



Town of Aurora Special Meeting of Council Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2024
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall

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

Members Absent: Councillor Michael Thompson
Councillor Harold Kim

Other Attendees: Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer
Robin McDougall, Director, Community Services
Sara Tienkamp, Director, Operational Services
Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director, Finance
Michael de Rond, Town Clerk
Emily Freitas, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Mrakas 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 Councillor Weese

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Yeas (5): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, and Councillor Gallo

Absent (2): Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Kim

Carried (5 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. Delegations

None.

6. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion

6.1 FIN24-017 - Water and Wastewater User Rate Review Public Consultation

Derek Ali, President, DFA Infrastructure International Inc., presented an overview of the Water and Wastewater User Rate Review and discussed the current rate structure and its challenges, rate structure options, and customer impacts for each rate structure option. They further discussed the phases of the rate study process, the current situation including the two-tier service delivery structure and residential vs. non-residential consumption, cost recovery allocation, and the municipal comparison of residential user annual costs, concluding with the next steps to adopt the 2025 Water and Wastewater Rates.

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Weese

1. That Report No. FIN24-017 be received; and
2. That any new comments, questions, and suggestions arising from the Public Meeting be referred to staff for consideration.

Yeas (5): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, and Councillor Gallo

Absent (2): Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Kim

Carried (5 to 0)

7. Confirming By-law

7.1 By-law Number 6589-24 - Being a By-law to confirm actions by Council resulting from a Special Meeting of Council on March 26, 2024

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the confirming by-law be enacted.

Carried

8. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Weese

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk