



## TOWN OF AURORA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers  
Aurora Town Hall  
Tuesday, May 27, 2014

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### ATTENDANCE

<b>COUNCIL MEMBERS</b>	Mayor Dawe in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Buck, Gaertner, Gallo, Humfries, Pirri, and Thompson (arrived 7:02 p.m.)
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	Councillor Ballard
<b>OTHER ATTENDEES</b>	Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services (Acting Chief Administrative Officer), Director of Building and Bylaw Services, Director of Corporate and Financial Services/Treasurer, Director of Legal and Legislative Services/Town Solicitor, Director of Parks and Recreation Services, Director of Planning and Development Services, Town Clerk, and Council/Committee Secretary

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Mayor Dawe called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

### 1. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

Councillors Buck, Gaertner, and Gallo declared a conflict of interest to Item 10(ii)(b) "Motion for Which Notice Has Been Given, Councillor Abel; Re: Code of Conduct", as they are all involved in litigation currently before the courts.

### 2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by Councillor Pirri**

**Seconded by Councillor Buck**

THAT the agenda as circulated by Legal and Legislative Services, **with the following additions**, be approved:

- Replacement Pages 1-11  
Re: Council Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2014
- Additional Information Re: Delegation (a) Anna Kroeplin, representing Aurora Farmers' Market & Artisan Fair; Re: Aurora Farmers' Market
- Delegation (b) David Heard  
Re: Item 10(ii)(f) Motion for Which Notice has Been Given, Councillor Buck, Re: Farmers' Market
- Delegation (c) Klaus Wehrenberg  
Re: Item 1(8) – CFS14-003 – Consolidation and Definition of Reserve Funds

**CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**Council Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2014**

***Moved by Councillor Buck***

***Seconded by Councillor Pirri***

THAT the Council meeting minutes of May 6, 2014 be adopted as printed and circulated ***on the additional items agenda.***

**CARRIED**

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

- (a) Michael Walters, General Manager, Watershed Management  
Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority  
Re: An Introduction to RainScaping – Low Impact Development**

Mr. Walters presented a brief overview of the RainScaping program and its benefit for the watershed. He noted that the Addison Hall Business Park is an example of where the program is being implemented in Aurora.

***Moved by Councillor Buck***

***Seconded by Councillor Gallo***

THAT the presentation be received for information.

**CARRIED**

- (b) Fire Chief Ian Laing, Central York Fire Services  
Re: 2013 Annual Report**

Chief Laing presented the 2013 Annual Report including information on fire prevention, vulnerable occupancies, fire code inspections, training, emergency response, budget, and overtime. He also advised that the Fire Master Plan would be presented at the Joint Council Committee meeting in July.

***Moved by Councillor Pirri***

***Seconded by Councillor Thompson***

THAT the presentation be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**5. PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Thompson extended a reminder that Cardinal Carter Catholic High School will be hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual E-waste event on May 31, 2014 with proceeds donated to charity.

Councillor Humfryes reminded everyone that Relay for Life would be taking place on June 6, 2014 at Magna International.

Councillor Gaertner congratulated the volunteers that were celebrated at the Community Recognition Awards and thanked all volunteers for their time and effort in serving the community.

Councillor Buck expressed her appreciation to staff for the wonderful job they did on the Community Recognition Awards event held on May 26, 2014 at the Aurora Seniors' Centre.

Mayor Dawe extended congratulations to the Community Recognition Award recipients and to the 2014 Citizen of the Year, Beverley Wood, and expressed special thanks to our Corporate Communications Events Co-ordinator, Erika Vilmanis, and our many staff volunteers for making this a very memorable evening.

Mayor Dawe advised of the tremendous success of two recent waste events where more than 300 volunteers collected 2.03 tonnes of litter at the Town's Anti-Litter Day clean-up event and where the Town teamed with Global Electric Electronic Processing (GEEP) to collect 7.5 tonnes of electronic waste and 225 kilograms of gently used clothing items.

Mayor Dawe issued a friendly reminder that the Outdoor Water Use By-law for even-day, odd-day watering was now in effect until September 30, 2014.

Mayor Dawe noted that the Town was looking for members between the ages of 12 and 17 for the Youth Engagement Committee and that details could be found at [www.aurora.ca/yec](http://www.aurora.ca/yec).

Mayor Dawe announced that staff will be re-painting the centre lines on Town roads over the next few weeks between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m and that residents are asked to refrain from parking on the street to give work crews ample space.

Mayor Dawe advised that York Region is hosting a series of open houses on June 3, 10 and 11, 2014 to discuss the Greenbelt and Oak Ridges Conservation Plan and that those interested could email [futureyork@york.ca](mailto:futureyork@york.ca) for more information.

Mayor Dawe announced that the Government of Ontario was accepting nominations for the 2014 Senior Achievement Award Program with nominations due by June 15, 2014 and that those seeking more information could call the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat at 416-314-7526.

Mayor Dawe invited the public to attend a Commemoration ceremony for Queen's Diamond Jubilee Park to be held on June 17, 2014.

Mayor Dawe extended a reminder to come to the Chamber Street Festival on June 1, 2014.

Mayor Dawe announced that June is Recreation & Parks Month and recommended reviewing the website [www.aurora.ca](http://www.aurora.ca) to view the listing of the free events scheduled.

## **6. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

Items 1 (sub-items 8 and 10) and 3 were identified for discussion.

## **7. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

Items 1 (with the exception of sub-items 8 and 10), 2, 4, and 5 were identified as items not requiring separate discussion.

**Moved by Councillor Gallo**

**Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

THAT the following recommendations with respect to the matters listed as "Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion" be adopted as submitted to Council and staff be authorized to take all necessary action required to give effect to same:

### **1. General Committee Meeting Report of May 20, 2014**

THAT the General Committee meeting report of May 20, 2014 be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee, **with the exception of sub-items 8 and 10**, be approved.

**2. PL14-040 – Interim Control By-law  
Medical Marihuana Production Facilities  
File No. D14-02-14**

THAT report PL14-040 be received; and

THAT Council direct staff to undertake a study regarding Medical Marihuana Production Facilities to determine the appropriate location and zoning for such a use; and

THAT Council enact Interim Control By-law No. 5626-14 to prohibit the use of Employment Lands for Medical Marihuana Production Facilities (MMPFs) for a period of one (1) year.

**4. Memorandum from Manager, Bylaw Services  
Re: Correspondence received from Linda Maunder  
Re: Taste of Gratitude Event**

THAT the memorandum regarding Correspondence received from Linda Maunder regarding Taste of Gratitude Event be received; and

THAT Council approve an exemption to the Noise By-law on June 19, 2014 for the Taste of Gratitude Event.

**5. Memorandum from Mayor Dawe  
Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Highlights, April 25, 2014  
Meeting of the Board**

THAT the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Highlights – April 25, 2014 – Meeting of the Board be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**8. DELEGATIONS**

**(a) Anna Kroeplin, representing Aurora Farmers' Market & Artisan Fair  
Re: Aurora Farmers' Market**

Ms. Kroeplin presented an overview of the Aurora Farmers' Market and provided information on the administration and committee structure that governs the Market.

***Moved by Councillor Buck***

***Seconded by Councillor Humfryes***

THAT the comments of the delegate be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**(b) David Heard, Resident  
Re: Item 10(ii)(f) Motion for Which Notice has Been Given, Councillor Buck  
Re: Farmers' Market**

(Added item)

Mr. Heard requested Council's support for a review of the Aurora Farmers' Market By-law.

***Moved by Councillor Gallo***

***Seconded by Councillor Buck***

THAT the comments of the delegate be received for information.

**CARRIED**

- (c) **Klaus Wehrenberg, Resident**  
**Re: Item 1(8) – CFS14-003 – Consolidation and Definition of Reserve Funds**  
(Added item)

Mr. Wehrenberg inquired about why the Trails Donation Fund that was established in 2013 was not included in the report, what policies govern the setting up of donations and reserve accounts, and whether forms were drafted and produced to facilitate donations to reserve accounts. He also provided his opinion on possible uses for the Hydro Fund.

**Moved by Councillor Pirri**

**Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

THAT the comments of the delegate be received and referred to Item 1(8).

**CARRIED**

**9. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

1. **General Committee Meeting Report of May 20, 2014**  
(8) **CFS14-003 – Consolidation and Definition of Reserve Funds**

**Main motion**

**Moved by Councillor Pirri**

**Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

THAT report CFS14-003 be received; and

THAT the reserve fund consolidations set out in Table 1 of report CFS14-003 be approved except for the transfer of the War Memorial Reserve to the Parks Repair and Replacement Reserve; and

THAT the Fire Training Reserve Fund be transferred to the Central York Fire Services Asset Replacement Fund, maintained by the Town of Newmarket, under the expenditure control of the Joint Council Committee, and that such transfer occur upon the passing of a similar resolution by the Town of Newmarket transferring their Fire Training Reserve balance; and

THAT staff bring forward the necessary by-law to amend the Town's Reserve Fund By-Law adding the schedules presented in Attachments 2 through 18.

**Amendment**

**Moved by Councillor Gaertner**

**Seconded by Councillor Pirri**

THAT the motion be amended to add the following as clause numbers 3 and 4:

THAT staff be directed to send a letter to the donor of the Heron Annuity Reserve; and

THAT the consolidation of the Heron Annuity Reserve be completed upon receipt of written consent from the donor Heron Homes, or the expiry of 60 days from the date of the staff letter, whichever occurs first.

**Amendment to the amendment**

**Moved by Councillor Pirri**

**Seconded by Councillor Gallo**

THAT the amendment to Item 1(8) be amended by inserting the word "**only**" after the word "completed" and inserting the phrase "**where no response from Heron Homes is received**" after "staff letter" in the second clause.

**The amendment to the amendment CARRIED.**

**The amendment CARRIED.**

**Main motion as amended**  
**Moved by Councillor Pirri**

**Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

THAT report CFS14-003 be received; and

THAT the reserve fund consolidations set out in table 1 of report CFS14-003 be approved except for the transfer of the War Memorial Reserve to the Parks Repair and Replacement Reserve; and

**THAT staff be directed to send a letter to the donor of the Heron Annuity Reserve; and**

**THAT the consolidation of the Heron Annuity Reserve be completed only upon receipt of written consent from the donor Heron Homes, or the expiry of 60 days from the date of the staff letter where no response from Heron Homes is received, whichever occurs first; and**

THAT the Fire Training Reserve Fund be transferred to the Central York Fire Services Asset Replacement Fund, maintained by the Town of Newmarket, under the expenditure control of the Joint Council Committee, and that such transfer occur upon the passing of a similar resolution by the Town of Newmarket transferring their Fire Training Reserve balance; and

THAT staff bring forward the necessary by-law to amend the Town's Reserve Fund By-Law adding the schedules presented in attachments 2 through 18.

**On a recorded vote the motion CARRIED.**

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 2

VOTING YEAS: Councillors Abel, Gallo, Humfryes, Pirri, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe

VOTING NAYS: Councillors Buck and Gaertner

ABSENT: Councillor Ballard

Mayor Dawe relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Abel at 8:31 p.m.

**1. General Committee Meeting Report of May 20, 2014**  
**(10) IES14-026 – Solid Waste By-law Update and Clear Bag Status**

**Main motion**  
**Moved by Mayor Dawe**

**Seconded by Councillor Buck**

THAT report IES14-026 be received for information.

**Amendment**  
**Moved by Mayor Dawe**

**Seconded by Councillor Pirri**

THAT the motion be amended to add the following additional clauses:

THAT the request for approval of a clear bag program be brought back to Council in January 2015 for a proposed launch of June 2015; and

THAT staff immediately begin a process of public education and engagement on the clear bag initiative as part of an overall waste diversion strategy using internal resources; and

THAT staff bring forward By-law number 5590-14, "BEING A BY-LAW for the collection of solid waste and recyclable materials in the Town of Aurora" to a future Council meeting for enactment, exclusive of the clear bag program.

**On a recorded vote the first clause of the motion to amend CARRIED.**

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 2

VOTING YEAS: Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Gallo Humfryes, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe

VOTING NAYS: Councillors Buck and Pirri

ABSENT: Councillor Ballard

**On a recorded vote the second clause of the motion to amend CARRIED.**

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 1

VOTING YEAS: Councillors Abel, Buck, Gallo, Humfryes, Pirri, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe

VOTING NAYS: Councillor Gaertner

ABSENT: Councillor Ballard

**On a recorded vote the third clause of the motion to amend CARRIED.**

YEAS: 8

NAYS: 0

VOTING YEAS: Councillors Abel, Buck, Gaertner, Gallo Humfryes, Pirri, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe

VOTING NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councillor Ballard

**Main motion as amended  
Moved by Mayor Dawe**

**Seconded by Councillor Pirri**

THAT report IES14-026 be received; *and*

***THAT the request for approval of a clear bag program be brought back to Council in January 2015 for a proposed launch of June 2015; and***

***THAT staff immediately begin a process of public education and engagement on the clear bag initiative as part of an overall waste diversion strategy using internal resources; and***

***THAT staff bring forward By-law number 5590-14, "BEING A BY-LAW for the collection of solid waste and recyclable materials in the Town of Aurora" to a future Council meeting for enactment, exclusive of the clear bag program.***

**On a recorded vote the main motion as amended CARRIED.**

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 2

VOTING YEAS: Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Gallo, Humfryes, Thompson,  
and Mayor Dawe

VOTING NAYS: Councillors Buck and Pirri

ABSENT: Councillor Ballard

Mayor Dawe resumed the Chair at 9:12 p.m.

**3. Memorandum from Director of Corporate & Financial Services/Treasurer  
Re: Cheque Signing By-law**

***Moved by Councillor Thompson***

***Seconded by Councillor Abel***

THAT the memorandum regarding Cheque Signing By-law be received for information.

**On a recorded vote the motion CARRIED.**

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 1

VOTING YEAS: Councillors Abel, Buck, Gallo, Humfryes, Pirri, Thompson,  
and Mayor Dawe

VOTING NAYS: Councillor Gaertner

ABSENT: Councillor Ballard

**10. NOTICES OF MOTION/MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

***(i) Notices of Motion***

**(a) Councillor Buck  
Re: Staff Vacation Entitlement Policy**

WHEREAS it is not clear that full-time employees may be financially compensated for unused vacation time; and

WHEREAS Clause 3.2 of the 2005 version of Administrative Policy No. 18 (Vacation Entitlement) states that vacation must be taken by an employee within the schedule year or it will be relinquished by the employee; and

WHEREAS Clause 5 of the current version of Policy No. 18, approved in 2012, states that vacation can be carried over but must be used by December in the following year; and

WHEREAS financial compensation for unused vacation time is not stated as an alternative to carry-over in the currently approved version of Policy No. 18.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the currently approved version of Policy No. 18 and staff report CFS12-002 be re-presented to Council for review and for clarification by staff.



**(ii) Motions for Which Notice Has Been Given**

**Moved by Councillor Abel**

**Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

THAT Item 10(ii)(f) "Motion for Which Notice Has Been Given, Councillor Buck; Re: Farmers' Market", be moved forward for consideration.

**CARRIED**

**(f) Councillor Buck  
Re: Farmers' Market**

The motion was not considered as it was not seconded.

**(a) Councillor Buck  
Re: Change in Wording to Provide Clarity in Zoning By-law**

**Main motion**

**Moved by Councillor Buck**

**Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

WHEREAS wording in the Town's Zoning By-law pertaining to "repairs light" is irrelevant to industrial use; it reads repairs to watches, cameras, toys, musical instruments, jewellery, bicycles, orthopedic devices, wheelchairs, and musical instruments; and

WHEREAS repairs to small engines such as lawn mowers, snow blowers and weed-eaters is described as "heavy"; and

WHEREAS utilizing exterior-owned property of an industrial unit as temporary holding of lawn mowers and such has been deemed "storage" and a violation of the zoning and a violation ticket has been issued; and

WHEREAS none of the above defined as "repairs light" would normally be expected to be located in an industrial zoning; with little exception they would be expected in a commercial retail zone; and

WHEREAS inappropriate wording in zoning has created confusion and hardship to a small business operator in the Town; and

WHEREAS Aurora has adopted a logo as "a place where business thrives and neighbors care."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Planning department be directed to correct incorrect and inappropriate wording of relevant sections of the Zoning By-law, to provide clarity and allow a small engines repair shop to provide a service in a location entirely suitable and purchased with a mortgage and legal advice for exactly that purpose.

**Amendment**

**Moved by Councillor Thompson**

**Seconded by Councillor Gallo**

THAT the motion be amended to read:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Planning Department report back to Council on the wording found in the Zoning By-law pertaining to the definition of light and heavy repairs.

**CARRIED**

**Main motion as amended**  
**Moved by Councillor Buck**

**Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

WHEREAS wording in the Town's Zoning By-law pertaining to "repairs light" is irrelevant to industrial use; it reads repairs to watches, cameras, toys, musical instruments, jewellery, bicycles, orthopedic devices, wheelchairs, and musical instruments; and

WHEREAS repairs to small engines such as lawn mowers, snow blowers and weed-eaters is described as "heavy"; and

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WHEREAS inappropriate wording in zoning has created confusion and hardship to a small business operator in the Town; and

WHEREAS Aurora has adopted a logo as "a place where business thrives and neighbors care."

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Planning department report back to Council on the wording found in the Zoning By-law pertaining to the definition of light and heavy repairs.**

**On a recorded vote the main motion as amended CARRIED.**

YEAS: 8                      NAYS: 0

VOTING YEAS:            Councillors Abel, Buck, Gaertner, Gallo, Humfryes, Pirri, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe

VOTING NAYS:            None

ABSENT:                    Councillor Ballard

**(b) Councillor Abel**  
**Re: Code of Conduct**

**Moved by Councillor Abel**

**Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

WHEREAS the last term of Council (2006-2010) resolved that a Code of Conduct be enacted; and

WHEREAS Council employed an Integrity Commissioner to review and make decisions on complaints brought forward under the Code of Conduct; and

WHEREAS a complaint last term was brought upon a sitting Councillor; and

WHEREAS external legal advice was employed to evaluate and advise on the complaint; and

WHEREAS another Integrity Commissioner was employed to replace the original Integrity Commissioner; and

WHEREAS when a decision was rendered by the Integrity Commissioner, a notice was posted in the local papers; and

WHEREAS this term of Council (2010-2014) has repealed the Code of Conduct; and

WHEREAS the Code of Conduct, Integrity Commissioners, and the evaluation/advice on complaints under the Code of Conduct have been a cost to the Taxpayers of Aurora.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to consolidate all costs that have been borne by the Town since the decision to create a Code of Conduct, including the drafting of the Code of Conduct, legal advice/fees, and fees to the Integrity Commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the above information be reported to Council to disclose to the public the full financial impact of the Code of Conduct to the Taxpayers of Aurora.

**On a recorded vote the motion was DEFEATED.**

YEAS: 2                      NAYS: 3

VOTING YEAS:            Councillor Abel and Mayor Dawe

VOTING NAYS:            Councillors Humfryes, Pirri and Thompson

ABSENT:                    Councillor Ballard

CONFLICT:                Councillors Buck, Gaertner, and Gallo

**(c) Councillor Abel  
Re: Post-Secondary Institution**

***Moved by Councillor Abel***

***Seconded by Councillor Gallo***

WHEREAS the Town of Aurora updated a Strategic Plan in 2012; and

WHEREAS the Strategic Plan, upon extensive public consultation, identified the desire to attract a Post-Secondary Institution; and

WHEREAS a committee was struck, called the Post-Secondary Committee; and

WHEREAS a presentation was made to the University of Windsor in December 2013 for a satellite campus; and

WHEREAS a joint presentation with the Town of Newmarket was made in April 2014; and

WHEREAS resources and funds were drawn from the Town of Aurora.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to summarize the expenses of these two initiatives, and report back to Council with the financial impact to the Taxpayers of Aurora.

**CARRIED**

**(d) Councillor Gallo**  
**Re: IPTV Networks**

**Main motion**

***Moved by Councillor Gallo***

***Seconded by Councillor Humfryes***

WHEREAS Aurora continues to strive to engage the public in new and innovative ways; and

WHEREAS modern TV systems based on IP technologies are becoming an indispensable part of overall communications strategies; and

WHEREAS one of the Town's guiding principles in the Strategic Plan is "*Broad community outreach and engagement with partners, businesses, newcomers and community groups to ensure inclusiveness*" and one of the Pillars of Success in the Strategic Plan states "*Identify new formats, methods and technologies to effectively and regularly engage the community*"; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and I have been contacted by Infospout, who develops and implements IPTV networks.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to contact Infospout and any other providers of IPTV Networks, and provide Council with a report outlining the pros and cons of implementing a dedicated IPTV Network for the Town of Aurora.

**Amendment**

***Moved by Councillor Gallo***

***Seconded by Councillor Pirri***

THAT the motion be amended to read:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to report back to Council on the pros and cons of implementing a dedicated IPTV network for the Town of Aurora.

**CARRIED**

**Main motion as amended**

***Moved by Councillor Gallo***

***Seconded by Councillor Humfryes***

WHEREAS Aurora continues to strive to engage the public in new and innovative ways; and

WHEREAS modern TV systems based on IP technologies are becoming an indispensable part of overall communications strategies; and

WHEREAS one of the Town's guiding principles in the Strategic Plan is "*Broad community outreach and engagement with partners, businesses, newcomers and community groups to ensure inclusiveness*" and one of the Pillars of Success in the Strategic Plan states "*Identify new formats, methods and technologies to effectively and regularly engage the community*"; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and I have been contacted by Infospout, who develops and implements IPTV networks.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to report back to Council on the pros and cons of implementing a dedicated IPTV network for the Town of Aurora.**

**CARRIED**

***Moved by Councillor Pirri***

***Seconded by Councillor Humfryes***

THAT the Procedural By-law be waived to extend the hour beyond 10:30 p.m.

**CARRIED**

- (e) **Councillor Abel**  
**Re: Vacant Commercial Lot Tax Rates**

***Moved by Councillor Abel***

***Seconded by Councillor Humfryes***

WHEREAS there are vacant lots on Yonge Street, within the Downtown Core of Aurora; and

WHEREAS these vacant lots are in prime commercially zoned lands and are neglected, creating an eyesore to the economic viability to the Downtown Core; and

WHEREAS these vacant lots have been vacant for years, and in some cases, decades; and

WHEREAS in other municipalities a higher tax rate to vacant lots has been able to stimulate development, which is a valuable component to revitalizing a Downtown core.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to investigate alternatives and prepare a report with options for Council's consideration on how the Town of Aurora could tax vacant lots.

**CARRIED**

- (g) **Councillor Abel**  
**Re: Community Tourism Plan**

***Moved by Councillor Abel***

***Seconded by Councillor Humfryes***

WHEREAS Tourism is an economic stimulant to the community, and Aurora is desirous of drawing as many benefits that result; and

WHEREAS Aurora has many organizations that would participate in partnering in strategies to promote tourism to benefit the businesses; and

WHEREAS York Region Council of Arts works in partnership with Central Counties Tourism, to promote and develop tourism partnership opportunities; and

WHEREAS King City has undertaken to develop a "Community Tourism Plan", and King City participates in N6 cost saving initiatives; and

WHEREAS the Town of Aurora is currently developing a Cultural Master Plan; and

WHEREAS Central Counties will share 50 per cent of the cost to develop a Community Tourism Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT that staff report back with a terms of reference, work plan, and any associated costs associated with the development of a Community Tourism Plan.

**CARRIED**

**11. REGIONAL REPORT**

**York Regional Council Highlights – May 15, 2014**

***Moved by Councillor Abel***

***Seconded by Councillor Humfryes***

THAT the Regional Report of May 15, 2014 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**12. NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL INFORMATION**

Councillor Thompson inquired about who was responsible for the replacement of sidewalks and the Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services advised that if the sidewalks are on assumed roads, the Town is responsible.

Councillor Gaertner inquired about what the Town of Aurora's share of general and special capital levies were in the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's 2014 proposed budget. Mayor Dawe advised that this was the responsibility of York Region and that he would report back with further details.

Mayor Dawe recommended visiting and viewing the Indigenesse | Perspectives from Contemporary Native Women exhibition show which is on display at the Aurora Cultural Centre.

**13. READING OF BY-LAWS**

***Moved by Councillor Humfryes***

***Seconded by Councillor Pirri***

THAT the following by-law be given first, second, and third readings and enacted:

**5601-14** BEING A BY-LAW to designate and erect stop signs at the intersection of Kemano Road and Banff Drive.

**CARRIED**

***Moved by Councillor Pirri***

***Seconded by Councillor Humfryes***

THAT the following by-law be given first, second, and third readings and enacted:

**5614-14** BEING A BY-LAW to provide for persons authorized to sign cheques and other banking related authorities on behalf of the Town.

**On a recorded vote the motion CARRIED.**

YEAS: 6                      NAYS: 2

VOTING YEAS:      Councillors Abel, Buck, Humfryes, Pirri, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe

VOTING NAYS:      Councillors Gaertner and Gallo

ABSENT:                Councillor Ballard

***Moved by Councillor Pirri***

***Seconded by Councillor Humfryes***

THAT the following by-laws be given first, second, and third readings and enacted:

**5626-14** BEING A BY-LAW to impose interim controls on the use of land, buildings, or structures within certain areas of the Town of Aurora.

**5630-14** BEING A BY-LAW to regulate licensing of business establishments.

**CARRIED**

***Moved by Councillor Buck***

***Seconded by Councillor Gallo***

THAT the following confirming by-law be given first, second, and third readings and enacted:

**5628-14** BEING A BY-LAW to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from Council Meeting on May 27, 2014

**CARRIED**

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

None

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

***Moved by Councillor Pirri***

***Seconded by Councillor Gaertner***

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:44 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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**GEOFFREY DAWE, MAYOR**

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**STEPHEN M.A. HUYCKE, TOWN CLERK**

THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 27, 2014 RECEIVED FINAL APPROVAL BY COUNCIL ON JUNE 10, 2014.