



Town of Aurora Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2022
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall

Council Members: Mayor Tom Mrakas (Chair)
 Councillor Wendy Gaertner
 Councillor John Gallo
 Councillor Rachel Gilliland
 Councillor Michael Thompson
 Councillor Ron Weese

Members Absent: Councillor Harold Kim

Other Attendees: Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer
 Allan Downey, Director of Operations
 Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services
 Marco Ramunno, Director of Planning and Development Services
 Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services
 Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director of Finance
 Daniel Bitonti, Acting Manager, Corporate Communications
 Sandy Dhillon, Senior Financial Management Advisor*
 Jason Gaertner, Manager, Financial Management
 Alexander Wray, Manager, By-law Services*
 Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor
 Michael de Rond, Town Clerk
 Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

*Attended electronically

1. Call to Order

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

2. Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Mrakas acknowledged that the meeting took place on Anishinaabe lands, the traditional and Treaty #20 territories of the Chippewas of Georgina Island, recognizing the many other Nations whose presence here continues to this day and the special relationship the Chippewas have with the lands and waters of this territory, and that Aurora has shared responsibility for the stewardship of these lands and waters. It was noted that Aurora is part of the treaty lands of the Mississaugas and Chippewas, recognized through Treaty #13 and the Williams Treaties of 1923.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Gallo, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Weese

Absent (1): Councillor Kim

Carried (6 to 0)

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

None.

7. Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Weese

That the Consent Agenda, items 7.1 to 7.3 inclusive, be approved.

Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Gallo, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Weese

Absent (1): Councillor Kim

Carried (6 to 0)

7.1 Council Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2022

1. That the Council meeting minutes of November 8, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.2 Council Inaugural Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2022

1. That the Council Inaugural meeting minutes of November 15, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7.3 Special Meeting of Council Minutes of November 22, 2022

1. That the Special Meeting of Council minutes of November 22, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

8. Standing Committee Reports

8.1 General Committee Meeting Report of December 6, 2022

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That the General Committee meeting report of December 6, 2022, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved.

Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Gallo, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Weese

Absent (1): Councillor Kim

Carried (6 to 0)

8.1.1 Memorandum from Councillor Gaertner; Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of September 23, 2022

[Memo](#)

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of September 23, 2022, be received for information.

Carried

8.1.2 FIN22-037 - 2023 Fees and Charges Update

[Report](#) [Schedule A](#) [Schedule B](#) [Schedule C](#) [Schedule D](#) [Schedule E](#) [Schedule F](#) [Schedule G](#) [Schedule H](#) [Schedule I](#) [Schedule J](#) [Schedule K](#) [Schedule L](#)

1. That Report No. FIN22-037 be received; and
2. That a by-law be enacted to set the 2023 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

8.1.3 FIN22-036 - 2022 Interim Forecast Update - As of October 31, 2022

[Report](#) [Attachment 1](#) [Attachment 2](#) [Attachment 3](#)

1. That Report No. FIN22-036 be received for information.

Carried

8.1.4 CS22-042 - 2023 Meeting Schedule

[Report](#) [Attachment 1](#)

1. That Report No. CS22-042 be received; and
2. That the 2023 Meeting Schedule (Attachment No. 1) be approved; and
3. That the Town Clerk be authorized to make amendments to the Council and Committee Meeting Calendar as required.

Carried

8.1.5 CS22-043 - Appointment of Members to the Joint Council Committee

[Report](#)

1. That Report No. CS22-043 be received; and

2. That Council appoint Councillor Wendy Gaertner, Councillor John Gallo, and Councillor Rachel Gilliland to the Joint Council Committee.

Carried

8.1.6 York Regional Council Highlights of September 29 and November 10, 2022

[Regional Report](#)

1. That the York Regional Council Highlights of September 29 and November 10, 2022, be received for information.

Carried

New Business Motion No. 1 - Re: Community Presentations 5.1; Jenna Irving, Women of Ontario Say No; Re: Supporting Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

1. That staff be directed to provide a report to Council regarding Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act.

Carried

9. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

9.1 FIN22-039 - 2023 Budget Introduction

Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director of Finance, presented an overview of the 2023 Budget and 10-Year Capital Plan.

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

1. That Report No. FIN22-039 be received; and
2. That the proposed 2023 Budget be referred to Budget Committee for review at the scheduled meetings starting on January 9, 2023.

Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Gallo, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Weese

Absent (1): Councillor Kim

Carried (6 to 0)

10. Motions

10.1 Councillor Gilliland; Re: Feasibility of Proactive Rental Regulations, Safety, and Inspections

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

Whereas Aurora has been home to many emerging rental properties and is expected to grow in the coming years; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora has experienced a large increase in property standards and safety concerns that are currently complaint driven; and

Whereas a licensing and inspection program could assist in a proactive approach to ensure safety of the tenants and respect current municipal property standards by-laws; and

Whereas other municipalities have an inspection and licensing system in place to assist in a streamlined, proactive approach in addressing these concerns;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That:

- a. Staff report back on the feasibility and implications of implementing a proactive property inspection program for rental apartment buildings and rental residential units including secondary suites; and
- b. Staff report back on the feasibility and implications of implementing a Residential Rental Unit licensing system; and
- c. Staff report back in collaboration with Central York Fire Services (CYFS) in respect to safety inspections.

Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Gallo, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Weese

Absent (1): Councillor Kim

Carried (6 to 0)

11. New Business

Councillor Gaertner referred to complaints from residents regarding leaves on streets and clogged catch basins and inquired about plans for street cleaning. Staff provided a response and agreed to follow up on the areas identified by the Councillor.

Councillor Gilliland expressed appreciation to staff for their quick response and ongoing attention to the parking issues on Yonge Street and the sidewalk plow matter.

Councillor Weese advised that residents in the northwest corner area of Wellington Street East and St. John's Sideroad are requesting that the matter of a crosswalk installation be revisited, and the Mayor provided a response.

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the marked parking spaces on Yonge Street in the Irwin Avenue area, and the Mayor provided a response.

Councillor Gallo inquired about whether a skating rink would be installed again at Queen's Diamond Jubilee Park, and staff agreed to follow up with the Councillor.

Councillor Gilliland referred to the safety concerns of residents regarding an on-street, marked parking space in close proximity to an apartment building driveway, and staff agreed to follow up with the Councillor.

12. By-laws

12.1 By-law Number 6465-22 - Being a By-law to levy Interim Property Taxes for the 2023 taxation year.

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Weese

That the By-laws item 12.1 be enacted.

Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Gallo, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Weese

Absent (1): Councillor Kim

Carried (6 to 0)

13. Closed Session

None.

14. Confirming By-law

14.1 By-law Number 6466-22 Being a By-law to confirm actions by Council resulting from a Council meeting on December 13, 2022

Moved by Councillor Gilliland
Seconded by Councillor Gallo

That the confirming by-law be enacted.

Carried

15. Adjournment

Mayor Mrakas extended a reminder about Aurora's Menorah Lighting Ceremony being held on Monday, December 19, 2022, at Town Hall.

The Mayor, on behalf of Council, offered Season's Greetings to residents and wished everyone a safe, happy holiday and a Happy New Year.

Moved by Councillor Gilliland
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk