



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

**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2026

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** Video Conference

**Committee Members:** Councillor Michael Thompson (Chair)  
Bo Brkic  
Lindsay Carvalho  
Irene Clement  
Michelle Dakin (Vice Chair)  
Jessie Fraser  
Steve Hall  
Charles Legge  
Shannon Ippolito

**Members Absent:** Sean Noble

**Other Attendees:** Sara Tienkamp, Director, Operational Services  
Lisa Warth, Manager, Recreation  
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

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**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** Lindsay Carvalho  
**Seconded by** Michelle Dakin

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 November 20, 2025**

**Moved by** Bo Brkic  
**Seconded by** Irene Clement

1. That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting minutes of November 20, 2025, be received for information.

**Carried**

**6. Delegations**

None.

**7. Matters for Consideration**

**7.1 Memorandum from Manager, Parks and Fleet; Re: The Protection and Commemoration of Aurora's Oldest Trees that Hold Natural and Cultural Significance**

Staff provided background and an overview of the memorandum and draft End-of-Life Tree Management Guide. The Committee and staff discussed

various aspects including related provincial policies and criteria, which do not include the end-of-life aspect; the scope and number of heritage trees; the program's initial focus on municipal trees; expansion and maintenance of the Town's urban canopy, and associated funding; consideration of Indigenous practices or traditions that could be incorporated within the framework; and the potential strategy and process for expanding the program to include the participation of privately-owned trees.

The Committee expressed support for the framework of the draft End-of-Life Tree Management Guide.

**Moved by** Irene Clement

**Seconded by** Charles Legge

1. That the memorandum regarding The Protection and Commemoration of Aurora's Oldest Trees that Hold Natural and Cultural Significance be received; and
2. That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee comments regarding The Protection and Commemoration of Aurora's Oldest Trees that Hold Natural and Cultural Significance be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

**Carried**

**8. Informational Items**

None.

**9. New Business**

None.

**10. Adjournment**

**Moved by** Charles Legge

**Seconded by** Lindsay Carvalho

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

**Carried**