



**Town of Aurora
General Committee
Meeting Report**

Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall

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

Other Attendees: Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer
Allan Downey, Director of Operations*
Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services*
Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services*
Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director of Finance*
David Waters, Director of Planning and Development Services*
Eliza Bennett, Acting Manager, Corporate Communications*
Erin Hamilton, Specialist, Sport and Community Development*
Lisa Hausz, Manager, Economic Development and Policy*
Martin Stefanczyk, Program Manager, Corporate Initiatives*
Matthew Volpintesta, Senior Policy Planner, Land Use & Real Estate*
Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor*
Michael de Rond, Town Clerk
Samantha Yew, Deputy Town Clerk
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

*Attended electronically

1. Call to Order

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

Land Acknowledgement

General Committee 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. It was noted that Aurora is part of the treaty lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit and the Williams Treaties First Nations and we thank them for sharing the land.

General Committee consented to recess the meeting at 8:50 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

General Committee approved the revised agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, and as further revised by the withdrawal of Delegation 5.1.

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 Nick Pileggi; Re: 15520 Yonge Street, Removal of Holding Symbol Request**

The delegation was withdrawn.

6. Consent Agenda

None.

7. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

General Committee recommends:

That the Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes items, 7.1 to 7.2 inclusive, be received.

Carried

7.1 Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2021

1. That the Finance Advisory Committee meeting minutes of October 12, 2021, be received for information.

Carried

7.2 Anti-Black Racism and Anti-Racism Task Force Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2021

1. That the Anti-Black Racism and Anti-Racism Task Force meeting minutes of October 20, 2021, be received for information.

Carried

8. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

8.1 CS21-070 - Final Report Town of Aurora Municipal Service Delivery Review

General Committee consented to permit thirty minutes for the presentation.

Jaiman Chin, Vice President, Lauren Wyman, Manager, and Srusti Pandya, Senior Consultant, Management Consulting, StrategyCorp Inc., presented an overview of the Service Delivery Review project including key findings, current service performance and projected service demands, improvement opportunities, implementation, and next steps.

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CS21-070 be received; and
2. That staff be directed to prioritize and action the recommendations in the report as appropriate; and
3. That staff report back to Council on progress.

Carried

8.2 PDS21-133 - Green Development Standards Update

Lisa Prime, Team Lead and Project Manager, PRIME Strategy & Planning Inc., presented an overview of the Green Development Standards (GDS) project including the purpose, co-benefits, project timeline, consultation summary, draft GDS themes, phases and tiers, implementation, staff training objectives, and next steps. Nadia Dowhaniuk, Head of Research, PRIME Strategy & Planning, was also present.

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS21-133 be received for information.

Carried

8.3 CMS21-035 - Sport Tourism Strategy Update 1

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CMS21-035 be received; and
2. That a Sport Tourism Strategy be developed to engage the local business and hotel industry, create a visitor experience package to support existing events and explore potential new events to bring into the community with the current assets and resources available to the Town; and
3. That staff further investigate opportunities to enhance current facilities that would expand the event hosting potential and opportunities to bring new events into the community; and
4. That staff report back to Council in Winter 2022.

Carried

8.4 PDS21-137 - Promenade Streetscape Needs Assessment

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS21-137 be received for information.

Carried

9. Notices of Motion

None.

10. Regional Report

None.

11. New Business

Councillor Gilliland inquired about the timing of the resurfacing of the Sheppard's Bush parking lot, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Humfries inquired about the status of the reduction of single-use plastics initiative in Town, and Councillor Kim provided clarification.

12. Public Service Announcements

Mayor Mrakas announced the following activities and events in Aurora:

- The Town's first community Go Green Challenge continues until November 30, 2021; visit [aurora.ca/gogreen](https://www.aurora.ca/gogreen) for more information.
- Aurora's Winter 2022 Program Guide will be distributed to all Aurora households on November 4 and online registration begins on November 8, 2021; visit [aurora.ca/guide](https://www.aurora.ca/guide) for more details.
- The Town's overnight winter parking restrictions take effect from November 15, 2021 to April 15, 2022; visit [aurora.ca/winterparking](https://www.aurora.ca/winterparking) for more information.
- Aurora's Santa Under the Stars Parade will be held on Yonge Street on November 27, 2021; visit [aurora.ca/santaparade](https://www.aurora.ca/santaparade) for more details.

Councillor Gilliland encouraged everyone to take advantage of the many activities and events being offered by the Aurora Cultural Centre during November 2021.

Councillor Gaertner expressed appreciation to the Aurora Cultural Centre for their great contributions to the community.

Councillor Gaertner expressed appreciation to the Town's Special Events team for their efforts toward Aurora's Haunted Greenhouse event.

Councillor Gaertner advised that this week is Ontario Garlic Week, which runs until November 7, 2021.

Mayor Mrakas extended a reminder that Aurora is switching to a ward system in the municipal election of October 2022, noting that residents will be voting for a mayor and one ward councillor, and more information is available at [aurora.ca/wards](https://www.aurora.ca/wards).

Councillor Humfryes expressed appreciation to Town staff for their efforts toward a very successful year for the Aurora Farmers' Market and Artisans Fair, which ended its season on October 30, 2021.

13. Closed Session

None.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.