

Council Highlights



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Highlights of the Meeting of Council on Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Public Art Policy and Master Plan

Council directed staff to develop a Public Art Policy as well as a Public Art Master Plan for Council's consideration. The Town has contributed funds to a Public Art Reserve Fund as part of three recent capital projects; however, there is currently no policy to acquire public art in a transparent way and to direct how the funds will be used to integrate art into public spaces. The development of such a policy and plan will include broad community and stakeholder engagement and will be informed by industry best practice. The policy and plan are expected to be brought back to Council for consideration in the fall of 2021.

Green Fleet Action Plan

Council endorsed the Green Fleet Action Plan, which outlines the steps being taken by the Town to support green initiatives and reduce greenhouse gas emissions across the organization. In 2019, Council approved the Town's Fleet Management Strategy which laid out recommendations to streamline asset management practices and create a more efficient fleet management approach – including reducing the Town's carbon footprint and greening the fleet. Priority actions to be implemented in 2021-2022 to green the Town's fleet include: use of GPS data to optimize routes used by fleet vehicles, conversion to LED lights, automatic engine shut-off technology, continued implementation of the Town's anti-idling policy, and improved driver training.

Promenade Secondary Plan Review

Mayor Mrakas presented a motion authorizing staff to initiate a review of the Promenade Secondary Plan in conjunction with the Official Plan update. The motion was approved. The intent of the review would be to implement a new vision for the Yonge and Wellington corridors, with a focus on economic development and downtown revitalization.

Vibration Study for Intensification Projects in Aurora Promenade

Councillor Gilliland presented a motion requesting that consideration be given as part of the Official Plan Review to including a policy requiring a vibration study for intensification projects in the Aurora Promenade and Major Transit Station Area where heritage homes and a heritage district are identified. The motion was approved.



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The next meetings of Council are as follows:

- General Committee Meeting – Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 7 p.m.
- General Committee Meeting – Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 7 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, March 30, 2021, 7 p.m.

All meetings are being held virtually in accordance with health guidelines. To delegate at a meeting, please visit aurora.ca/participation for further information. To view a live meeting, visit aurora.ca/livecouncilmeeting.

Comprehensive minutes of Aurora Town Council meetings, which detail the full list of Council decisions, are available under **Agendas and Minutes** on the Town of Aurora website. Minutes are available on the Friday afternoon following Council.

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