



**Town of Aurora
Committee of the Whole
Meeting Report**

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2026
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall

Council Members: Mayor Tom Mrakas (Chair)
Councillor Ron Weese
Councillor Rachel Gilliland
Councillor Wendy Gaertner
Councillor Michael Thompson
Councillor John Gallo
Councillor Harold Kim

Other Attendees: Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer*
Patricia De Sario, Director, Corporate Services/Town Solicitor
Robin McDougall, Director, Community Services
Sara Tienkamp, Director, Operational Services
Carley Smith, Manager, Corporate Communications
Jason Gaertner, Manager, Financial Management
Bill Jean, Manager, Building Division
Lawrence Kuk, Manager, Development Planning
Alexander Wray, Manager, Bylaw Services
Anne Kantharajah, Town Clerk
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

*Attended electronically

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Committee of the Whole consented to recess the meeting at 8:34 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Committee of the Whole consented to extend the hour past 10:30 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

Committee of the Whole approved the revised agenda as circulated by Legislative Services on a two-thirds majority vote to include the addition of Delegations items 6.5 to 6.8, and Member Motions items 15.7 to 15.9.

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. Community Presentations

None.

6. Delegations

6.1 Jocelyn Wigley, Development Manager, and Skai Spooner, Head of Marketing, Jolt Charge; Re: Item 14.3 - PDS26-021 - Request for Sign By-law Authorization for Third Party Digital Signage - Jolt Charge Inc., 14751 Yonge Street

Jocelyn Wigley and Skai Spooner presented an overview of their request to install a fast D.C. Level 3 electric vehicle charging station with third-party L.E.D. digital advertising displays.

Committee of the Whole received and referred the comments of the delegation to item 14.3.

6.2 Javed S. Khan, President and Chair, Aurora Sports Hall of Fame; Re: Aurora Sports Hall of Fame Audit Update

Javed Khan provided an update regarding the auditing of financial statements for the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame.

Committee of the Whole received the comments of the delegation for information.

6.3 Shawn Deane, Resident; Re: Items 7.1 - HAC Meeting Minutes of Feb 9, 2026; 13.2 - OPS26-010; 14.1 - PDS26-023; 14.2 - PDS26-020; 16.1 - York Regional Council Highlights of Jan 29, 2026; and 16.2 - York Regional Council Highlights of Feb 26, 2026

Shawn Deane expressed concerns regarding Victoria Hall and the heritage permit process, status of the accessibility ramp and administration of the Town's asset management plan, the Town's proposed home energy retrofit program, York Region's development charges draft legislation, and the Region's implementation of an insurance pool program.

Committee of the Whole received and referred the comments of the delegation to items 7.1, 13.2, 14.1, 14.2, 16.1, and 16.2.

6.4 John Hartman, Resident; Re: Item 15.6 - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Review and Release of Certain Closed Session Materials

John Hartman sought clarification on the wording of the Member Motion regarding transparency and public trust as fundamental principles of good governance as it relates to Council's past record.

Committee of the Whole received and referred the comments of the delegation to item 15.6.

6.5 Nikki Alber, Resident; Re: Item 15.4 - Councillor Gallo; Re: Establishment of a Joint Task Force and Funding Support to Combat Antisemitic Hate and Violence and Protect Vulnerable Communities in Aurora

Nikki Alber spoke in support of the Member Motion, as well as Member Motions item 15.9 - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Protecting Vulnerable Social Infrastructure in the Town of Aurora.

Committee of the Whole received and referred the comments of the delegation to items 15.4 and 15.9.

6.6 Nada Ismail and Co-Delegates William, Nathan, and Debra, Residents; Re: Item 10.1 - CS26-007 - Implications of Implementing a Renoviction By-law

Council consented to allow additional time for the delegation.

Nada Ismail, and co-delegates William and Nathan, expressed concerns regarding the redevelopment plans for their homes and their possible displacement, and requested that the Town adopt a renoviction by-law to protect tenants.

Committee of the Whole received and referred the comments of the delegation to item 10.1.

6.7 Richard Robertson, Director of Research and Advocacy, B'nai Brith Canada; Re: Item 15.4 - Councillor Gallo; Re: Establishment of a Joint Task Force and Funding Support to Combat Antisemitic Hate and Violence and Protect Vulnerable Communities in Aurora

Richard Robertson spoke in support of the Member Motion, as well as Member Motions item 15.9 - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Protecting Vulnerable Social Infrastructure in the Town of Aurora.

Committee of the Whole received and referred the comments of the delegation to items 15.4 and 15.9.

6.8 Jennifer Brooks, Resident; Re: Item 15.4 - Councillor Gallo; Re: Establishment of a Joint Task Force and Funding Support to Combat Antisemitic Hate and Violence and Protect Vulnerable Communities in Aurora

Jennifer Brooks spoke in support of the Member Motion, as well as Member Motions item 15.9 - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Protecting Vulnerable Social Infrastructure in the Town of Aurora.

Committee of the Whole received and referred the comments of the delegation to items 15.4 and 15.9.

7. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, items 7.1 to 7.4 inclusive, be received for information.

Carried

7.1 Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2026

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2026, be received for information.

Carried

7.2 Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2026

1. That the Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2026, be received for information.

Carried

7.3 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2026

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2026, be received for information.

Carried

7.4 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2026

1. That the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2026, be received for information.

Carried

8. Consent Agenda

None.

Committee of the Whole consented to consider items 15.4, 15.9, and 14.1 first, and the rest of the items in the order presented on the agenda.

9. Community Services Committee Agenda

9.1 CMS26-006 - Roller Skating Programming Options

Committee of the Whole recommends:

1. That Report No. CMS26-006 be received; and
2. That roller skating be offered as a drop-in program.

Carried

10. Corporate Services Committee Agenda

10.1 CS26-007 - Implications of Implementing a Renoviction By-law

Committee of the Whole recommends:

1. That Report No. CS26-007 be received; and
2. That the matter be referred back to staff to further investigate the financial impact of implementing and managing a Renoviction By-law, specific and scaled to the Town of Aurora, and provide a report to Council in Q2 of 2026.

Carried as amended

11. Finance and Information Technology Committee Agenda

11.1 FIN26-008 - Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for Members of Council, Committees and Local Boards

Committee of the Whole recommends:

1. That Report No. FIN26-008 be received for information.

Carried

12. Administration Committee Agenda

None.

13. Operational Services Committee Agenda

13.1 OPS26-008 - Protecting Aurora's Oldest Trees - Heritage Tree Management Guide

Committee of the Whole recommends:

1. That Report No. OPS26-008 be received; and
2. That the Heritage Tree Management Guide, and associated principles, be endorsed.

Carried

13.2 OPS26-010 - Waterworks By-law Update

Committee of the Whole recommends:

1. That Report No. OPS26-010 be received; and
2. That staff bring forward the new Waterworks, Water Meter and Water Rates By-law, and any related by-law amendments, to a future Council meeting for enactment.

Carried

14. Planning and Development Services Committee Agenda

14.1 PDS26-023 - Home Energy Retrofit Program Design Study

Alex Hill, Partner, Dunsky Energy and Climate Advisors, presented an overview of the Home Energy Retrofit Program including the findings and results of the Feasibility Study and the Program Design Study.

Committee of the Whole recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS26-023 be received; and
2. That the Home Energy Retrofit Program Design Study be endorsed; and
3. That staff be directed to move forward with the implementation of the Home Energy Retrofit Program Design Study.

Carried

14.2 PDS26-020 - Servicing Capacity Update

Committee of the Whole recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS26-020 be received; and
2. That a total of 577 persons worth of servicing capacity from developments as listed in Appendix "A" be revoked; and

3. That a total of 855 persons worth of servicing capacity be assigned toward the list of approved developments as shown in Appendix “B” within a three-year “use-it or lose-it” timeframe; and
4. That staff be directed to prioritize the list of developments as listed in Appendix “C” and provide servicing allocation should additional capacity become available.

Carried

14.3 PDS26-021 - Request for Sign By-law Authorization for Third Party Digital Signage - Jolt Charge Inc. - 14751 Yonge Street

Committee of the Whole recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS26-021 be received; and
2. That the request for authorization of a third party digital sign on an EV charging station located at 14751 Yonge Street be denied.

Carried

14.4 PDS26-022 - Request for Sign By-law Authorization for Third Party Digital Signage - Hossein Goli - 14810 Yonge Street

Committee of the Whole recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS26-022 be received; and
2. That the request for authorization of a third party digital sign on an existing ground sign located at 14810 Yonge Street be denied.

Carried

15. Member Motions

15.1 Councillor Thompson; Re: Exemption of Golf Courses from the Clean Communities By-law for Grass Maintenance

Committee of the Whole recommends:

Whereas the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, authorizes municipalities to pass by-laws respecting the health, safety, and well-being of persons and the maintenance and regulation of property standards; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora enacted the Clean Communities By-law to establish clear, consistent, and enforceable standards for property maintenance throughout the municipality; and

Whereas standards for grass and yard maintenance are intended to reduce pests and vermin, ensure consistent community appearance, and prevent selective or inconsistent enforcement practices; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora contains several fully operational golf courses, many of which abut and share divisional property lines with residential properties within Aurora and neighbouring municipalities; and

Whereas golf courses are highly specialized land uses that require agronomic turf management practices distinct from residential or general commercial properties in order to maintain safe, functional, and environmentally managed playing surfaces; and

Whereas golf courses in Ontario are already subject to a comprehensive provincial regulatory framework, including exemptions under the *Cosmetic Pesticides Ban Act* and compliance requirements under Ontario Regulation 63/09 of the *Pesticides Act*; and

Whereas applying standard grass height and yard maintenance provisions of the Clean Communities By-law to golf courses may create operational conflicts and unintended enforcement challenges without advancing the original intent of the by-law;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Town staff be directed to prepare and bring forward a by-law amendment to the Clean Communities By-law to establish a permanent exemption for fully operational golf courses, limited solely to grass and turf maintenance standards; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the exemption apply only to lands actively used or maintained as part of an operational golf course, and not to vacant, surplus, or non-golf-related lands.

Carried

15.2 Councillor Gilliland; Re: Feasibility of an Opt-In Municipal Alert System for Emergencies, Weather and Service Disruptions

Committee of the Whole recommends:

Whereas the Municipality has a responsibility to support public safety, emergency preparedness, and timely communication with residents during significant weather events; and

Whereas severe weather events, including snowstorms, freezing rain, high winds, flooding, and extreme heat, are increasing in frequency and intensity due to changing climate patterns; and

Whereas timely and direct communication to residents can improve public safety outcomes by providing advance notice of road closures, service disruptions, warming or cooling centre availability, parking restrictions, and other emergency measures; and

Whereas utility providers, including hydro companies, successfully operate opt-in text, app-based alert systems to notify customers of outages and restoration updates, demonstrating the effectiveness and public acceptance of such platforms; and

Whereas a municipal alert system could reduce pressure on staff resources by decreasing inbound inquiries during significant events and improve coordination between municipal departments, emergency services, and the public; and

Whereas many municipalities across Ontario have implemented digital alert systems that integrate with existing emergency management frameworks;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Council direct staff to report back on the feasibility of implementing an opt-in municipal alert system, including text message, and/or mobile application notifications, for significant weather events and related municipal service disruptions; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the report include analysis of implementation costs, ongoing operational requirements, privacy and data security considerations, integration with existing emergency management systems, and examples of comparable municipal models.

Carried

15.3 Councillor Gilliland; Re: Improving Accessibility and Public Record Integration of Live and Archived Council Meeting Video

Committee of the Whole recommends:

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.

Carried

15.4 Councillor Gallo; Re: Establishment of a Joint Task Force and Funding Support to Combat Antisemitic Hate and Violence and Protect Vulnerable Communities in Aurora

Committee of the Whole recommends:

Whereas the Town of Aurora is a diverse and inclusive community where residents of all faiths, cultures, and backgrounds should feel safe, respected, and protected; and

Whereas there has been a documented and deeply concerning rise in antisemitic incidents, hate-motivated acts, and violence across Canada, including within York Region and surrounding municipalities; and

Whereas hate-motivated incidents directed at the Jewish community and other vulnerable communities undermine public safety, community cohesion, and the fundamental values of tolerance and inclusion; and

Whereas municipal governments rely on strong partnerships with federal, provincial, and regional law enforcement agencies to effectively prevent, investigate, and respond to hate-motivated incidents; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora is served by the York Regional Police, and benefits from coordination with provincial and federal partners including the Ontario Provincial Police, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Canadian Security Intelligence Service; and

Whereas municipalities face increasing financial and operational pressures in responding to rising incidents of hate, including the need for enhanced policing coordination, prevention programs, and community safety initiatives;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora Council formally request the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to work in partnership with York Region and the Town of Aurora to establish a combined Federal, Provincial, Regional, and

Municipal law enforcement joint task force, composed of but not limited to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Canadian Security Intelligence Service, Ontario Provincial Police, and York Regional Police, to coordinate intelligence, prevention, and enforcement efforts to combat and prevent antisemitic hate and violence, and to protect vulnerable communities; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That Council request the Federal and Provincial governments to provide dedicated and sustainable funding to support these coordinated enforcement and prevention efforts, and to provide financial assistance to municipalities and regional police services, including York Regional Police, to address the increased operational demands resulting from the rise in hate-motivated incidents; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That Council calls upon all municipalities in York Region to join Town of Aurora in support of this resolution; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That Council direct that this resolution be forwarded to:
 - The Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada
 - The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
 - The Minister of Public Safety Canada
 - The Premier of Ontario
 - The Solicitor General of Ontario
 - The Attorney General of Ontario
 - The Regional Municipality of York
 - The York Regional Police Services Board
 - Local Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament representing Aurora
 - All municipalities within York Region

Carried

15.5 Councillor Gallo; Re: Financial Reporting for the Aurora Economic Development Corporation Board (AEDC)

Committee of the Whole recommends:

Whereas the Aurora Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) is a corporation governed by the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the *Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010*; and

Whereas the AEDC plays an important advisory role in supporting economic development initiatives, business attraction, and strategic economic priorities within the Town of Aurora; and

Whereas Council funds economic-related activities through the Planning and Development budget, specifically the Economic Development Division's operating budget, and the economic development reserve; and

Whereas the AEDC's board recommends to the Economic Development division economic-related activities and initiatives, which may have a cost; and

Whereas expenditures related to recommended AEDC initiatives are administered through the Town's financial systems and approval processes, and the AEDC itself does not independently approve expenditures or produce standalone audited financial statements; and

Whereas, as a result, there is currently no consolidated annual financial summary specific to AEDC activities presented to Council or the public; and

Whereas Council has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure transparency, accountability, and proper oversight of the Town's economic development incentive budgets; and

Whereas providing clear, consistent, and detailed financial reporting enhances transparency and ensures the community and Council have a complete understanding of how public funds are being utilized in support of economic development initiatives;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Council direct staff to prepare and present a report outlining the Town's economic development incentive financials for the 2025 fiscal year to which the Aurora Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) provides input, including but not limited to:
 - a. The total Town budget allocated in support of AEDC-related initiatives;

- b. A detailed breakdown of all expenditures, including administrative costs, consulting services, marketing, events, and any other operational expenses;
 - c. Any revenues, sponsorships, grants, or external funding received;
 - d. Any reserve funds held or utilized, if applicable; and
 - e. A comparison of the approved budget versus actual expenditures; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That staff be directed to provide an annual report to Council outlining the financial details of the Town budget that has been allocated in support of AEDC-related initiatives for the preceding fiscal year, beginning with the 2026 fiscal year and continuing annually thereafter.

Carried

15.6 Mayor Mrakas; Re: Review and Release of Certain Closed Session Materials

Committee of the Whole recommends:

Whereas Council has previously discussed matters in Closed Session relating to:

- The purchase of lands commonly referred to as Henderson Forest;
- Discussions concerning Hillary House National Historic Site; and
- Matters relating to the property municipally known as 1289 Wellington Street East; and

Whereas transparency and public trust are fundamental principles of good governance; and

Whereas the *Municipal Act* permits the public release of Closed Session materials once the need for confidentiality has lapsed;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to conduct a review of all Closed Session reports, minutes, presentations, and related materials concerning:
 - a. Henderson Forest (672 and 682 Henderson Drive);
 - b. Hillary House; and
 - c. 1289 Wellington Street East; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That Council authorize the release of the documents described above in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.56 and only to the extent without prejudice to the Town's legal, security, financial, or negotiating position; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That a public report be brought forward to Council outlining:
 - a. What information can be released;
 - b. What must remain confidential and the legislative reason why; and
 - c. A proposed timeline for disclosure; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That any materials deemed appropriate for release be made publicly available through the Town's website.

Carried

15.7 Councillor Gallo; Re: Disclosure of Documents Related to Victoria Hall Renovations

Committee of the Whole recommends:

Whereas Council recently approved an increase to the capital budget for the Victoria Hall Refurbishment project from \$500,000 to approximately \$2.18 million; and

Whereas the increase was based on structural findings, engineering reports, design work, and updated cost estimates that significantly expanded the scope and financial implications of the project; and

Whereas certain documents related to the project were not shared publicly; and

Whereas residents have expressed significant interest in understanding the basis for the increased project costs and the information that informed Council's decision; and

Whereas transparency and public confidence in municipal decision-making are strengthened when supporting documentation for major capital expenditures is made available to the public; and

Whereas, while certain information related to procurement, legal matters, or third-party commercial interests cannot be disclosed by the municipality, the majority of documentation supporting this decision should be publicly accessible;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to compile and release publicly all documentation related to the Victoria Hall Refurbishment budget increase, including but not limited to:
 - a. Engineering and structural reports;
 - b. Architectural and design consultant reports;
 - c. The Class D cost estimate dated December 1, 2025, and any subsequent cost estimates;
 - d. Project scope documents and supporting technical studies;
 - e. Internal staff reports or memoranda that informed the revised project scope or cost estimates;
 - f. Any additional documentation relied upon in preparing the report recommending the budget increase; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That such release does not contravene the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, procurement integrity requirements, contractual confidentiality obligations, or legal privilege; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That staff report back to Council by May 2026 confirming the documents being released and listing any unreleased documents with an explanation of the applicable reasons for requiring continued nondisclosure.

Carried

15.8 Councillor Gallo; Re: Traffic Calming Measures on Limeridge Street

Committee of the Whole recommends:

Whereas residents on Limeridge Street have raised ongoing concerns regarding traffic speeds, roadway safety, and sightline limitations along the street; and

Whereas a petition meeting the requirements of the Town's Traffic Calming Policy was submitted by residents on Limeridge Street requesting traffic calming measures; and

Whereas the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee reviewed the matter at its meeting on January 28, 2026, and provided comments supporting potential safety improvements including traffic calming measures and improved sightlines; and

Whereas Limeridge Street includes a bend in the roadway where vegetation and foliage may obstruct sightlines, creating potential safety concerns for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians; and

Whereas Council has the authority under the *Municipal Act* and the *Highway Traffic Act* to regulate traffic and speed limits on municipal roads in the interest of public safety;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Council direct staff to implement traffic calming measures on Limeridge Street between Gateway Drive and Kirkvalley Crescent, including the installation of one set of speed cushions on the west leg of Limeridge Street at a location deemed appropriate by staff; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That Council direct staff to bring forward the necessary by-law amendment to reduce the speed limit on Limeridge Street to 30 km/h; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That Council direct staff to install flashing speed display boards on Limeridge Street on a rotational basis as operationally appropriate to improve driver awareness of vehicle speeds; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That Council direct the appropriate department to investigate and address vegetation and foliage obstruction affecting sightlines near 55 Limeridge Street, including trimming or pruning as required.

Carried

15.9 Mayor Mrakas; Re: Protecting Vulnerable Social Infrastructure in the Town of Aurora

Committee of the Whole recommends:

Whereas safeguarding the quality of life for all Aurora residents requires a firm commitment to combating all forms of hate, intimidation, intolerance, discrimination, and the incitement of violence; and

Whereas acts of intimidation and violence targeting communities, places of worship, schools, and community institutions across the Greater Toronto Area have created fear and distress among residents; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora is a diverse and welcoming community where residents of all faiths, cultures, and backgrounds must feel safe attending religious services, schools, childcare facilities, hospitals, and congregate care facilities; and

Whereas all levels of government share a responsibility to ensure vulnerable social infrastructure remains safe and accessible for the people who rely on these essential services; and

Whereas legislative measures have been introduced in Canada to address intimidation near critical services, including amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada through Bill C-3 which created an offence for intimidating health care workers or those seeking health care services; and

Whereas other municipalities in Canada have implemented access or safety zones to ensure safe and inclusive access to public and community facilities; and

Whereas any measures taken to protect vulnerable social infrastructure must respect and preserve the fundamental right to lawful and peaceful protest;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Council direct staff to report back to Council at the earliest opportunity with options for a bylaw or policy framework that would prohibit demonstrations or activities that intimidate, incite hatred, violence, intolerance, or discrimination within a defined distance of vulnerable social infrastructure, including places of worship, schools, childcare centres, hospitals, and congregate care facilities within the Town of Aurora; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That Council request that staff review best practices from other municipalities and relevant provincial and federal legislation in developing any recommended framework; and

3. Be It Further Resolved That any proposed bylaw ensure penalties are consistent with applicable legislation and municipal authority under the *Municipal Act*, and
4. Be It Further Resolved That nothing in any proposed bylaw restrict the right to lawful and peaceful protest or demonstrations, including lawful labour activity; and
5. Be It Further Resolved That staff consult with York Regional Police regarding enforcement considerations and coordination should such measures be implemented; and
6. Be It Further Resolved That this resolution be circulated to the Government of Ontario, York Region, York Regional Police, and York Region municipalities for their information.

Carried

16. Regional Report

16.1 York Regional Council Highlights of January 29, 2026

Committee of the Whole recommends:

1. That the York Regional Council Highlights of January 29, 2026, be received for information.

Carried

16.2 York Regional Council Highlights of February 26, 2026

Committee of the Whole recommends:

1. That the York Regional Council Highlights of February 26, 2026, be received for information.

Carried

17. New Business

Councillor Weese requested a status update on the pending Metrolinx approval of a grade separation at Wellington Street East and the Aurora GO Station, and the Mayor provided a response.

Councillor Weese inquired about how markers are assigned for fire hydrants that become covered with snow, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Gilliland requested clarification on the removal of a very old Willow tree in Fleury Park, and staff provided a response. Councillor Gaertner suggested that signage be posted in these instances to inform the public on the outcome.

Councillor Thompson advised that the Ontario government today announced its plan to consolidate 36 conservation authorities into nine, and noted that the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) will now be part of the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority, effective February 1, 2027.

18. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Weese announced that Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital is holding its 10th annual Capes for Kids fundraiser on March 6-13, 2026, to help kids with disabilities, and encouraged everyone to make a donation at <https://fundraise.capesforkids.ca/cfk2026/ron-weese>.

Councillor Weese announced the Town's call for artists to register by April 6 for participation in its 62nd Annual Art Show and Sale to be held on Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Town Hall; for details, visit aurora.ca/artshow.

Councillor Weese extended congratulations on the success of the recent Aurora Winter Blues Festival and gave special thanks to Suzanne Haines of the Aurora Cultural Centre and Greg Smith of Music Aurora.

Mayor Mrakas announced the following activities and events:

- Wristbands are on sale for the Town's annual Easterpalooza event being held on Saturday, April 4, 2026; for more information, visit aurora.ca/easter.
- Nominations are open for the Town's annual Community Recognition Awards; for details and the nomination form, visit aurora.ca/cra.
- March Break activities are being offered by the Town including day camps and drop-in programs; for more information, visit aurora.ca.
- Reminder that the Aurora Family Leisure Complex (A.F.L.C.) pool will be closed March 16-19, 2026, for annual maintenance; for the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex (S.A.R.C.) swim schedule, visit aurora.ca/aquatics.

- The Aurora Museum & Archives and Aurora Historical Society are presenting a special Speaker Series event—Toronto’s Lost Shipwreck—with Aurora resident Heison Chak, on March 19, 2026, at 7 p.m. at Aurora Town Square; to purchase tickets, visit auroratownsquare.ca/whatson.
- An Open House will be held on March 23, 2026, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Town Hall to gather public input on the development of the Yonge Street Regional Corridor (south area); for more details, visit aurora.ca/publicnotices.

19. Closed Session

None.

20. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 p.m.