



**Town of Aurora
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Thursday, November 20, 2025
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Michael Thompson (Chair)
Bo Brkic
Lindsay Carvalho*
Michelle Dakin (Vice Chair)
Jessie Fraser*
Steve Hall
Charles Legge
Sean Noble*

Members Absent: Irene Clement
Shannon Ippolito

Other Attendees: Michelle Johnson, Coordinator, Collections and Exhibitions
Hailey Jones, Sport and Community Development Specialist*
Glen McArthur, Engineer, Municipal
Matthew Volpintesta, Manager, Parks and Fleet Divisions*
Lisa Warth, Manager, Recreation
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

*Attended electronically

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7 p.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 Michelle Dakin

Seconded by Steve Hall

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 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2025

Moved by Sean Noble

Seconded by Jessie Fraser

1. That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 18, 2025, be received for information.

Carried

6. Delegations

None.

7. Matters for Consideration

7.1 Memorandum from Collections and Exhibitions Coordinator; Re: Community Reflection Space Design Update

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum and update regarding the selection of Town Hall as Aurora's new Community Reflection Space.

Adam Nordfors, Associate, Landscape Architecture, FOTENN, presented an overview of the design development approach and key elements of the thirty percent design proposal for the Community Reflection Space.

The Committee, staff, and consultant discussed various aspects of the space including concerns regarding how to maintain a clear distinction between a quiet reflection space and political activity; multi-purpose vehicle barriers; creation of a natural, secluded space that encourages peaceful interaction; and possible use of the space as a shortcut.

Moved by Steve Hall

Seconded by Charles Legge

1. That the memorandum regarding Community Reflection Space Design Update be received; and
2. That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee comments regarding Community Reflection Space Design Update be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

7.2 Memorandum from Manager, Recreation; Re: Sport Plan Working Groups - Consultation

Staff presented an update on the approach to implementing some of the strategies of the Sport Plan Update noting that diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) is now part of the overarching goal and flows through all four pillars of the Plan. Staff further provided an overview of the updated sport action plan including the launching of a Leadership Working Group, Governance Working Group, and Environmental Scan Working Group, with a focus on obtaining feedback on the environmental scan surveys toward a better understanding of who is being served in Aurora's sport landscape.

The Committee and staff discussed aspects of the environmental scan cohort 1 and cohort 2 survey questions including the risk of duplication of data collection and burden on LSOs (local sport organizations) and CSOs (community sport organizations); consistency of data collection over time; feedback to reduce cohort 1 questions; benefits of participation in survey;

communication languages; provision of opt-out mechanism for questions and identification of baseline questions for participation; and flexibility in the timing and collection periods to complete surveys.

Moved by Sean Noble

Seconded by Bo Brkic

1. That the memorandum regarding Sport Plan Working Groups - Consultation be received; and
2. That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee comments regarding Sport Plan Working Groups - Consultation be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

8. Informational Items

8.1 Memorandum from Manager of Parks and Fleet; Re: 2026 Budget: Park Projects

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum including major projects for 2026 and continuing multi-year projects.

The Committee inquired about the Fleury Park renovations and staff provided a response.

Moved by Bo Brkic

Seconded by Steve Hall

1. That the memorandum regarding 2026 Budget: Park Projects be received for information.

Carried

9. New Business

The Committee requested that staff provide an update at the next meeting regarding the status of work being done on an additional indoor (dome) field, and staff agreed to follow up.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Michelle Dakin

Seconded by Charles Legge

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Carried