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Town of Aurora

Member Motion

Councillor Gallo

Re: 24-Hour Warming/Cooling Emergency Centres

To: Members of Council

From: Councillor John Gallo

Date: March 4, 2025

Whereas the Town of Aurora is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all residents, especially during extreme weather events; and

Whereas there is a growing need to provide support for vulnerable individuals during both cold and warm weather events, including those experiencing homelessness or those who may be at risk due to health conditions; and

Whereas warming/cooling centres have been recognized as a critical service for those requiring shelter and protection from the dangers of extreme temperatures; and

Whereas the introduction of a 24-hour warming/cooling centre during extreme weather conditions in Aurora could serve to mitigate the risks posed by both cold and warm weather conditions to vulnerable individuals; and

Whereas our current warming/cooling centres are only open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of establishing a warming/cooling centre during extreme weather conditions on a 24-hour basis; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the report back to Council provide information on the potential implementation of such a facility, including an assessment of costs, operational requirements, and potential locations.