



**Town of Aurora
Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026
Time: 10 a.m.
Location: Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Mayor Tom Mrakas (Chair)
Diane Buchanan
Phiona Durrant
Elaine Martini
Jo-anne Spitzer

Members Absent: Arif Faheem Khan
Patricia Wallace (Vice Chair)

Other Attendees: Shelley Ware, Supervisor, Special Events
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.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 Phiona Durrant

Seconded By Diane Buchanan

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Diane Buchanan declared a conflict of interest respecting the Community Leadership Award due to a business relationship with one of the nominees; therefore, did not participate in the discussion or vote on the Community Leadership Award.

5. Receipt of the Minutes

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

Moved By Phiona Durrant

Seconded By Elaine Martini

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

Carried

6. Delegations

None.

7. Matters for Consideration

None.

8. Informational Items

None.

9. Closed Session

Moved By Diane Buchanan

Seconded By Jo-anne Spitzer

That the Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee resolve into a Closed Session to consider the following matter:

1. 2026 Aurora Community Recognition Award Submissions and Selection of Award Recipients

Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Section 239(2)(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*)

- Arts and Culture Award
- Community Leadership Award
- Community Safety Award
- Good Business Award
- Good Neighbour Award
- Green Award
- Heritage Award
- Inclusivity Award
- Older Adult Volunteer Award
- Youth Volunteer Award

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Moved By Jo-anne Spitzer

Seconded By Phiona Durrant

1. That the confidential memorandum regarding 2026 Aurora Community Recognition Award Submissions and Selection of Award Recipients be received; and
2. That the confidential direction to staff be confirmed.

Carried

10. New Business

Staff confirmed that the 2026 Community Recognition Awards Ceremony will be held in the Davide De Simone Performance Hall at Aurora Town Square, and the reception will be held in Brevik Hall.

11. Adjournment

Moved By Diane Buchanan

Seconded By Elaine Martini

That the meeting be adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Carried