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Town of Aurora

Member Motion

Councillor Gilliland

Re: Improving Accessibility and Public Record Integration of Live and Archived Council Meeting Video

To: Members of Council

From: Councillor Rachel Gilliland

Date: March 10, 2026

Whereas the Town of Aurora is committed to the principles of transparency, accountability, and open government; and

Whereas the Town live streams Council and Committee meetings to allow residents to observe local government in real time; and

Whereas the Town's website serves as the primary and official source for meeting agendas, minutes, and public records; and

Whereas the integration of video recordings alongside written agendas and minutes strengthens the completeness and integrity of the public record by providing context, clarity, and accuracy of Council proceedings; and

Whereas the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* (AODA) and its Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR) emphasize the importance of providing accessible formats and communication supports to the public; and

Whereas improving the visibility and accessibility of livestream and archived meeting video supports these accessibility objectives and enhances equitable public access to municipal governance; and

Whereas many Ontario municipalities, including Guelph, Vaughan, and Burlington, integrate direct links to live and archived meeting video within their meeting calendar pages as a standard best practice;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to update the Town's meeting calendar webpage to:
 - a. Prominently display a direct link to the active livestream video on the meeting page while the meeting is in progress; and

- b. Add a direct link to the archived video recording to each individual meeting page, adjacent to the published agenda and minutes, once the video becomes available; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That staff report back to Council on the implementation of these improvements, including timelines and any associated costs, if applicable.