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Town of Aurora

Member Motion

Councillor Weese

Re: **Reduction of Commercial Stormwater Charges for St. Andrews Shopping Centre**

To: **Members of Council**

From: **Councillor Ron Weese**

Date: **February 10, 2026**

Whereas the Town of Aurora levies commercial fixed-rate stormwater charges to recover costs associated with stormwater management and related infrastructure; and

Whereas the stormwater charged is a fixed commercial rate which is charged on each water account, and tenants of the St. Andrews Shopping Centre have individual water accounts; and

Whereas tenants of the St. Andrews Shopping Centre have raised concerns that existing commercial stormwater fixed rate charges create a disproportionate financial burden on small and medium-sized local businesses as they pay the same as larger businesses, particularly in the context of rising operating costs; and

Whereas the St. Andrews Shopping Centre is a unique and long-established commercial hub within the Town of Aurora that provides essential goods, services, and employment opportunities to the community; and

Whereas municipal stormwater billing structures can be reviewed and adjusted through Council policy direction where unique site-specific or economic circumstances exist; and

Whereas Council has an interest in supporting the sustainability and economic vitality of local commercial tenants while maintaining fiscal responsibility and cost recovery principles for municipal services;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to prepare a report for Council's consideration that:

- a. Reviews the current commercial stormwater charges applied to tenants of the St. Andrews Shopping Centre; and
- b. Analyzes options to reduce or eliminate such charges, including but not limited to alternative billing structures, exemptions, rebates, or cost-sharing arrangements; and
- c. Assesses the financial, operational, and legal implications of any proposed changes, including impacts on the Town's stormwater rate-supported budget; and
- d. Considers whether similar relief measures may apply to other comparable commercial plazas or tenant configurations within Aurora; and
- e. Provides recommendations, implementation timelines, and any required policy or by-law amendments for Council's consideration.