



**Town of Aurora  
Heritage Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Monday, March 18, 2024  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Tannery Room, Aurora Town Hall

**Committee Members:** Councillor John Gallo (Chair)  
Cynthia Bettio  
John Green, Aurora Historical Society Representative  
Kevin Hughes\*  
Bob McRoberts, Honourary Member

**Members Absent:** David Heard

**Other Attendees:** Mayor Tom Mrakas (ex officio member)  
Adam Robb, Manager, Policy Planning and Heritage  
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

\*Attended electronically

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**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

The 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**

**Moved by** John Green

**Seconded by** Bob McRoberts

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

**Carried**

**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. Receipt of the Minutes**

**5.1 Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2024**

**Moved by** Cynthia Bettio

**Seconded by** Bob McRoberts

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2024, be received for information.

**Carried**

**6. Delegations**

None.

**7. Matters for Consideration**

**7.1 Round Table Discussion: Re: Interactive Mapping and Research Project**

The Committee presented and proposed an initiative to map and chronicle the evolution and historical significance of properties, and their owners, in Aurora by means of a pilot project with the research assistance of students through a partnership with local schools. The Committee and staff discussed the project parameters and options for student involvement, such as through a co-op program. Committee members

agreed to follow up with local school administrators and report back to the Committee on the viability of the project.

**Moved by** Bob McRoberts

**Seconded by** John Green

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee comments regarding the Interactive Mapping and Research Project be received for information.

**Carried**

**8. Informational Items**

None.

**9. New Business**

The Committee shared a communication relayed through the Aurora Historical Society from a community group in the village of Schomberg, located in the Township of King, regarding an initiative to designate the core of their main street as a heritage conservation district. A bus tour is planned for June 2024 to allow community members to learn about the process and success of neighbouring heritage conservation districts. Staff agreed to respond to the organizers to coordinate a viewing and discussion of Aurora's Northeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District.

**10. Adjournment**

**Moved by** Bob McRoberts

**Seconded by** Cynthia Bettio

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

**Carried**