



Town of Aurora
General Committee
Meeting Report

Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2020
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall

Council Members: Mayor Mrakas
 Councillor Kim
 Councillor Gaertner
 Councillor Humfries
 Councillor Thompson
 Councillor Gilliland
 Councillor Gallo

Other Attendees: Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer
 Allan Downey, Director of Operations
 Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services
 David Waters, Director of Planning and Development Services
 Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director of Finance
 Eliza Bennett, Acting Manager, Corporate Communications
 Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor
 Michael de Rond, Town Clerk and Acting Director, Corporate Services
 Samantha Yew, Deputy Town Clerk
 Ishita Soneji, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Procedural Notes

Councillor Gallo in the Chair.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

General Committee recommends:

The agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, including the following additional item, be approved:

- Delegation 5.2 - Phiona Durrant, Resident; Re: Getting more involved in the direction of the Town

Carried

3. 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*.

4. Community Presentations

None

5. Delegations

5.1 Claire Malcolmson representing Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition; Re: Lake Simcoe Protection Plan 10-Year Review

Ms. Malcolmson provided a brief history of the charity organization and presented an overview of their ongoing efforts in protecting the Lake Simcoe watershed. She spoke to the value of goods and services provided by the Lake Simcoe watershed, concerns of increasing levels of phosphorous in the lake, the outcomes from strengthening the *Lake Simcoe Protection Act* and its upcoming review by the Province, and the organization's efforts in improving public and municipal participation for the review. She also presented a resolution for Council's consideration which demonstrates commitment to protect the health of Lake Simcoe.

General Committee received the comments of the delegation.

5.2 Phiona Durrant, Resident; Re: Getting more involved in the direction of the Town

Ms. Durrant expressed her appreciation and empathized with Council for their efforts in municipal leadership and spoke to the importance of Council cohesiveness.

General Committee received the comments of the delegation.

6. Consent Agenda

None

7. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

None

8. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

8.1 CMS20-023 - Sports Plan Progress Report No. 2

Ms. Erin Hamilton, Sport and Community Development Specialist presented an overview of the second progress report of the Sports Plan and provided details of the ongoing implementation efforts. The presentation included the gender equity report providing next steps in addressing gaps for women and girls in sport, resources and guidance to support sport in the community, changes in execution methods due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and future delivery of initiatives to ensure individuals can return to sport and physical activity.

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CMS20-023 be received for information.

Carried

8.2 CMS20-022 - Library Square - Project Monitoring Task Force

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CMS20-022 be received; and
2. That the Terms of Reference for the Library Square Project Monitoring Task Force be approved; and
3. That two members of Council be appointed to the Library Square Project Monitoring Task Force.

Carried

8.3 PDS20-024 - Downtown Parking Update - Library Square Precinct

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS20-024 be received; and
2. That shared parking agreements with organizations in the area be considered as short-term parking solution and staff be directed to continue exploring the medium and long-term parking solutions; and

3. That the following intersection improvements be approved by Council subject to its final review as part of the Town's budget process which will enhance both vehicular and pedestrian flow:
 - a. Installing a new traffic signal at the intersection of Yonge Street and Church Street (to be funded in the 10-year Capital Plan); and
 - b. Converting the 2-way 'Stop' to an 'All-way Stop' at the intersection of Victoria Street and Church Street (to be funded by the Town's Operations Department Operating Budget); and
4. That staff be directed to coordinate with Chandos to ensure the compliance of the parking and traffic management strategies recommended in the Parking Study; and
5. That the Downtown Parking Working Group continue to monitor and address parking related issues within the Library Square precinct during construction and report to Council as required.

Carried

8.4 OPS20-015 - DWQMS - Financial Plan

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. OPS20-015 be received; and
2. That the ten (10) year Financial Plan for the Town of Aurora Water System be approved.

Carried

9. Notices of Motion

9.1 Councillor Gilliland and Mayor Mrakas; Re: Environmental Advisory Committee

Whereas the Town of Aurora declared a Climate Emergency for the purposes of naming and deepening our commitment to protecting our eco systems by identifying key criteria to help reduce our carbon footprint and protect our community from the impacts of climate change; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora is prioritizing the process of creating a Climate Action Plan for the Town of Aurora, focused on reducing emissions and adaptation at the community level; and

Whereas staff have been directed by Council to look for opportunities for economic growth, stimulation in the low-carbon economy, and cost benefits for all who consume energy; and

Whereas local governments around the world have recognized the extreme emergency that climate change embodies and have expedited their own actions, and have called on provincial and national governments to strengthen action on climate change; and

Whereas the Town would benefit from a dedicated committee to address environmental and climate adaptation at a community level to discuss ongoing climate change, protections, energy conservation, education, environmental matters and contribute comments to the Climate Action Plan and Community Energy Plan; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora is committed to taking meaningful action to address the environment and climate change in Aurora;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That a dedicated “Environmental Advisory Committee” be re-established to address ongoing climate change and adaptation initiatives, energy conservation, environmental matters and contribute comments to the Climate Action Plan.
2. Be It Further Resolved That the “Environmental Advisory Committee” be comprised of one (1) member of Council and five (5) citizen members; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That staff be directed to advertise, in accordance with the provisions of the “Policy for Ad Hoc/Advisory Committees and Local Boards”, for applications from members of the public for appointment to the “Environmental Advisory Committee”; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to appoint one appropriate staff liaison to support the work of the “Environmental Advisory Committee”.
5. Be It Further Resolved That the terms of reference for the Community Advisory Committee be amended to remove the mandate for environmental initiatives.

10. New Business

Mayor Mrakas welcomed Eliza Bennett, Acting Manager of Corporate Communications to the Town.

Councillor Gaertner inquired about plans for reviewing the Fields Use policy in the future, and staff provided a response.

11. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Thompson extended a reminder that the 2020 Run for Southlake will be held virtually from Wednesday, September 23, 2020 to Sunday, September 27, 2020 and encouraged members of public to participate with Team Aurora.

Councillor Gilliland announced that the Town has proclaimed September 25 to October 25, 2020 as Culture Days in Aurora noting that various in-person and virtual activities and workshops will be carried out throughout the month highlighting Aurora's culture, arts, and heritage, and noted that more information is available at **aurora.ca/culturedays**.

Mayor Mrakas referred to the recently announced Province wide restriction on gathering limits due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic noting that the restrictions apply to private gatherings and do not impact the business communities.

12. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items for this meeting.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.