



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

**Date:** Tuesday, January 14, 2025  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall

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

**Members Absent:** Councillor Rachel Gilliland

**Other Attendees:** Patricia De Sario (Acting Chief Administrative Officer), 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

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**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

Committee of the Whole 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**

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 Erin Kilbride, McKenzie Marsh Ratepayers Association; Re: 65 St. John's Sideroad Development**

Erin Kilbride outlined the community's concerns and position regarding the application and potential development at 65 St. John's Sideroad, including concerns with the environmental impact study submitted by the developer and plans related to the conservation and protection of the Marsh during and post-construction. It was noted that an online petition now has more than 3,400 signatures in favour of protecting the McKenzie Marsh.

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

**7. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Committee of the Whole recommends:**

That the Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, items 7.1 to 7.4 inclusive, be received for information.

**Carried**

**7.1 Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 27, 2024**

1. That the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 27, 2024, be received for information.

**Carried**

**7.2 Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2024**

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2024, be received for information.

**Carried**

**7.3 Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2024**

1. That the Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2024, be received for information.

**Carried**

**7.4 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2024**

1. That the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2024, be received for information.

**Carried**

**8. Consent Agenda**

**Committee of the Whole recommends:**

That the Consent Agenda, items 8.1 to 8.2 inclusive, be approved.

**Carried**

**8.1 Memorandum from Councillor Thompson; Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of November 22, 2024**

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of November 22, 2024, be received for information.

**Carried**

**8.2 Petition from Town of Aurora Residents of Murdock Avenue; Re: Addition of Murdock Avenue to the 2025 McLeod Drive Area Reconstruction Project**

1. That the Petition from Town of Aurora Residents of Murdock Avenue regarding Addition of Murdock Avenue to the 2025 McLeod Drive Area Reconstruction Project be received for information.

**Carried**

**9. Community Services Committee Agenda**

None.

**10. Corporate Services Committee Agenda**

None.

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

**11.1 FIN25-001 - 2025 Final Budget Reconciliation to Full-Accrual Accounting**

**Committee of the Whole recommends:**

1. That Report No. FIN25-001 be received; and
2. That the reconciliation of the 2025 to 2026 operating budgets to the full-accrual basis of accounting, as required under Ontario Regulation 284/09, as summarized in Attachment 1 be endorsed.

**Carried**

**11.2 FIN25-002 - Renewal of Rogers Communications Canada Inc. Provincial Vendor of Records Agreement**

**Committee of the Whole recommends:**

1. That Report No. FIN25-002 be received; and

2. That a Non-Standard Procurement be awarded to Rogers in the amount of \$800,000 for the purchase of cell phones and cellular plans.  
**Carried**

**12. Administration Committee Agenda**

None.

**13. Operational Services Committee Agenda**

**13.1 OPS25-001 - Approval of Capital Budget No. AM0342 - Town Parking Lot Maintenance**

**Committee of the Whole recommends:**

1. That Report No. OPS25-001 be received; and
2. That the condition on the approval of and budget authority for Capital Project No. AM0342 – Town Parking Lot Maintenance in the amount of \$250,000 be lifted, resulting in total approved budget authority of \$550,000, and the project proceed, be approved.

**Carried**

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

**14.1 PDS25-001 - Community Planning Permit System (CPPS) Project Information Report**

**Committee of the Whole recommends:**

1. That Report No. PDS25-001 be received for information.

**Carried**

**14.2 PDS25-002 - Traffic Calming Request on Timberline Trail**

**Committee of the Whole recommends:**

1. That Report No. PDS25-002 be received for information.

**Carried**

**14.3 PDS25-003 - Speed Limit Assessment on Stone Road**

**Committee of the Whole recommends:**

1. That Report No. PDS25-003 be received; and
2. That the existing posted speed limit of 50 km/h on Stone Road (north leg) from Bayview Avenue to Clift Road be **changed to 40 km/h.**

**Carried as amended**

**14.4 PDS25-006 - Train Whistle Cessation Program Assessment at Town Crossings**

**Committee of the Whole recommends:**

1. That Report No. PDS25-006 be received; and
2. That Council approve total budget authority of \$200,000 for the Train Whistle Cessation Safety Assessment capital project, representing a total increase of \$105,000 to be funded with \$52,500 from Roads & Related development charges and \$52,500 from the Growth & New Reserve.

**Carried**

**14.5 PDS25-010 - Application for Draft Plan of Common Elements Condominium, Skale (15370 Leslie) Inc., 15370 Leslie Street, Block 1, Plan 65M-4743, File Number: CDM-2024-03, Related File Numbers: ZBA-2017-02, SP-2017-02, SUB-2019-02 and PLC-2024-03**

**Committee of the Whole recommends:**

1. That Report No. PDS25-010 be received; and
2. That the Draft Plan of Common Elements Condominium Application File No. CDM-2024-03 to establish a common elements condominium road for 32 townhouses be approved, subject to the conditions attached hereto as Schedule 'A' of this report.

**Carried**

**15. Member Motions**

None.

## **16. Regional Report**

### **16.1 York Regional Council Highlights of December 5, 2024**

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

1. That the York Regional Council Highlights of December 5, 2024, be received for information.

**Carried**

## **17. New Business**

Councillor Weese conveyed residents' concerns about parking and safety issues in the Aurora Town Square and Town Park areas, and inquired about the timing of the parking study results report. The Mayor and staff provided a response.

Councillor Weese commented on the system-wide assessment of level crossings promised by Metrolinx and expressed support for the Mayor's letter and position regarding the issues on Wellington Street East by the GO station. The Mayor provided a response.

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the timing of the upcoming Sport Plan update report and the Aurora Town Square financials report, and the Mayor and staff provided a response.

Councillor Gaertner requested an update on any outcomes of the December 2, 2024 delegation by Blue Door CEO Michael Braithwaite regarding their Housing for All Land Trust, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Gaertner requested that information on the income and expenses for a Yonge Street strip mall be included on a future Council agenda, and the Mayor and staff provided a response.

## **18. Public Service Announcements**

Councillor Gaertner, on behalf of Council, expressed condolences to Mayor Mrakas on the recent passing of the Mayor's father.

Councillor Gaertner advised that 2025 will be her 22nd year of service on Council.

Councillor Weese extended a reminder that the kick-off events for Black History Month in February will take place on January 31, 2025, starting with a flag raising at 6 p.m. at Town Hall.

Mayor Mrakas expressed appreciation to all and the entire community for their messages of condolence.

**19. Closed Session**

None.

**20. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.