



Town of Aurora Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Video Conference

Council Members: Mayor Mrakas (Chair)
 Councillor Gaertner
 Councillor Gallo
 Councillor Gilliland
 Councillor Humfryes
 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.

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

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

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Kim, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Humfryes, 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

None.

5. Delegations

None.

6. Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

That the Consent Agenda items, 6.1 to 6.6 inclusive, be approved.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

6.1 Council Meeting Minutes of September 29, 2020

1. That the Council meeting minutes of September 29, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6.2 Council Closed Session Minutes of October 6, 2020 (confidential attachment)

1. That the Council Closed Session minutes of October 6, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6.3 Council Closed Session Public Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2020

1. That the Council Closed Session Public meeting minutes of October 6, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6.4 Special Meeting of Council Minutes of October 6, 2020

1. That the Special Meeting of Council minutes of October 6, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6.5 Council Public Planning Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2020

1. That the Council Public Planning meeting minutes of October 13, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6.6 Memorandum from Councillor Gaertner; Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of July 24, 2020

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of July 24, 2020, be received for information.

Carried

7. Standing Committee Reports

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Kim

1. That the General Committee meeting reports of October 6 and October 20, 2020, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items 7.1 (7.1.5) and 7.2 (7.2.2, 7.2.3, 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 6, 2020

7.1.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2020

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 9, 2020, be received for information.

Carried

7.1.2 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 14, 2020

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 14, 2020, be received for information.

Carried

7.1.3 Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2020

1. That the Finance Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 15, 2020, be received for information.

Carried

7.1.4 Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2020

1. That the Community Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 17, 2020, be received for information.

Carried

7.1.5 FIN20-015 - 2019 Year-end Budget Report - as at December 31, 2019

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Kim

1. That Report No. FIN20-015 be received for information.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

7.1.6 PDS20-044 - Town of Aurora Proposed Anti-Idling Policy

1. That Report No. PDS20-044 be received; and
2. That Council approve the Town of Aurora Anti-Idling policy attached to this report; and
3. That staff be directed to report back after one year with a policy review.

Carried

7.1.7 PDS20-050 - Implementation of Automated Speed Enforcement Program

1. That Report No. PDS20-050 be received; and
2. That staff report back on the findings of the Region's Automated Speed Enforcement Program following completion of the two-year, limited use pilot program.

Carried

7.1.8 PDS20-055 - Pedestrian Grade Separated Crossings and Future Priority Crossings within Barrie GO Rail Corridor

1. That Report No. PDS20-055 be received; and
2. That Council identify as a priority the Cousins Drive pedestrian rail crossing identified in Attachment 2 and staff report back on the feasibility of funding the crossing as part of the 2022 Budget 10-year capital planning process.

Carried

7.2 General Committee Meeting Report of October 20, 2020

7.2.1 FIN20-024 - 2021 and 2022 Fees and Charges

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

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

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

1. That Report No. FIN20-026 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)

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

Moved by Councillor Humfries

Seconded by Councillor Kim

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.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

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

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

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

Council consented to split the second clause to form a third clause, and to vote on the first and second clauses separately from the third clause.

Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

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.

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

Nays (1): Councillor Gaertner

Carried (6 to 1)

Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

3. That the permit approval be subject to the elimination of the one-storey extension at the rear of the proposed addition.

Yeas (1): Councillor Gaertner

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

Defeated (1 to 6)

8. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

8.1 FIN20-027 - 2021 Budget Introduction

Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director of Finance, presented an overview of the 2021-2022 Budget and 10-Year Capital Plan including the multi-year budget approval process, budget engagement survey results, operating and capital budgets, reserves, fiscal strategy and policy, and next steps.

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Humfries

1. That Report No. FIN20-027 be received; and
2. That the proposed 2021 to 2022 budget be referred to Budget Committee for review at its scheduled meetings starting on November 9, 2020.

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 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;

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

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.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

10. Regional Report

10.1 York Regional Council Highlights - September 24, 2020

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the Regional Report of September 24, 2020, be received for information.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

11. New Business

Councillor Gallo extended congratulations to David Tomlinson on the naming of the "David Tomlinson Nature Reserve" and acknowledged Mr. Tomlinson's contributions to the Town.

Councillor Kim expressed appreciation to Councillor Gallo for bringing forward the motion to name the wildlife park after David Tomlinson, and thanked Councillor Gaertner for recognizing Mr. Tomlinson's achievements.

Councillor Gilliland referred to the signs on neighbourhood garbage cans respecting disposal of dog waste and inquired about whether staff's impending report could be brought forward sooner than May 2021, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the lack of progress on the Yonge Street road improvements between Henderson Drive and Industrial Parkway South. The Mayor agreed to follow up and provide an update on the matter.

Councillor Gaertner requested an update on the construction work stoppage in Tamarac Green Park, noting that many residents are unhappy about not having access to the park.

Councillor Gaertner inquired about any possible measures, such as additional signage, that could be implemented to enhance the safety of pedestrians sharing the Arboretum trails with cyclists, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the possibility of sending educational information to residents regarding the heritage tree removal process, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Humfries commended staff on their efforts and open communication lines respecting the road reconstruction project in the Johnson Road and Holman Crescent area, noting that many residents have provided positive feedback.

Councillor Thompson extended a challenge to staff to find ways to continue engaging residents and encouraging them to remain active through the colder weather and approaching winter.

Mayor Mrakas noted that he would be working with the Region to advocate for moving out of the current COVID-19 modified stage 2 restrictions after November 14, 2020, and he appealed to residents to adhere to the policies, guidelines, and protocols currently in place.

12. By-laws

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Humfries

That the following by-laws, 12.1 to 12.2 inclusive, be enacted.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

12.1 By-law Number 6288-20 - Being a By-law to regulate occupancy, fouling, construction and encroachments on highways.

12.2 By-law Number 6289-20 - Being a By-law to exempt Block 26 on Plan 65M-4467 from Part-Lot Control (Country Wide Homes at Aurora Inc.).

13. Closed Session

None.

14. Confirming By-law

14.1 By-law Number 6290-20 - Being a By-law to confirm actions by Council resulting from a Council meeting on October 27, 2020

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the confirming by-law be enacted.

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

Carried (7 to 0)

15. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk