

Town of Aurora Special Council Cultural Precinct Workshop Meeting Minutes

Leksand Room Aurora Town Hall Monday, December 5, 2016

Attendance

Council Members Mayor Dawe in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Humfryes

(arrived 6:12 p.m.), Kim (arrived 6:21 p.m.), Mrakas, Pirri, Thom,

and Thompson

Members Absent None

Other Attendees Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Marco Ramunno,

Director of Planning and Building Services, Stephanie Mackenzie-Smith, Manager of Corporate Communications, Fausto Filipetto, Senior Policy Planner, Lisa Lyons, Town Clerk, and Samantha

Yew, Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Thompson Seconded by Councillor Pirri

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

3. Welcome/Introduction/Brief History

Mr. Nadorozny provided a brief history of the Cultural Precinct/Library Square project, and noted that this workshop is the final step in completing stage three of the Council-approved four-stage Cultural Precinct/Library Square planning process.

4. Detailed Council Presentation

On a motion of Councillor Thompson seconded by Councillor Mrakas, Council consented on a two-thirds vote to waive the requirements of subsection 3.8(c) of the Procedural By-law to permit the presentation of Fausto Filipetto up to twenty-five minutes.

Mr. Filipetto provided an overview of the Library Square and Town Park concept plans, detailing the approach, methods and results of the public consultations undertaken by staff in the fall of 2016. He noted that the public consultation strategy was endorsed by Council, and included public outreach, an online survey, social media strategy and public meetings.

Moved by Councillor Thom Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

That the presentation regarding Library Square and Town Park be receive for information.

Carried

5. Delegations

On a motion of Councillor Humfryes seconded by Councillor Pirri, Council consented on a two-thirds vote to waive the requirements of subsection 3.8(c) of the Procedural By-law to

permit the delegations of David Heard and Christopher Watts an additional five minutes each.

(a) David Heard, Resident

Re: Cultural Precinct Plan Meeting

Mr. Heard spoke in support of the enhancement of Town Park, and suggested augmenting current Town Park features by adding a recycled brick wall along the perimeter of the baseball diamond, the installation of a concrete skate pad, and the installation of entrance gateways on the streets leading into the Park.

Moved by Councillor Thom Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

That the presentation regarding Cultural Precinct Plan Meeting be received for information.

Carried

(b) Christopher Watts, Resident

Re: Adaptive Re-use Proposal: Aurora Armoury

Mr. Watts spoke in support of repurposing the Aurora Armoury, and proposed a "Farmoury" concept plan that identifies the installation of a dynamic, multipurpose farmers' market-themed hub that integrates concepts of exchange, community, education, and sustainability.

Moved by Councillor Pirri Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the presentation regarding Adaptive Re-use Proposal: Aurora Armoury be received for information.

Carried

6. Council Questions/Comments – Theme Discussions

Council discussed various aspects of Town Park, the former Armoury, and Library Square.

7. Council Direction Regarding Final Report

Moved by Councillor Mrakas Seconded by Councillor Thompson

- 1. That the main features of Town Park (ball diamond, band shell, etc.) be preserved; and
- 2. That staff report back on specific enhancements to Town Park for consideration by Council; and
- That staff report back on estimates for renovations to bring the Armoury building up to code and initiate a design exercise for the repurposing of the Armoury building; and
- 4. That Council authorize staff to proceed with an application for the demolition of 52 and 56 Victoria Street, pending the relocation of tenants; and
- 5. That staff begin a design exercise for the redevelopment of Library Square.

On a recorded vote the first clause of the motion Carried

Yeas: 8 Nays: 1

Voting Yeas: Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Humfryes,

Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, Thompson, and

Mayor Dawe

Voting Nays: Councillor Kim

On a recorded vote the second clause of the motion Carried

Yeas: 9 Nays: 0

Voting Yeas: Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Humfryes,

Kim, Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, Thompson,

and Mayor Dawe

Voting Nays: None

On a recorded vote the third clause of the motion Carried

Yeas: 9 Nays: 0

Voting Yeas: Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Humfryes,

Kim, Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, Thompson,

and Mayor Dawe

Voting Nays: None

On a recorded vote the fourth clause of the motion, in respect to 52 Victoria Street

Carried

Yeas: 8 Nays: 1

Voting Yeas: Councillors Abel, Humfryes, Kim,

Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, Thompson, and

Mayor Dawe

Voting Nays: Councillor Gaertner

On a recorded vote the fourth clause of the motion, in respect to 56 Victoria Street

Carried

Yeas: 8 Nays: 1

Voting Yeas: Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Humfryes,

Kim, Mrakas, Thom, Thompson, and

Mayor Dawe

Voting Nays: Councillor Pirri

On a recorded vote the fifth clause of the motion Carried

Yeas: 9 Nays: 0

Voting Yeas: Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Humfryes,

Kim, Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, Thompson,

and Mayor Dawe

Voting Nays: None Councillor Thompson advised that he was raising a point of personal privilege in response to an action made by Councillor Abel. Mayor Dawe ruled that a breach of personal privilege had taken place and requested an apology from Councillor Abel. Councillor Abel apologized.

8. By-laws

Moved by Councillor Thom Seconded by Councillor Pirri

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

5930-16 Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from a Special Council Meeting on December 5, 2016.

Carried

6. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Kim Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Carried

Geoffrey Dawe, Mayor

Lisa Lyons, Town Clerk

The minutes of the Special Council meeting of December 5, 2016, are subject to final approval by Council on December 13, 2016.