

# Town of Aurora Trails and Active Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Friday, November 18, 2016

Time and Location: 10 a.m., Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Councillor Sandra Humfryes (Chair), Councillor Tom Mrakas

(Vice Chair), Alison Collins-Mrakas, Richard Doust (PRAC Representative), Bill Fraser, Laura Lueloff, and Nancee

Webb (EAC Representative)

Member(s) Absent: None

Other Attendees: Councillor Michael Thompson, Jim Tree, Manager of Parks,

Lawrence Kuk, Planner, Jamal Massadeh, Traffic/ Transportation Analyst, and Linda Bottos, Council/

Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

# 1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

# 2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Richard Doust Seconded by Bill Fraser

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, with the following addition, be approved:

 Delegation (c) John Clement, Resident; Re: Item 1 – Extract from Council Meeting of October 11, 2016; Re: Item 1(6), Report No. PRCS16-044 – Leslie Street Underpasses Construction

Carried

### 3. Receipt of the Minutes

Trails and Active Transportation Meeting Committee Minutes of September 16, 2016

Moved by Alison Collins-Mrakas Seconded by Laura Lueloff

That the Trails and Active Transportation Committee meeting minutes of September 16, 2016, be received for information.

Carried

# 4. Delegations

(a) Fausto Filipetto, Senior Policy Planner, Town of Aurora Re: Library Square and Town Park

The Committee consented on a two-thirds vote to waive the requirements of section 3.8(c) of the Procedural By-law to permit the delegation additional time as required.

Mr. Filipetto presented an overview of the concept plan, strategy, studies, and public consultation regarding the three-block area of Library Square to Town Park, including background to the Aurora Promenade and Cultural Precinct. He further provided a brief review of the public feedback received regarding the future of the Aurora Armoury, former Library, and former Seniors' Centre.

Moved by Councillor Mrakas Seconded by Alison Collins-Mrakas

That the comments of the delegation be received for information.

Carried

### (b) Klaus Wehrenberg, Resident

Re: Item 1 – Extract from Council Meeting of October 11, 2016; Re: Item 1(6), Report No. PRCS16-044 – Leslie Street Underpasses

Construction

The Committee consented on a two-thirds vote to waive the requirements of section 3.8(c) of the Procedural By-law to permit the delegation additional time as required.

Mr. Wehrenberg presented background to the Trails Master Plan and gradeseparated trail crossings. He spoke in support of the construction of Leslie Street Underpass C, which he noted would be primarily a commuter route, and suggested that the Town of Newmarket be asked to pay for a portion of the cost of Underpass C.

## Moved by Alison Collins-Mrakas Seconded by Nancee Webb

That the comments of the delegation be received for information.

Carried

### (c) John Clement, Resident

Re: Item 1 – Extract from Council Meeting of October 11, 2016; Re: Item 1(6), Report No. PRCS16-044 – Leslie Street Underpasses Construction

Mr. Clement spoke in support of the construction of the Leslie Street Underpass C and the importance of implementing the needed trail connections within the Trails Master Plan, especially prior to land development.

Moved by Nancee Webb Seconded by Bill Fraser

That the comments of the delegation be received for information.

Carried

### 5. Matters for Consideration

# Extract from Council Meeting of October 11, 2016 Re: Item 1(6), Report No. PRCS16-044 – Leslie Street Underpasses Construction

Staff provided background to the Council extract and previous reports. The Committee discussed and expressed its support of the current opportunity for the construction of Leslie Street Underpass C, to be partially funded by York Region.

## Moved by Nancee Webb Seconded by Richard Doust

- That the Extract from Council Meeting of October 11, 2016, regarding Item 1(6), Report No. PRCS16-044 – Leslie Street Underpasses Construction, be received; and
- 2. That the Trails and Active Transportation Committee recommend to Council:
  - (a) That the construction of Leslie Street Underpass C be approved and funded as recommended by staff in Report No. PRCS16-044.

**Carried** 

### 6. Informational Items

### 2. Bike Aurora Update

The Chair provided a brief update regarding the Bike Aurora Day being planned for 2017. Committee members agreed to form a subcommittee to discuss the plans and next steps in greater detail.

## Moved by Councillor Mrakas Seconded by Richard Doust

1. That the Bike Aurora Update be received for information.

Carried

### 3. Extract from Council Meeting of October 11, 2016

Re: Trails and Active Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2016

Moved by Nancee Webb Seconded by Alison Collins-Mrakas

 That the Extract from Council Meeting of October 11, 2016, regarding the Trails and Active Transportation Committee meeting minutes of September 16, 2016, be received for information.

Carried

### 7. New Business

Councillor Mrakas noted that a motion would be brought to Council to recommend that the Trails and Active Transportation Committee play a significant role in the development of the Cycling Master Plan.

New Business Motion No. 1 Moved by Alison Collins-Mrakas Seconded by Richard Doust

- 1. That the Trails and Active Transportation Committee recommend to Council:
  - (a) That the proposed option to demolish the former library at 56 Victoria Street, and the former seniors centre at 52 Victoria Street, be endorsed;
     and
  - (b) That any development proposal criteria include affordable housing or mixed uses.

Carried

New Business Motion No. 2 Moved by Councillor Mrakas Seconded by Nancee Webb

1. That the Trails and Active Transportation Committee recommend to Council:

- (a) That staff be directed to investigate the possibility of cost sharing with the Town of Newmarket in the construction of Leslie Street Underpass C; and
- (b) That any potential cost sharing not be contingent on the approval of the Town of Aurora's 50 per cent share in the construction costs of Leslie Street Underpass C.

Carried

# 8. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Mrakas Seconded by Laura Lueloff

That the meeting be adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Carried

Committee recommendations are not binding on the Town unless otherwise adopted by Council at a later meeting.