



**Town of Aurora
General Committee
Meeting Report**

Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2020
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Video Conference

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

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

1. Procedural Notes

This meeting was held electronically as per Section 19. i) of the Town's Procedure By-law No. 6228-19, as amended, due to the COVID-19 situation.

Mayor Mrakas in the Chair.

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

The Mayor announced that Council meetings will be held electronically and not in person while the COVID-19 modified stage 2 restrictions are in place, which were enacted by the province on October 19, 2020.

General Committee consented to recess the meeting at 9:02 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

General Committee approved the revised agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, including the following added item:

- Delegation 5.2 - Rebecca Beaton, Resident; Re: Road reconstruction on Holman, Johnson and Browning

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 Racanelli, Danielle and Jacob Stewart; Re: Item 8.5 - PDS20-062 - Heritage Permit Application for 31 Catherine Avenue

Mr. Racanelli and Mr. Stewart presented an overview of the application, property and proposed construction of a new addition to the existing building.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to Item 8.5.

5.2 Rebecca Beaton, Resident; Re: Road reconstruction on Holman, Johnson and Browning

Ms. Beaton expressed concerns regarding the impact of the road reconstruction on Holman Crescent, Johnson Road, Browning Court, and Baldwin Road, and inquired about several issues including: the possible waiving of street parking tickets issued on Glass Drive and Child Drive

respecting the reconstruction; availability of temporary overnight parking permits at Confederation Park; road grade changes in relation to resident driveways and remediation; projected reconstruction end date; Legal Services response to resident queries and claims; accountability for any property damage; liability for any tree damage; and Town contact information.

General Committee received the comments of the delegation for information.

6. Consent Agenda

None.

7. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

None.

8. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

General Committee consented to consider items in the following order: 8.5, 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4.

8.1 FIN20-024 - 2021 and 2022 Fees and Charges

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. FIN20-024 be received; and
2. That a by-law be enacted to set the 2021 and 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.

Carried

8.2 FIN20-026 - 2020 Interim Forecast Update Report - as of August 31, 2020

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. FIN20-026 be received for information.

Carried

8.3 OPS20-016 - Tree Removal Permit Applications for 126 Temperance Street and 53 Metcalfe Street

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. OPS20-016 be received; and
2. That the Tree Removal Permit Application for 126 Temperance Street be approved; and
3. That the Tree Removal Permit Application for 53 Metcalfe Street be approved.

Carried

8.4 PDS20-060 - Heritage Designation for 28 Wellington Street West ("Alfred Love House")

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS20-60 be received; and
2. That the property at 28 Wellington Street, where the building known as "Alfred Love House" is located, be designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* as a property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest; and
3. That the Town Clerk be authorized to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate in accordance with the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and
4. That the designation by-law be brought before Council for adoption if no objections are received within the thirty (30) day period as per the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Carried

8.5 PDS20-062 - Heritage Permit Application for 31 Catherine Avenue

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS20-062 be received; and
2. That Heritage Permit Application HPA-2020-10 to permit the demolition of an existing detached garage and construction of a new addition at 31 Catherine Avenue be approved, subject to the elimination of the one-storey extension at the rear of the proposed addition.

Carried

9. Notices of Motion

9.1 Councillor Kim; Re: Great Canadian Achievements Mural

Whereas the Great Canadian Achievements mural was unveiled in November 23, 2001, and it highlights 30 great moments in Canadian history; and

Whereas the mural includes Armand Bombardier - inventor of the snowmobile; Rick Hansen - 40,000 Km Wheel in Motion Tour; The Canadarm - first robotic space tool; the Prairies and Niagara Falls representing our topography; and the Donut - the highest consumed food per capita in the world; and

Whereas there are many moments and Canadian persons deserving to be on the mural; and

Whereas there is a lack of diversity on the mural despite the fact that there were/are many Canadians of racialized background who made significant contributions to the building of Canada;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff investigate locations in Aurora for a second wall to celebrate the diversity in “Great Canadian Achievements” and report back to Council.

10. New Business

Council members inquired about the concerns and questions raised in the delegation of Rebecca Beaton regarding the road reconstruction on Holman Crescent, Johnson Road, Browning Court, and Baldwin Road. Staff provided responses and agreed to follow up on the issues.

Councillor Kim inquired about the Town's new three-bag waste limit and education campaign, and staff provided a response.

11. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Gilliland extended a reminder about the Town's Halloween in a Bag activities available for purchase until October 21, 2020, at \$20 per bag, and the Haunted Greenhouse running from October 24 to October 30, 2020, which requires pre-registration.

Councillor Gilliland noted that Culture in a Box activities are available free to residents during the month-long celebration of Culture Days from September 25 to October 25, 2020.

Councillor Gilliland extended a reminder about Aurora's online Skylight Gallery art exhibit during the month of October featuring the artwork of Ramona Ricken, available at **aurora.ca/skylightgallery**.

Councillor Humfries extended a reminder about the Aurora Farmers' Market and Artisan Fair held each Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. until October 31, 2020.

Councillor Gallo encouraged everyone to continue supporting local restaurants during the current COVID-19 modified stage 2 period.

Councillor Gaertner announced that an exhibit organized by the Aurora Cultural Centre is available at Town Hall and online at **auroraculturalcentre.ca/flight2**.

Councillor Gaertner encouraged support of the Town's Halloween activities, as well as the York Region Zombie Hunt in support of St. John Ambulance until October 31, 2020, at a cost of \$25 per family.

Mayor Mrakas extended a reminder about the 12th Annual Aurora Prayer Breakfast being held virtually, free of charge, at 8 a.m. on October 22, 2020, at **www.prayforthem.ca**.

Mayor Mrakas extended best wishes to Don Walker, CEO of Magna International, on his retirement at the end of this year, and expressed appreciation for his community support over the years.

Mayor Mrakas further encouraged continued support of local businesses during these times.

12. Closed Session

None.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.