



**Town of Aurora
General Committee
Meeting Report**

Date: Tuesday, November 16, 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* (departed 9:10 p.m.)
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*
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 7:02 p.m.

General Committee consented to recess the meeting at 9:10 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

2. 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.

3. Approval of the Agenda

General Committee approved the revised agenda as circulated by Legislative Services.

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 Phiona Durrant, Rebekah Murdoch, Shaheen Moledina; Re: Aurora Black Community

Rebekah Murdoch inquired about the availability of inclusive and accessible Town meeting space to collaborate with the community until the Library renovation is completed. Shaheen Moledina inquired about the communication process for associations that work with the Town to ensure efficient communication. Phiona Durrant provided a brief overview of the one-year progress report and achievements of the Aurora Black Community (ABC) Association, requested clarification on the roles, accountability and leadership respecting the Town's Anti-Black Racism and Anti-Racism Task Force, and recommended that ABC collaborate with the Task Force.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to staff.

6.2 Steve Armes, Resident: Re: Item 9.1 - PDS21-105 - Heritage Permit Application File: HPA-2020-04 - 74 Centre Street

Steve Armes expressed concerns regarding the proposed construction of a two-storey triplex dwelling at 74 Centre Street and opposition to the design, increased density, and excessive variances that would be involved, noting that the neighborhood would be fully supportive of an appropriate redevelopment of the property.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to item 9.1.

6.3 Hassan Faraji, Owner, and David Eqbal, Architect; Re: Item 9.1 - PDS21-105 - Heritage Permit Application File: HPA-2020-04 - 74 Centre Street

David Eqbal presented conceptual drawings of the revised proposal for the construction of a two-storey triplex dwelling at 74 Centre Street, noting the revisions are based on comments and recommendations received from the community and the Town's design review panel. Hassan Faraji was also present.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to item 9.1.

7. Consent Agenda

None.

8. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

General Committee recommends:

That the Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes items, 8.1 to 8.2 inclusive, be received.

Carried

8.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2021

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

Carried

8.2 Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2021

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

Carried

9. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

9.1 PDS21-105 - Heritage Permit Application File: HPA-2020-04 - 74 Centre Street

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS21-105 be referred back to staff; and
2. That Council consents to a further extension of HPA-2020-04 from December 13, 2021.

**Motion to refer
Carried**

9.2 PDS21-124 - Review of Aurora Register - Evaluation Methodology

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS21-124 be received; and
2. That Ontario Regulation 9/06 be approved to evaluate properties for cultural heritage interest and discontinue the use of "Evaluation of Heritage Resources in the Town of Aurora (2010)."

Carried

9.3 CMS21-038 - Disc Golf Opportunities in Aurora

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CMS21-038 be received; and
2. That Highland Gate property be identified as the **potential** location for a future nine-hole disc golf course **subject to** additional consultation with the community and Highland Gate Ratepayers Association.

Carried

9.4 PDS21-123 - Amendment to Heritage Designation By-law Number 6182-19, De La Salle College and Pine Ridge Trail (Monk's Walk), 50-100 Bloomington Road West

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS21-123 be received; and
2. That Council direct staff to issue a Notice of Intent to amend Heritage Designation By-law Number 6182-19 for 50-100 Bloomington Road West, as discussed herein in accordance with the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, and
3. That Council direct staff to bring forward the amending by-law should there be no objections to the proposed amendment to By-law Number 6182-19.

Carried

9.5 PDS21-128 - Heritage Permit Application File: HPA-2021-14, 15356 Yonge Street (Knowles-Readman House)

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS21-128 be received; and
2. That Heritage Permit Application HPA-2021-14 be approved for the removal of the two-storey tail wing of the "Knowles-Readman House".

Carried

9.6 PDS21-131 - Town-Initiated Zoning Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law Number 6000-17

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS21-131 be received; and
2. That staff be directed to proceed with a Statutory Public Meeting to present a draft Zoning By-law amendment to the Town's Comprehensive Zoning By-law Number 6000-17 for general housekeeping purposes, as described herein.

Carried

10. Notices of Motion

10.1 Councillor Gilliland; Re: Property Standards By-law Modernization and Review

Whereas the Town's current Property Standards by-law was last written in 1999; and

Whereas the population growth and building landscape has changed drastically in the last 22 years; and

Whereas the Town would benefit from a review of the Property Standards By-law to reflect the growth and modernization experienced in Aurora;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff report back with a modernized review of the Property Standards By-law.

11. Regional Report

11.1 York Regional Council Highlights of October 28, 2021

General Committee recommends:

1. That the York Regional Council Highlights of October 28, 2021, be received for information.

Carried

12. New Business

Councillor Gilliland inquired about whether the Town gives green stewardship awards to businesses or residents, and the Mayor provided a response.

13. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Gaertner recognized that November 13-19, 2021, is Transgender Awareness Week, followed by the Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20, 2021.

Mayor Mrakas announced the following activities and events in Aurora:

- The Town's overnight winter parking restrictions are in effect from November 15, 2021 to April 15, 2022; visit [aurora.ca/winterparking](https://www.aurora.ca/winterparking) for more information.
- Anyone who receives a parking ticket from now until December 13, 2021, can pay their fine by donating new, unwrapped children's toys or gift cards.
- 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.

- The Town's Menorah Lighting Ceremony will take place on December 1, 2021, and everyone is welcome to join the festivities.
- Aurora's Accessibility Advisory Committee is seeking public input from residents, employees, visitors, and local businesses on how to improve accessibility in Aurora; visit engageaurora.ca/accessibleaurora.
- 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; visit aurora.ca/wards for more information.

Councillor Humfries announced that a Stuff the Bus Toy Drive will be held at Machell's Alley in partnership with the Santa Under the Stars Parade from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on November 27, 2021.

14. Closed Session

None.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.