



Town of Aurora
Community Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 19, 2020
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Video Conference

Committee Members: Councillor Rachel Gilliland
Councillor Harold Kim
Balpreet Grewal (Chair)
Barry Bridgeford
Denis Heng
Janet Mitchell (Vice-Chair)
Sera Weiss
Laura Thanasse

Members Absent: Chris Gordon
Jennifer Sault

Other Attendees: Samantha Yew, Deputy Town Clerk
Techa Van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services
Michael Bat, Transportation Analyst
Natalie Kehle, Analyst, Energy and Climate Change
Anca Mihail, Manager, Engineering
Lisa Warth, Manager, Recreation

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Sera Weiss
Seconded by Laura Thanasse

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

Carried

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None

4. Receipt of the Minutes

4.1 Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2020

Moved by Sera Weiss
Seconded by Councillor Kim

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

Carried

5. Delegations

None.

6. Matters for Consideration

6.1 CAC20-007 - Town of Aurora Community Energy Plan

Consultants Susan Hall, Partner and Project Lead, LURA Consulting, and Megan Meaney, Executive Director, ICLEI, provided an overview of the draft Community Energy Plan (CEP) detailing the development of the CEP, energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions produced by the Town, strategies to reduce energy and greenhouse gases, and the implementation of the CEP.

The Committee received the comments of the presentation.

The Committee inquired about the standards for the proposed retrofit programs, and the effect of infill housing on the CEP data, and the Consultants provided clarification noting that participation should not be limited by the age of a home, and that the impact of infill housing is not known.

The Committee inquired about the achievability of the goals noted in the CEP, and if there could be any COVID-19 impacts such as a transportation offset from more people working from home. The Consultants noted that there has been an increased sense of urgency to begin ramping up the implementation of these plans and that there is no COVID-19 related modelling at this time.

The Committee further inquired about the carbon sequestration requirements for new developments, and the Consultants noted that it is addressed in green development planning.

The Committee expressed concerns regarding the active transportation component of the CEP including the required use of a car to get to certain areas of Town, winter weather and servicing, and connections for bikeshare services. Staff noted that there is a proposal for the 2021 budget for a consultant to work on an active transportation masterplan, and the Consultant noted that feasibility is still being assessed.

The Committee suggested encouraging the research and development of seasonal electric vehicles.

Moved by Laura Thanasse

Seconded by Sera Weiss

1. That Report No. CAC20-007 be received; and
2. That the Community Advisory Committee comments regarding the recommendations in the Community Energy Plan be received and referred to staff for consideration and action as appropriate.

Carried

6.2 Memorandum from Manager, Recreation; Re: Community Services Pricing Policy and Ability to Pay - CAC Update

Lisa Warth, Manager, Recreation, provided a presentation regarding the draft Pricing Policy and draft Access Policy, noting that the Policies will be brought forward for Council consideration in early 2021.

The Committee provided feedback regarding the Access Policy subsidy criteria and inquired about the subsidy criteria for life skills programs.

Moved by Laura Thanasse

Seconded by Barry Bridgeford

1. That the memorandum regarding Community Services Pricing Policy and Ability to Pay - CAC Update be received; and
2. That the Community Advisory Committee comments regarding the Community Services Pricing Policy and Ability to Pay project be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

7. Informational Items

7.1 CAC20-004 - Pedestrian Grade Separated Crossings and Future Priority Crossings within Barrie GO Rail Corridor

Staff provided a brief overview of the report. The Committee inquired if the crossings will only accommodate pedestrians, and Staff indicated that the crossings will meet AODA standards and also accommodate bicycles.

Moved by Laura Thanasse

Seconded by Janet Mitchell

1. That Report No. CAC20-004 be received for information.

Carried

8. Adjournment

Moved by Sera Weiss

Seconded by Laura Thanasse

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Carried