)

1. That the Council Closed Session Minutes of November 19, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.7 Council Closed Session Public Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2024

1. That the Council Closed Session Public Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.8 Council Closed Session Minutes of December 2, 2024 (confidential attachment)

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

Carried

7.9 Council Closed Session Public Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2024

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

Carried

7.10 Budget Committee Meeting Report of November 11, 2024

1. That the Budget Committee Meeting Report of November 11, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

7.11 Budget Committee Meeting Report of November 18, 2024

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Weese

1. That the Budget Committee Meeting Report of November 18, 2024, be received for information.

Yeas (5): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Kim

Nays (2): Councillor Gaertner, and Councillor Gallo

Carried (5 to 2)

7.12 Central York Fire Services Joint Council Committee Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2024

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

Carried

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

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of December 2, 2024, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved.

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

Nays (1): Councillor Gaertner

Carried (6 to 1)

8.1 Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

8.1.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2024

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

8.1.2 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2024

1. That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

8.2 Community Services Committee Agenda

8.2.1 CMS24-044 - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Status Update

1. That Report No. CMS24-044 be received for information.

Carried

8.2.2 CMS24-048 - Contract Award - Preventative Maintenance and Servicing of Arena Refrigeration Equipment

1. That Report No. CMS24-048 be received; and
2. That Council authorize Non-Standard procurement, under section 6.8 of the procurement policy to award the Preventative Maintenance and Servicing of Arena Refrigeration Equipment to CIMCO Refrigeration.

Carried

8.2.3 CMS24-050 - Aurora Historical Society – Hillary House – Consultation Feedback

1. That Report No. CMS24-050 be received; and

2. That Council authorize staff to negotiate with the Aurora Historical Society and bring back a report in Closed Session with recommendations.

Carried

8.3 Corporate Services Committee Agenda

8.3.1 CS24-035 - 2024 Pending List Review

1. That Report No. CS24-035 be received; and
2. That items marked "Complete" be removed from the Pending List.

Carried

8.4 Finance and Information Technology Committee Agenda

None.

8.5 Administration Committee Agenda

None.

8.6 Operational Services Committee Agenda

8.6.1 OPS24-022 - Blue Box Collection Changes – Non-eligible Sources

1. That Report No. OPS24-022 be received; and
2. That the Municipality no longer collect recycling, garbage, and compost for non-eligible sources effective January 1, 2026, be approved; and
3. That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

8.7 Planning and Development Services Committee Agenda

8.7.1 PDS24-133 - Endorsement of the Affordable Housing Action Plan

1. That Report No. PDS24-133 be received; and

2. That Council endorse the finalized Affordable Housing Action Plan as attached to this report.

Carried

8.7.2 PDS24-134 - Application for Draft Plan of Condominium, Howland Green Wellington East Ltd., 35 Sunday Drive, Part of Lot 20, Concession 3, Parts 1, 2 and 3 on Plan 65R-40023, File Number: CDM-2024-01, Related File Number: SP-2022-14

1. That Report No. PDS24-134 be received; and
2. That the Draft Plan of Condominium File No. CDM-2024-01 to establish a standard condominium consisting of a total of 43 commercial units within a 4-storey office building, be approved, subject to the conditions attached hereto as Schedule 'A' of this report.

Carried

8.7.3 PDS24-140 - Aurora BIA Governance Review and Downtown Collaboration Model

1. That Report No. PDS24-140 be received; and
2. That a by-law be brought forward to a future Council meeting to repeal BIA Designation By-law No. 6128-18 and any amending by-laws, thereby dissolving the Aurora Business Improvement Area; and
 - a. That staff be directed to perform all necessary administrative functions to conclude the business of the Aurora BIA, and assume their assets and liabilities in accordance with section 214 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended; and
 - b. That the Aurora Economic Development Corporation be requested to incorporate the functions of the BIA into their economic development services; and

- c. That staff lead the development and implementation of a business engagement strategy for the Downtown area, and report back to a future meeting of Council.
3. That any cash assets assumed pursuant to section 214 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, be allocated to initiatives in the downtown area; and
4. That upon dissolution of the Aurora BIA By-law, Councillors of Ward 1 and Ward 2, currently assigned to the Aurora BIA Board of Directors, be offered an opportunity to join the Aurora Economic Development Corporation's Downtown Action Team.

Carried

8.8 Member Motions

None.

9. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

9.1 CAO24-005 - Location for a Men's Transitional Shelter Update

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

1. That Report No. CAO24-005 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)

9.2 FIN24-060 - Interim Forecast Update – as of October 31, 2024

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Weese

1. That Report No. FIN24-060 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)

9.3 Memorandum from Mayor's Office; Re: Committee Appointments 2025-2026

Moved by Councillor Weese

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

1. That Members of Council be appointed to the following Boards and Committees effective January 1, 2025:
 - Accessibility Advisory Committee – Councillor Wendy Gaertner
 - Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee – Councillor Wendy Gaertner
 - Aurora Economic Development Corporation – Councillor Harold Kim
 - Aurora Public Library Board – Councillors Michael Thompson and Harold Kim
 - Aurora Cultural Centre Board – Councillors Ron Weese and John Gallo
 - Aurora Business Improvement Area – Councillors Ron Weese and Rachel Gilliland
 - Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee – Mayor Tom Mrakas
 - Environmental Advisory Committee – Councillor Ron Weese
 - Finance Advisory Committee – Mayor Tom Mrakas, Councillors Michael Thompson and Harold Kim
 - Heritage Advisory Committee – Councillor Wendy Gaertner
 - Joint Council Committee – Councillors Rachel Gilliland, Harold Kim and Michael Thompson
 - Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee – Councillor Michael Thompson

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

Carried (7 to 0)

10. New Business

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the Committee of Adjustment application of 47 Cousins Drive and staff provided a response.

Councillor Gaertner requested a staff report regarding the revenue and expenses of a property owned by the Town, and staff agreed to follow up.

Councillor Gaertner acknowledged the passing of Truth and Reconciliation Commission Chair Murray Sinclair.

Councillor Gilliland and Councillor Weese spoke to the procedures regarding the approval of member motions during Committee of the Whole meetings, and the Mayor provided a response.

Councillor Weese inquired about the Affordable Housing Action Plan and advised of their preference to create a committee to provide input to council members.

11. Regional Report

11.1 York Regional Council Highlights of November 28, 2024

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Weese

1. That the York Regional Council Highlights of November 28, 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)

12. By-laws

12.1 By-law Number 6659-24 - Being a By-law to levy Interim Property Taxes for the 2025 taxation year.

12.2 By-law Number 6660-24 - Being a By-law to require the registration of Additional Residential Units.

- 12.3 By-law Number 6661-24 – Being a By-law to Amend By-law Number 4574-04.T, as amended, to regulate parking and traffic in the Town of Aurora (Restricted Parking Maximum Period – Yonge Street).**

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the By-laws, items 12.1 to 12.3 inclusive, be enacted.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

13. Closed Session

None.

14. Confirming By-law

- 14.1 By-law Number 6662-24 - Being a By-law to confirm actions by Council resulting from a Council meeting on December 10, 2024**

Moved by Councillor Weese

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That the confirming by-law be enacted.

Carried

15. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk