



TOWN OF AURORA GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, February 18, 2014

ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Councillor Humfryes in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Ballard, Buck, Gaertner, Gallo (arrived 7:05 p.m.), Pirri, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe
MEMBERS ABSENT	None
OTHER ATTENDEES	Director of Parks and Recreation Services (Acting Chief Administrative Officer), Director of Legal and Legislative Services/Town Solicitor (Acting Town Clerk), Director of Building and By-law Services, Director of Corporate and Financial Services/Treasurer, Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services, Director of Planning and Development Services, and Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Pirri declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Item 5 - PR14-003 - Pine Tree Potters' Lease at Aurora Public Library, as he or a member of his family does, from time to time, work for the organization listed.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

General Committee recommends:

THAT the agenda as circulated by the Legal and Legislative Services Department, **with the following addition**, be approved.

- Item 9 - Memorandum from Mayor Geoffrey Dawe
Re: Councillor Representative on the Aurora Cultural Centre Board of Directors

CARRIED

3. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 were identified as items requiring separate discussion.

4. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

None

5. DELEGATIONS

None

6. PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Councillor Abel advised that there was a presentation at the February 12, 2014 Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting regarding the Southeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District Study Report and a recommendation for Council to recognize and move the study forward to Phase II. He also advised that there would be a booth set up at the Aurora Farmers' Market this weekend and there will be an open consultation forum held on March 4 at 5:30 p.m. regarding the Southeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District Study.

General Committee recommends:

THAT the comments of the Heritage Advisory Committee Chair be received for information.

CARRIED

7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

- 1. PL14-011 – Removal of Holding (H) Provision, Zoning By-law Amendment Applications within the 2C Secondary Plan Area (West) as follows:**

**Mattamy (Aurora) Limited
Part of Lot 26, Concession 2 E.Y.S.
File: D14-08-11 (H-2)**

**TACC Developments (Aurora) Limited
Part of Lot 25, Concession 2 E.Y.S.
File: D14-09-11 (H-1)**

**St. John's Road Development Corp. (Metrus Development Inc.)
Part of Lots 24 and 25, Concession 2 E.Y.S.
File: D14-01-12 (H-1)**

**Brookfield Homes (Ontario) Limited
Part of Lots 23, 24 and 25, Concession 2 E.Y.S.
File: D14-12-11 (H-1)**

**Shimvest Investments Limited
Part of Lot 22, Concession 2 E.Y.S.
File: D14-02-12 (H-1)**

General Committee recommends:

THAT report PL14-011 be received; and

THAT the Applications D14-08-11 (H-2), D14-09-11 (H-1), D14-01-12 (H-1), D14-12-11 (H-1) and D14-02-12 (H-1) to remove the Holding (H) provision from the lands shown as 'Area to remove Holding (H) designation on Figures 2-6 to report PL14-011 be approved; and

THAT the removal of the Holding provision by-laws be presented to Council for enactment.

CARRIED

2. PL14-015 – The Aurora Promenade Community Improvement Plan (CIP)

General Committee recommends:

THAT report PL14-015 be received;

THAT Council approve the attached Aurora Promenade Community Improvement Plan; and

THAT Council establish the Aurora Promenade Community Improvement Plan Evaluation Committee as described in the report; and

THAT Council approve Capital project 81015 (conditionally approved in the 2014 Budget) for the implementation of the Aurora Promenade Community Improvement Plan; and

THAT the adopting By-law designating the Community Improvement Area be presented at a Council meeting for enactment; **and**

THAT Council direct staff to continue discussions with the Region regarding the Region's participation in the Community Improvement Plan.

CARRIED

3. IES14-009 – Facility Projects Status Report

General Committee recommends:

THAT report IES14-009 be received for information.

CARRIED

General Committee recommends:

THAT Item 6 be moved forward for consideration.

CARRIED

6. PR14-008 – Sports Dome

General Committee recommends:

THAT report PR14-008 be received; and

THAT Council ***authorize staff to explore the concept*** and carry out the appropriate due diligence for the transfer of ownership of the Sports Dome to the Town of Aurora and the operation of the Sports Dome to the Aurora Youth Soccer Club (AYSC); and

THAT staff engage the services of a consultant to inspect and prepare a report on the condition of the Sports Dome; and

THAT staff prepare terms and conditions for an agreement with the AYSC on the operation of the Sports Dome.

CARRIED

4. IES14-010 – Waste Collection Service Review

General Committee Recommends:

THAT report IES14-010 be received for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Pirri left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

5. PR14-003 – Pine Tree Potters' Lease at Aurora Public Library

General Committee recommends:

THAT report PR14-003 be received; and

THAT the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute a new lease agreement at the Aurora Public Library for the Pine Tree Potters' Guild, in accordance with the terms attached in report PR14-003 including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same.

CARRIED

Councillor Pirri returned to the meeting at 9:03 p.m. and did not participate in the vote on Item 5 having previously declared a pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

7. EAC14-02 – Environmental Advisory Committee Report, February 6, 2014

General Committee recommends:

THAT Item 7 be tabled to a later time in the meeting.

CARRIED

8. HAC14-02 – Heritage Advisory Committee Report, February 12, 2014

General Committee recommends:

THAT report HAC14-02 be received; and

THAT Council adopt the following recommendations from the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of February 12, 2014:

1. HAC14-001 – Southeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District Study Phase 1 Report

THAT, due to comments received at this meeting, this report and the following recommendations be deferred to the General Committee meeting of March 4, 2014 for consideration by Council:

THAT the Southeast Old Aurora Study area boundary be revised as described in the Phase 1 Report; and

THAT the Study area is of significant cultural heritage value or interest as noted in the Phase 1 Report and worthy of designation under Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and

THAT Phase 2 of the Southeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District Study be initiated to proceed with the preparation of the draft Heritage Conservation District Plan.

2. HAC14-006 – Southeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District Study Sub-Committee, Extension of Term

THAT the term of members of the Southeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District Study Sub-Committee elected in the year 2013 be extended to the end of the current term of Council; and

THAT this be reflected in the Boards and Committees Booklet 2010-2014 as well as the Southeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District Study Sub-Committee Terms of Reference.

3. HAC14-003 – 15775 Leslie Street, Addison-Hall Farm Future Commemoration

THAT a copy of the Addison-Hall Farm photograph be incorporated as part of the future gateway signage for the development; and

THAT the original photograph be a part of the Aurora Collection.

4. HAC14-004 – 14425 Bayview Avenue (“The Allen Brown House”) By-law Amendment

THAT Heritage Designation By-law 4953-07.R be amended to reflect the new address of the Allen Brown House as Lot 34, Plan 65M-4084M (158 Carisbrooke Circle).

5. HAC14-005 – Demolition of Buildings located at 1335 St. John’s Sideroad, Listed on the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

THAT structures located on the property at 1335 St. John’s Sideroad, excluding the Coltham Farmhouse (as per Demolition Application No. PR20140060 submitted to Building & By-law Services on January 28, 2014), be demolished as they are not of significant cultural heritage value as per Ontario Regulation 9/06; and

THAT subsequent to the demolition of the building currently attached to the western elevation of the Coltham Farmhouse, that any newly created opening of the Coltham Farmhouse be appropriately stabilized and closed-off to provide protection from the elements and intruders; and

THAT prior to the demolition of these buildings, that the owner submit a Letter of Credit to the Town in the amount of \$250,000.00 as security for the relocation and restoration of the Coltham Farmhouse to the satisfaction of the Town; and

THAT subsequent to the relocation, restoration, and future designation of the Coltham Farmhouse under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that the property be removed from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.

New Business

THAT staff investigate Part IV designation on 136 Wellington Street East (old Railway Hotel) and 135 Berczy Street (Train Station) and report back to the Heritage Advisory Committee at a future meeting.

Closed Session

1. **Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee; Re: HAC14-002 – Southeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District Study Sub-Committee, Addition of New Member**

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee adopt the confidential recommendation from the Closed Session of February 12, 2014.

CARRIED

General Committee recommends:

THAT Item 7 be removed from the table.

CARRIED

7. **EAC14-02 – Environmental Advisory Committee Report, February 6, 2014**

General Committee recommends:

THAT Item 7 be referred back to the Environmental Advisory Committee for more information.

CARRIED

9. **Memorandum from Mayor Geoffrey Dawe
Re: Councillor Representative on the Aurora Cultural Centre Board of Directors**
(Added Item)

General Committee recommends:

THAT the memorandum regarding Councillor Representative on the Aurora Cultural Centre Board of Directors be received for information.

CARRIED

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

- (a) **Councillor Buck
Re: Elimination of Directors' Position**

WHEREAS in December, a policy decision was made by Council to eliminate the position of Director of Customer and Legislative Services; and

WHEREAS responsibility for the workload associated with the eliminated position was transferred to the Director of Legal Services; and

WHEREAS the reason given for elimination of the director's position was to accomplish savings and reduce the tax burden; and

WHEREAS the eliminated position included the Office of Municipal Clerk, a statutory position required by provincial legislation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to report on the precise details of how savings will be achieved while the work load continues to be accomplished.

(b) Councillor Abel
Re: Bandshell at Town Park

WHEREAS the Town of Aurora host many events at the Town Park; and

WHEREAS there is a daily fee of \$325 to permit and use Town Park, which includes the use of the Bandshell, bleachers, waste receptacles, access to washrooms, ability to serve food and non-alcohol beverages; and

WHEREAS there are many musical events, to enhance the ambience of events, including Concerts in the Park, Music Festivals, and other events of varying scope in size and production; and

WHEREAS residents desire to feature local talent on Saturday mornings for three hours, during the Aurora Farmers' Market, and other activities in the park (walking, splash pad, baseball); and

WHEREAS the activity is confined to duos and trios on the Bandshell stage, with little or no stress of resources, save an electrical outlet; and

WHEREAS it seems inequitable that the same charge exist for the use solely of the Bandshell for only three hours, compared to the use of the Bandshell and the many extra amenities of the whole package that the permit use of the Park allows for up to 12 hours.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT under these circumstances, weekend morning rates be an option at an hourly rate to be determined by staff, to reflect the short period use, solely of the Bandshell which promotes local artistic talent.

9. NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL INFORMATION

Mayor Dawe advised that he had attended the Arctic Adventure event and congratulated staff on a job well done.

Councillor Thompson inquired how staff would respond should a quick thaw occur and was advised that there are plans in place every year, regardless of the amount of snow accumulation.

Councillor Abel advised that the Heritage Celebration Ceremony 2014, where heritage awards would be presented, would be taking place on February 19 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Councillor Ballard inquired about the status of the snow removal budget and was advised that a report would be forthcoming at a future meeting.

Councillor Humfryes noted that the February 24 budget meeting had been reinstated.

10. CLOSED SESSION

General Committee recommends:

THAT Council resolve into a General Committee Closed Session to consider:

1. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a Town or Local Board employee; Re: PL14-018 – Southeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District Study Sub-Committee, Addition of New Member.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

General Committee recommends:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

CARRIED

SANDRA HUMFRYES, COUNCILLOR

WARREN MAR, TOWN CLERK (Acting)

THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2014 RECEIVED FINAL APPROVAL BY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 25, 2014 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEMS 3, 5, 6, AND 7(2) WHICH WERE ADOPTED AS RECOMMENDED, AND ITEM 2 WHICH WAS ADOPTED AS AMENDED.