



Town of Aurora
Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 9, 2025
Time: 10 a.m.
Location: Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Mayor Tom Mrakas
Diane Buchanan
Phiona Durrant
Arif Faheem Khan*
Jo-anne Spitzer
Patricia Wallace

Members Absent: Elaine Martini

Other Attendees: Shelley Ware, Supervisor, Special Events
Ishita Soneji, Deputy Town Clerk

*Attended electronically

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:22 a.m.

The Committee consented to resolve into a Closed Session at 10:24 a.m.

The Committee reconvened into open session at 11:15 a.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 Patricia Wallace

Seconded by Diane Buchanan

That the 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 Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2025

Moved by Phiona Durrant

Seconded by Jo-anne Spitzer

1. That the Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2025, be received for information.

Carried

6. Delegations

None.

7. Matters for Consideration

None.

8. Informational Items

None.

9. Closed Session

Moved by Diane Buchanan

Seconded by Patricia Wallace

That the Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee resolve into a Closed Session to consider the following matter:

1. 2025 Aurora's Community Recognition Award Submissions and Selection of Award Recipients

Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001)

- Arts and Culture Award
- Community Leadership Award
- Good Business Award
- Good Neighbour Award
- Green Award
- Inclusivity Award
- Older Adult Volunteer Award
- Youth Volunteer Award

Carried

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Seconded by Diane Buchanan

That the confidential direction to staff be confirmed.

Carried

10. New Business

The Committee inquired about the next Committee meeting date and potential items for discussion and staff provided a response noting that the Committee would have a debrief of this year's ceremony logistics and evaluation process. The next Committee meeting will be on June 11, 2025, at 10 a.m.

The Committee and staff had a brief discussion on the upcoming ceremony logistics including the enhancements made to the ceremony based on the suggestions provided by the Committee.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Diane Buchanan

Seconded by Phiona Durrant

That the meeting be adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Carried