



Town of Aurora
Council
Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall

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

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

*Attended electronically

1. Call to Order

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

Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Mrakas acknowledged that the meeting took place on the traditional territory of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishinaabe peoples whose presence here continues to this day. He further noted that Aurora is part of the treaty lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit and the Williams Treaties First Nations and thanked them for sharing the land.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Humfries

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, be approved.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Kim, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Humfries, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gallo

Carried (7 to 0)

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

4.1 Sandra Ferri, President and CEO, and Al Wilson, Chair, Board of Directors; Re: Aurora Chamber of Commerce Updates

Sandra Ferri, President and CEO of Aurora Chambers of Commerce presented an overview of the Chamber of Commerce initiatives to support local businesses including those affected by the pandemic. She further provided details on ongoing programs such as Explore Aurora and Accelerate Business Recovery Hub, and details of upcoming programs and events.

Moved by Councillor Humfries

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the presentation be received.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Kim, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Humfries, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gallo

Carried (7 to 0)

5. Delegations

5.1 Glen Payne, Resident; Re: Item 7.2.4 - PDS21-093 - Machell Avenue and Irwin Avenue Traffic Control Assessment

Glen Payne emphasized the need of implementing traffic control measures at the intersection of Machell Avenue and Irwin Avenue and referred to the proposed solution and its benefits.

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the comments of the delegation be received.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Kim, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Humfries, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gallo

Carried (7 to 0)

6. Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That the Consent Agenda Items, 6.1 to 6.5 inclusive, be approved.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Kim, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Humfries, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gallo

Carried (7 to 0)

6.1 Council Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2021

1. That the Council meeting minutes of September 28, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6.2 Council Closed Session Minutes of September 21, 2021

1. That the Council Closed Session minutes of September 21, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6.3 Council Closed Session Public Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2021

1. That the Council Closed Session Public meeting minutes of September 21, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6.4 Council Public Planning Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2021

1. That the Council Public Planning meeting minutes of October 12, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6.5 Memorandum from Councillor Gaertner; Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of September 24, 2021

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of September 24, 2021, be received for information.

Carried

7. Standing Committee Reports

Moved by Councillor Humfries

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That the Standing Committee Reports, items 7.1 to 7.2 inclusive, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items 7.1.4, 7.1.5, 7.2.3, 7.2.4 and 7.2.5, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Kim, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Humfries, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gallo

Carried (7 to 0)

7.1 General Committee Meeting Report of October 5, 2021

7.1.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2021

[Minutes](#)

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 8, 2021, be received for information.

Carried

7.1.2 Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2021

[Minutes](#)

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 13, 2021, be received for information.

Carried

7.1.3 CS21-073 - Administrative Procedure No. 58: Insurance and Risk Management

[Report](#) [Attachment](#) [Presentation](#)

1. That Report No. CS21-073 be referred back to staff to consider the comments from around the Council table.

Carried

7.1.4 PDS21-101 - Servicing Allocation Update

[Report](#)

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Humfries

1. That Report No. PDS21-101 be received for information.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Kim, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Humfries, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gallo

Carried (7 to 0)

7.1.5 FIN21-038 - 2022 Fees and Charges Re-affirmation

[Report Schedules A-J](#)

Moved by Councillor Humfries

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

1. That Report No. FIN21-038 be received; and
2. That a by-law be enacted to set the 2022 Fees and Charges for applications, permits, use of Town property, the sale of documents and for the prescribed service charges for administrative matters as itemized on the attached schedules.

Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Kim, Councillor Humfries, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gallo

Nays (1): Councillor Gaertner

Carried (6 to 1)

7.1.6 CS21-072 - 2022 Council and Committee Meeting Schedule

[Report Attachment 1](#)

1. That Report No. CS21-072 be received; and
2. That the 2022 Meeting Schedule (Attachment No. 1) be approved; and
3. That the Town Clerk be authorized to make amendments to the Council and Committee Meeting Schedule as required.

Carried

7.1.7 PDS21-102 - Request to Remove 103 Gurnett Street from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

[Report Attachment 1](#) [Attachment 2](#) [Attachment 3](#)

1. That Report No. PDS21-102 be received; and
2. That the request to remove 103 Gurnett Street from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest be approved.

Carried

7.1.8 PDS21-103 - Heritage Permit Application, File: HPA-2021-08, 124 Wellington Street East

[Report](#) [Attachment 1](#) [Attachment 2](#) [Attachment 3](#)

1. That Report No. PDS21-103 be received; and
2. That Heritage Permit Application HPA-2021-08 be approved to permit the replacement of the existing windows, proposed new window openings, and proposed exterior signage for the existing building at 124 Wellington Street East.

Carried

7.1.9 PDS21-106 - Heritage Permit Application, File: HPA-2021-09, 80 George Street

[Report](#) [Attachment 1](#) [Attachment 2](#)

1. That Report No. PDS21-106 be received; and
2. That Heritage Permit Application HPA-2021-09 be approved to replace the stucco and gables on the existing dwelling at 80 George Street.

Carried

7.1.10 York Regional Council Highlights of September 23, 2021

[Regional Report](#)

1. That the York Regional Council Highlights of September 23, 2021, be received for information.

Carried

7.2 General Committee Meeting Report of October 19, 2021

7.2.1 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2021

[Minutes](#)

1. That the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 22, 2021, be received for information.

Carried

7.2.2 Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2021

[Minutes](#)

1. That the Finance Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 27, 2021, be received for information.

Carried

7.2.3 CS21-056 - Diversity Equity and Inclusion Strategic Action Plan 2021-2024

[Report](#) [Attachment](#) [Presentation](#)

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Humfries

1. That Report No. CS21-056 be received; and
2. That Council endorse the recommendations contained in the attached Town of Aurora Diversity Equity and Inclusion Strategic Action Plan 2021-2024; and
3. That staff present the draft Diversity Equity and Inclusion Strategic Action Plan 2021-2024 to the Anti-Black Racism and Anti-Racism Task Force for review and input; and
4. That staff report back on the progress of the strategy at a future Council meeting.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Kim, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Humfries, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gallo

Carried (7 to 0)

7.2.4 PDS21-093 - Machell Avenue and Irwin Avenue Traffic Control Assessment

[Report](#) [Figure 1](#)

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

1. That Report No. PDS21-093 be received; and
2. That staff continue to monitor the traffic operations at the intersection of Machell Avenue and Irwin Avenue; and
3. That Council approve the installation of an all-way stop control at the intersection of Machell Avenue and Irwin Avenue to be funded from the Town's Operations Department Operating Budget; and
4. That Council approve the installation of a crosswalk (south side of Machell Avenue) at the intersection of Machell Avenue and Irwin Avenue to be funded from the Town's Operations Department Operating Budget.

Yeas (5): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Kim, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Humfries, and Councillor Thompson

Nays (2): Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gallo

Carried (5 to 2)

7.2.5 FIN21-042 - 2021 Interim Forecast Update – As of August 31, 2021

[Report](#) [Attachment 1](#) [Attachment 2](#) [Attachment 3](#)

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Humfries

1. That Report No. FIN21-042 be received for information.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Kim, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Humfries, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gallo

Carried (7 to 0)

7.2.6 OPS21-017 - Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan Update

[Report](#) [Attachment 1](#)

1. That Report No. OPS21-017 be received; and
2. That the Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan continue in future years, including treatment of municipal trees on a

biennial basis with TreeAzin, forestry health maintenance, replanting initiatives and removals as required; and

3. That this program's annual service costs be included in the Town's future operating budget commencing in 2023 for Council's consideration.

Carried

7.2.7 OPS21-018 - Tree Removal Permit Application - 55 Metcalfe Street

[Report](#) [Attachment 1](#) [Attachment 2](#) [Attachment 3](#)

1. That Report No. OPS21-018 be received; and
2. That the Tree Removal Permit Application for 55 Metcalfe Street be approved.

Carried

7.2.8 New Business Motion No. 1

1. That the request from Delegation 5.1, Marco Di Girolamo, to enter into an encroachment agreement with the Town be referred to staff to report back to Council.

Carried

8. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

8.1 FIN21-037 - Second Generation Asset Management Plan

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Kim

1. That Report No. FIN21-037 be received; and
2. That the Second Generation Asset Management Plan be endorsed and the service level measures therein be approved.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Kim, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Humfries, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gallo

Carried (7 to 0)

8.2 FIN21-044 - 2022 Budget Introduction

Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director of Finance, introduced the 2022 Budget and 10-Year Capital Plan and the upcoming budget approval process. She further provided an overview of the proposed 2022 operating and capital budgets, reserve balances and debt management forecast and plan, fiscal strategy in the budget, and the next steps.

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Humfries

1. That Report No. FIN21-044 be received; and
2. That the proposed 2022 budget be referred to Budget Committee for review at its scheduled meetings starting on November 8, 2021.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Kim, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Humfries, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gallo

Carried (7 to 0)

9. Motions

9.1 Councillor Gilliland; Re: Mental Health Resources

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has contributed to loss of income, loss of life, uncertainty about the future, lack of education, supports, and resources; and

Whereas mental health issues are on the rise in all age groups, including students, adults, and the elderly, as a result of the aforementioned impacts of the pandemic; and

Whereas information on mental health resources is not locally centralized and the thought of searching for help can contribute to and cause further anxiety to those who need help; and

Whereas Council members and the municipal staff are positioned to be conduits for information for residents who may reach out for help; and

Whereas it would be beneficial for Council members and staff to have consistent and up to date information on local organizations and not-for-profit resources on hand to be able to immediately support residents in need or distress;

Council consented to vote on the operating clauses separately.

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to establish a page on the Town's website to provide information on local organizations and local not-for-profit resources that support and promote mental and emotional health in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Yeas (5): Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Humfryes, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gallo

Nays (2): Mayor Mrakas, and Councillor Kim

Carried (5 to 2)

2. Be It Further Resolved That the web page be regularly updated as needed, and that it be shared with and promoted to the community and with community partners through the Town's social media accounts and other appropriate communication and marketing channels.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Kim, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Humfryes, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gallo

Carried (7 to 0)

10. New Business

Councillor Gilliland referred to the benefits of using Thawrox treated salt on roads during winter and inquired about the possibility of using the same on sidewalks in the future, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Gaertner noted that October 27, 2021, is Dress Purple Day to raise awareness about the role of individuals and communities in supporting vulnerable children, youth, and families.

11. By-laws

11.1 By-law Number 6379-21 - Being a By-law to allocate any 2021 Operating Fund surplus and any 2021 Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Operating Fund surplus or deficit.

11.2 By-law Number 6380-21 - Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 5553-13, as amended, to establish various Reserve Funds for the Town of Aurora.

11.3 By-law Number 6381-21 - Being a By-law to prohibit and regulate noise in the Town of Aurora.

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the By-laws 11.1 to 11.3 inclusive, be enacted.

Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Kim, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gilliland, and Councillor Gallo

Absent (1): Councillor Humfries

Carried (6 to 0)

12. Closed Session

None.

13. Confirming By-law

13.1 By-law No. 6382-21 Being a By-law to confirm actions by Council resulting from a Council meeting on October 26, 2021

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the confirming by-law be enacted.

Carried

14. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk