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Town of Aurora

Member Motion

Councillor Gallo

Re: Land Data Modernization

To: Members of Council

From: Councillor John Gallo

Date: May 13, 2025

Whereas the Town of Aurora continues to grow and evolve, requiring increasingly efficient, transparent, and data-informed planning and development processes; and,

Whereas leveraging digital tools and data modernization initiatives can enhance the Town's capacity to support Council decision-making, streamline staff workflows, and improve communication with residents; and,

Whereas municipalities across Ontario and Canada are exploring digital transformation efforts to improve access to land use information, planning policies, and development activities;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to report on the feasibility of enhancing the Town's existing planning data system information to improve its accessibility, by exploring one or more of the following components based on available resources, priorities, capacity, and strategic goals;
 - Digitized Zoning: A property-level zoning interface linking directly to relevant zoning bylaw sections;
 - Digitized Official Plan and Secondary Plans: A searchable database on the property's official plan designation and related secondary plan classifications;
 - Development Application Database: A centralized database capturing key application types such as site plans, ZBAs, OPAs, subdivisions, and consents;
 - Constraint and Context Mapping: Interactive maps displaying constraints and context layers including natural features, servicing limits, and heritage overlays;
 - Address-Level Lookup with Policy Summary: A tool providing summarized zoning, policy, and constraint data by address;
 - Ward Dashboards and Alerting Tools: Customizable dashboards for Councillors displaying local planning activity and key indicators;

- Exportable and Public-Facing Summary Tools: Digital tools for residents to better understand land use regulations, nearby developments, and planning processes; and,
2. That staff report back to Council with a preliminary scope, resourcing requirements, or external funding opportunities to support the pilot initiative by the end of Q3 2025 to provide time to be included in the 2026 budget.