



**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

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