



## Town of Aurora Budget Committee Meeting Report

**Date:** Monday, January 23, 2023  
**Time:** 6 p.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\*  
 Tracy Evans, Financial Management Advisor\*  
 Mohamedali Kamalia, Financial Management Advisor\*  
 Laura Sheardown, Financial Management Advisor\*  
 Michael de Rond, Town Clerk  
 Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator  
 Palak Mehta, Council/Committee Coordinator

\*Attended electronically

### 1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:01 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.

## 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

None.

## 6. Consideration of Items

### 6.1 FIN23-002 - 2023 Budget Information

**Budget Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. FIN23-002 be received; and
2. That staff work with the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) to develop a ward budget policy and that it be established in the 2024 budget; **and**
3. That Council remuneration be reviewed in 2023.

**Carried as amended**

### 6.2 CMS23-003 - Aurora Cultural Centre 2023 Funding Request

**Budget Committee recommends:**

1. That Report No. CMS23-003 be received; and

2. That the request for the 2023 Operating Grant to the Aurora Cultural Centre in the amount of \$454,300 be approved; and
3. That up to a maximum of \$175,600 in funding from the Aurora Town Square Operating budget to offset any relocation-driven operating expenses experienced by the Aurora Cultural Centre be approved; and
4. That the requested increase to the base funding for 2023 Operating Grant to the Aurora Cultural Centre in the amount of \$84,460 be approved; and
5. That the Aurora Cultural Centre base funding increase of \$84,460 be funded by an equivalent one-time contribution from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve (Option 3).

**Carried**

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.