

Council Highlights



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Highlights of the Meeting of Council on Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Phragmites Remediation

Council approved a Phragmites Control Program utilizing chemical herbicide for treatment and controlled burn. 'Phragmites Australis' is an invasive perennial grass that has a significant affect on native plants and wildlife, along with coastal/wetland and lake habitats. Chemical herbicide is the most effective control, followed by controlled burn of biomass. The Phragmites Control Program's incremental annual costs will be included in the Town's proposed 2023 operating budget and staff will continue to explore grant funding opportunities as they become available, which could offset funding needs for phragmites control projects.

Deputy Mayor Options

The Town's adoption of a ward system, effective for the 2022 municipal election has necessitated a change in the way the Deputy Mayor is selected. Council approved staff recommendation to institute a rotation of the Deputy Mayor position which ensures equitable treatment to Members of Council. The Deputy Mayor is not an elected position and has no formal power.

Application for Site Plan Approval, York Region District School Board

Council approved the site plan application for 377 Hartwell Way for the development of a future two-storey elementary school with accessory childcare facility, to be fully developed and occupied by September 2024.

Motion to Update Registration of Second Suites By-Law

Council passed a [motion](#) presented by Councillor Gaertner to direct staff to bring forward updates to the Registration of the Second Suites By-Law to address safety concerns and at a minimum, ensure homes with secondary suites have a hardwired fire alarm system and a second means of emergency escape. The Town of Aurora permits second suite dwelling units in detached dwellings, semi-detached dwellings, and link house dwellings subject to certain zoning provisions and all second suites must be registered with Building Services.

Motion for a Committee to Report on Lessons Learned from Highland Gate Development

Council passed a motion presented by Councillor Gaertner to recommend to Council, that a Task Force be formed next term, to review lessons learned from the Highland Gate development.

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