



**Town of Aurora
Budget Committee
(Capital Budget Review)
Meeting Report**

Date: Saturday, January 14, 2023
Time: 9 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall

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

Other Attendees: Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer*
 Allan Downey, Director, Operations
 Robin McDougall, Director, Community Services
 Marco Ramunno, Director, Planning and Development Services
 Techa van Leeuwen, Director, Corporate Services
 Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director, Finance
 Jason Gaertner, Manager, Financial Management
 Daniel Bitonti, Acting Manager, Corporate Communications*
 Doug Bertrand, Manager, Facilities
 Sandeep Dhillon, Senior Financial Management Advisor
 Tracy Evans, Financial Management Advisor*
 Mohamedali Kamalia, Financial Management Advisor
 Anca Mihail, Manager, Engineering and Capital Delivery*
 Michael Mulvenna, Manager, Information Technology
 Michael de Rond, Town Clerk
 Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

*Attended electronically

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Budget Committee consented to recess the meeting at 12 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:34 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Budget Committee acknowledged that the meeting took place on Anishinaabe lands, the traditional and treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island, recognizing the many other Nations whose presence here continues to this day, 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

Budget Committee approved the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, on a two-thirds majority vote, with the addition of a delegation from Wendy Kenyon, Resident; Re: Capital Project No. 31124 - Henderson Drive - Wildlife Passage.

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. Delegations

5.1 Wendy Kenyon, Resident; Re: Capital Project No. 31124 - Henderson Drive - Wildlife Passage

Wendy Kenyon, on behalf of local turtle volunteer group Turtle Tias, provided background and a brief overview of the importance of the natural animal movement corridor in protecting species at risk and preserving biodiversity, and expressed concerns regarding the increasing safety issues on Henderson Drive in this area for both humans and wildlife. She requested that the planned construction of a new sidewalk on the south side of Henderson—from Bathurst to Watts Meadow—be reconsidered as

it would have a devastating effect on the current painted turtle nests and future hatchlings. Ms. Kenyon further suggested that the new culvert and retaining wall replacement be included elsewhere in the budget, and she thanked Council and staff for recognizing the importance of this project.

Budget Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation regarding the proposed wildlife ecopassage to Asset Management Capital Project No. 31124 (page 16-102).

6. Consideration of Items

6.1 2023 Capital Budget Review

6.1.1 Review of 2023 Proposed Asset Management Capital Projects

([Binder Tab 16](#))

It was noted that the following proposed Asset Management Capital Projects have been removed from the 2023 Budget:

- Operational Services – Fleet
34415 - Roads - Chev/1500 (#3-20)
71137 - Parks - 3/4 Ton Pickup (#204-21)

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the 2023 Draft Asset Management Capital Projects be received; and
2. That the **following** 2023 Draft Asset Management Capital Projects be approved as presented; **and**
 - Community Services – Facilities
72111 - Building Automation System Replacement
72484 - Inverter Batteries - Multi-sites
 - Community Services – Programs
73324 - Pet Cemetery Restoration
74040 - AFLC Fitness Equipment Replacement (2023/2024)
 - Operational Services – Operations
34019 - Streetlight Pole Replacement (2023)
 - Operational Services – Fleet
34262 - Vehicle Radio Upgrade

34454 - Roads - Asphalt Hot Box (#88-22)

34470 - Facilities - Ice Resurfacer (#596-21)

- Operational Services – Parks
73341 - Butternut Ridge Trail Construction
- Planning and Development Services – Roads
31156 - Pavement Condition Assessment (2023)
31178 - Reconstruction of Poplar Cres
31199 - Road Resurfacing - Gurnett St, Kennedy St E, Victoria St
31205 - M&O - Kennedy St W, Trillium Dr, Meadowood Dr, Treegrove Circle, McKinnley Gate, Klaimen Crt, Lenarthur Crt, Springburn Cres
31206 - M&O - Avondale Cres, Centre St, Earl Stewart Dr, McMaster Ave, Heathwood Heights Dr
- Planning and Development Services – Water
43060 - Watermain Decommissioning - 15408/15390 Yonge St
- Planning and Development Services – Stormwater
42078 - Sediment removal and remediation - Ponds C1, C4
42079 - Devlin Place Stream Rehabilitation
42080 - Jones Court Stream Rehabilitation
42083 - Willow Farm Lane Stream Rehabilitation
42090 - Sediment removal and remediation - Ponds SC2, WC5
- Finance – Information Technology
14093 - Council Chamber A/V Technology
14111 - CyberSecurity Vulnerability Services
14112 - CyberSecurity SIEM Services
14116 - Data Centre Upgrades - Cybersecurity (2023)
14118 - Uninterruptable Power Supply Refresh
14120 - Legal Management System
14124 - Data Centre Equipment Replacement (2023-2026)
14128 - Cybersecurity Software (2023)
14131 - Unplanned - Emergency Repairs Contingency (2023)

3. That the following 2023 Draft Asset Management Capital Projects, which were pulled for discussion, be approved as presented; and

- Community Services – Facilities
 - 72470 - SARC - Replacement of Competitive Starting Blocks
 - 72473 - SARC - Enclosed Outdoor Preschool Area
 - 72477 - Unplanned - Emergency Repairs Contingency (2023)
 - 72480 - SARC - Ice Plant Arena Rehabilitation
 - 72481 - CYFS - Facilities Placeholder (BCA)
 - 72482 - Recreation Centre - Facility Placeholder (BCA)
 - 72483 - Library Elevator Pit Waterproofing
- Operational Services – Operations
 - 34016 - Retaining Wall Repair - 1 Community Centre Lane and 25 Falling Leaf Crt
 - 34017 - Guiderail Replacement - Marksbury Crt
 - 34018 - Replace Asphalt Multi-use Path on Bayview Ave - River Ridge Blvd to Borealis Ave; Borealis Ave to Spring Farm Rd
 - 41015 - Structural Lining of Sanitary Sewer Mains and Laterals (2023-2026)
- Operational Services – Fleet
 - 34163 - Facilities - Replacement of GMC Savana Van to 1/2 Ton (#502-23)
 - 34431 - Roads - 3/4 Ton Pickup (#23-21)
- Operational Services – Parks
 - 73237 - Pathway Paving - various park trails
- Planning and Development Services – Roads
 - 31113 - M&O and Underground Infrastructure Rehabilitation - Murray Dr, Kennedy St W, Pinehurst Crt, Wiles Crt
 - 31204 - M&O - Industrial Pkwy N, Earl Stewart Dr, Mosley St, Larmont St
 - 72466 - Parking Lot Rehabilitation - SARC
- Finance – Information Technology
 - 14115 - Cluster Replacement at Town Hall
 - 14123 - End User Equipment Replacement (2023-2026)
 - 14125 - Mobile Equipment Replacement (2023-2026)

4. That the following 2023 Draft Asset Management Capital Project, which was pulled for discussion, be approved without the construction of a new sidewalk; and
 - Planning and Development Services – Roads
31124 - Henderson Dr – Culvert Replacement with Wildlife Passage
5. That the following 2023 Draft Asset Management Capital Project, which was pulled for discussion, be approved with a railing option; and
 - Operational Services – Operations
34014 - Railing Replacement - 15347 Yonge St, 37 Harriman Rd
6. That the following 2023 Draft Asset Management Capital Projects, which were pulled for discussion, be given conditional budget approval pending additional information to Council; and
 - Community Services – Facilities
72412 - Work Station Refresh Carpet Paint
72478 - Sports Dome - Air Conditioning
72479 - Town Hall - 3rd Floor LED Lighting
 - Operational Services – Operations
34015 - Engineered Walkway Reconstruction - Moffat Cres to Valley Dr and Crawford Rose to Devins Dr
 - Operational Services – Fleet
34434 - Roads - 6 Ton Diesel Dump with Sander (#26-22)
71159 - Parks - Zero Turn Mower (#245:251-22)
 - Operational Services – Parks
73217 - Playground Replacement, Walkway Repaving, Basketball Resurfacing - Summit Park
7. That the following 2023 Draft Asset Management Capital Project, which was pulled for discussion, be given conditional budget approval pending a report to Council:
 - Operational Services – Parks
72281 - AFLC - Skate Park Reconstruction (conditionally approved 2022)

Carried

6.1.2 Review of 2023 Proposed Growth and New Capital Projects

([Binder Tab 17](#))

It was noted that the following proposed Growth and New Capital Project has been removed from the 2023 Budget:

- Community Services – Programs
74033 - Cultural Action Plan Implementation (2023)

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the 2023 Draft Growth and New Capital Projects be received; and
2. That the **following** 2023 Draft Growth and New Capital Projects be approved as presented; **and**
 - Community Services – Programs
73347 - Pet Cemetery Fencing
74025 - AV Equipment for Combined Virtual/In-Person Programming
74026 - Snoezelen Room/Sensory Room
74044 - Water Refill Station Trailer
 - Operational Services – Fleet
24024 - Bylaw - SUV x2 (New)
34565 - Conveyer or Material Stacker (New)
34566 - SUV - Roads Technician (New)
71060 - Facilities - 1/2 Ton Truck (New)
71092 - Facilities - Van - Aurora Town Square (New)
 - Operational Services – Parks
73085 - Arboretum Development
73355 - Tree Inventory (2023)
 - Planning and Development Services – Traffic
34519 - Traffic Calming as per 2019 DC Study (conditionally approved 2022)
34569 - Traffic Control Signals at Wellington St E and Kaleia Ave/Elyse Crt

- Operational Services
73338 - St. Anne's School Park (conditionally approved 2022)
 - Finance
14088 - Outdoor Wi-Fi Implementation (conditionally approved 2022)
3. **That the following 2023 Draft Growth and New Capital Projects, which were pulled for discussion, be approved as presented; and**
- Finance – Information Technology
14101 - Permit Occupancy Application
14102 - Garbage Tag Portal
4. **That the following 2023 Draft Growth and New Capital Project, which was pulled for discussion, be given conditional budget approval pending additional information to Council; and**
- Planning and Development Services – Traffic
34570 - Train Whistle Cessation at St. John's Sdrd Grade Crossing

Carried

6.1.3 Review of 2023 Proposed Studies and Other Capital Projects

[\(Binder Tab 18\)](#)

It was noted that the following proposed Studies and Other Capital Project has been removed from the 2023 Budget:

- Finance
14108 - Asset Management Plan Update - Phase 3

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the 2023 Draft Studies and Other Capital Projects be received; and
2. That the **following** 2023 Draft Studies and Other Capital Projects be approved as presented; **and**

- Operational Services
 - 34038 - Salt Management Plan Update
 - 41014 - Condition Assessment of all Sanitary Pumping Stations and 1 Water Booster Station
 - 73332 - Urban Forestry Study (2022/23)
 - Planning and Development Services
 - 41012 - Wastewater Hydraulic Model
 - 42811 - Energy Conservation Demand Management Plan (ECDMP) (2023)
 - 42813 - Energy Retrofit Program Business Case
 - 42819 - Natural Capital Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure
 - 43064 - Water Hydraulic Model - Upgrade
 - 81001 - Official Plan Review/Conformity to Places to Grow
 - 81029 - Zoning By-law Update
 - Finance
 - 14110 - Water Rate Study
3. **That the following 2023 Draft Studies and Other Capital Projects, which were pulled for discussion, be approved as presented; and**
- Community Services
 - 74027 - Recreation Needs Assessment for Persons with Disabilities
 - Operational Services
 - 73288 - LED Sports Light Conversion
 - Planning and Development Services
 - 81030 - Economic Development Strategic Plan
 - Finance
 - 14067 - DC Background Study - 2024
4. **That the following 2023 Draft Studies and Other Capital Projects, which were pulled for discussion, be given conditional budget approval pending a report to Council:**
- Finance
 - 14106 - Security Awareness Training

- Corporate Services
13026 - Risk Management (conditionally approved 2022)

Carried

6.1.4 Review of Closed Capital Projects

[\(Binder Tab 19\)](#)

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the Closed Capital Projects be received for information.

Carried

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.