



Council Meeting Agenda

**Tuesday, February 28, 2017
7 p.m.**

**Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall**



Town of Aurora Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 28, 2017
7 p.m., Council Chambers

1. Approval of the Agenda

Recommended:

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

3. Presentations

(a) David Heard, The Canadian Dance Party Committee

Re: The Canadian Dance Party for Canada's 150th Birthday

(b) Gareth Sturup, Pickering College and 102.7 CHOP FM

Re: 102.7 CHOP FM

4. Delegations

(a) Klaus Wehrenberg, Resident

**Re: Item C1(R4) IES17-008 – Metrolinx Barrier Corridor Expansion
Project**

5. Consent Agenda

Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine or no longer require further discussion, and are enacted in one motion. The exception to this rule is that

a Member may request for one or more items to be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and action.

C1. General Committee Meeting Report of February 21, 2017

Recommended:

1. That the General Committee meeting report of February 21, 2017, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved.

C2. Council Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2017

Recommended:

1. That the Council meeting minutes of February 14, 2017, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C3. Council Closed Session Minutes of February 14, 2017 (confidential attachment)

Recommended:

1. That the Council Closed Session minutes of February 14, 2017, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C4. Council Closed Session Public Minutes of February 14, 2017

Recommended:

1. That the Council Closed Session Public minutes of February 14, 2017, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C5. Memorandum from Director of Planning and Building Services

**Re: Additional Information to Item R5 – PBS17-005, February 21, 2017
General Committee Meeting, Application for Site Plan Approval,
Shimvest Investments Ltd., Block 161, Registered Plan 65M-4485,
File Number: SP-2016-05, Related File Numbers: SUB-2012-02, ZBA-
2012-02**

Recommended

1. That the memorandum regarding Additional Information to Item R5 – PBS17-005, February 21, 2017 General Committee Meeting, Application for Site Plan Approval, Shimvest Investments Ltd., be received for information.

C6. Memorandum from Mayor Dawe

**Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting
Highlights of January 27, 2017**

Recommended:

1. That Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of January 27, 2017, be received for information.

6. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

R1. Correspondence from the Town of Georgina

**Re: Resolution No. C-2017-0101 regarding Report No. AD-2017-0007
entitled '2017-2020 Property Tax Ratios'**

Recommended:

1. That the Correspondence from the Town of Georgina regarding Resolution No. C-2017-0101 regarding Report No. AD-2017-0007 entitled '2017-2020 Property Tax Ratios' be received; and
2. That Council provide direction.

7. Notices of Motion

8. Motions

(a) Councillor Abel

Re: Downtown Revitalization Plan (not fully considered at Council meeting of February 14, 2017)

(b) Councillor Mrakas

Re: Property Tax Vacancy Rebates

(c) Mayor Dawe

Re: Activate Aurora – Open Streets Event

(d) Mayor Dawe

Re: Amendment to Procedure By-law Number 5920-16

9. Regional Report

York Regional Council Highlights – January 26, 2017 (not considered at Council meeting of February 14, 2017) **and February 16, 2017**

Recommended:

That the Regional Reports of January 26, 2017, and February 16, 2017, be received for information.

10. New Business

11. Public Service Announcements

12. By-laws

Recommended:

That the following by-law be enacted:

- (a)** Being a By-law to appoint Building Inspectors for The Corporation of the Town of Aurora.

13. Closed Session

14. Confirming By-law

Recommended:

That the following confirming by-law be enacted:

Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from a Council Meeting on February 28, 2017.

15. Adjournment



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Delegation Request

This Delegation Request form and any written submissions or background information for consideration by either Council or Committees of Council must be submitted to the Clerk's office by the following deadline:

4:30 p.m. Two (2) Days Prior to the Requested Meeting Date

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| Council/Committee/Advisory Committee Meeting Date: | FEB. 28 TUESDAY 2017 | | |
| Subject: | POSITION VIS-À-VIS METROLINX REPORT N ^o 1 ES 17-008 | | |
| Name of Spokesperson: | KLAUS WEHRENBURG | | |
| Name of Group or Person(s) being Represented (if applicable): | / | | |
| Brief Summary of Issue or Purpose of Delegation: | | | |
| TO ENCOURAGE COUNCIL TO TAKE FIRM POSITION RE RELATIVE TO CONSEQUENCES OF EXPANDING RAIL CORRIDOR | | | |
| Please complete the following: | | | |
| Have you been in contact with a Town staff or Council member regarding your matter of interest? | | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes, with whom? | MAYOR + COUNCIL | Date: | UP TO FEB 21 GEN. COMMITTEE MEETING |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I acknowledge that the Procedure By-law permits five (5) minutes for Delegations. | | | |



Town of Aurora General Committee Meeting Report

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Attendance

Council Members Councillor Thom in the Chair; Councillors Abel (arrived 7:23 p.m.), Gaertner (arrived 7:30 p.m.), Humfryes, Kim (arrived 7:21 p.m.), Mrakas (arrived 7:14 p.m.), Pirri, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe

Members Absent None

Other Attendees Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services, Dan Elliott, Director of Financial Services, Al Downey, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, Marco Ramunno, Director of Planning and Building Services, Stephanie Mackenzie-Smith, Manager of Corporate Communications, Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor, Samantha Yew, Deputy Clerk, and Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

The General Committee meeting was recessed at 9:26 p.m. and reconvened at 9:36 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

General Committee approved the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, with the following additions:

- Presentation (b) Laurie Mueller and Erin Hamilton, Sport Aurora; Re: Sport Plan Progress and Status Report

- Delegation (a) Jimmy Brennan, Aurora FC, Aurora Youth Soccer Club; Re: Item R6 – PRCS17-004 – Redesign of Stewart Burnett Park and Sheppard's Bush Artificial Turf Field
- Delegation (b) Ron Weese, Sport Aurora, and Javed Khan, Aurora Chamber of Commerce; Re: Notice of Motion (b) Mayor Dawe, Re: Activate Aurora – Open Streets Event
- Item C1 – Memorandum from Mayor Dawe, Re: Correspondence from Mayor Régis Labeaume, Québec City
- Additional Information to Item R6 – PRCS17-004 – Redesign of Stewart Burnett Park and Sheppard's Bush Artificial Turf Field; Re: Sheppard's Bush Multi-Purpose Field Layout Plan
- Notice of Motion (a) Councillor Mrakas, Re: Property Tax Vacancy Rebates (replacement of version introduced on February 7, 2017)
- Notice of Motion (b) Mayor Dawe, Re: Activate Aurora – Open Streets Event
- Notice of Motion (c) Mayor Dawe, Re: Amendment to Procedure By-law No. 5920-16

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

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

3. Presentations

(a) Dr. Dave Williams, President and CEO, Southlake Regional Health Centre Re: Update on Southlake Regional Health Centre

Dr. Williams presented an update on the status of Southlake Regional Health Centre, including its growth and resources, provision of world-class health services and eight regional programs, service excellence and performance, culture, vision and core values, and the challenges facing Southlake and the health care community.

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General Committee received the presentation for information.

**(b) Laurie Mueller and Erin Hamilton, Sport Aurora
Re: Sport Plan Progress and Status Report**

Ms. Mueller and Ms. Hamilton presented an overview of the Sport Plan Status Report on the Year 1 deliverables, with a focus on the priorities of Sport Leadership, Sport Access, and Promotions and Celebration of Sport, including completed tasks, next steps, and timelines.

General Committee received the presentation for information.

4. Delegations

**(a) Jimmy Brennan, Aurora FC, Aurora Youth Soccer Club
Re: Item R6 – PRCS17-004 – Redesign of Stewart Burnett Park and
Sheppard's Bush Artificial Turf Field**

Mr. Brennan spoke in support of the staff recommendations in Report No. PRCS17-004.

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to Item R6.

**(b) Ron Weese, Activate Aurora, and Javed Khan, Aurora Chamber of
Commerce
Re: Notice of Motion (b) Mayor Dawe, Re: Activate Aurora – Open Streets
Event**

Mr. Weese and Mr. Khan spoke in support of Notice of Motion (b).

General Committee received and referred the comments of the delegation to Notice of Motion (b).

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5. Consent Agenda

General Committee recommends:

That Consent Agenda Item C1 be approved:

C1. Memorandum from Mayor Dawe

Re: Correspondence from Mayor Régis Labeaume, Québec City

1. That the memorandum regarding Correspondence from Mayor Régis Labeaume, Québec City, be received for information.

Carried

6. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

General Committee consented to consider the items in the following order: R4, R5, R1, R2, R3, and R6.

R1. FS17-004 – Canada 150 Celebrations Grant and Budget Confirmation

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. FS17-004 be received; and
2. **That the Canada 150 Park Naming and Water Feature item be removed from Capital Project No. 74012 and incorporated into the discussions regarding the development of Library Square; and**
3. That Report No. FS17-004 satisfy Council's conditional budget approval for Capital Project No. 74012 – Canada 150 Celebrations, and that staff be authorized to proceed with the project at the reduced budget of **\$62,000.**

Carried as amended

R2. IES17-006 – Permission to Enter Private Property Agreement to Replace Culvert

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. IES17-006 be received; and
2. That the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary agreements to facilitate the culvert replacement as part of the Brookland Avenue reconstruction project, including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same.

Carried

R3. IES17-007 – Award of Tender IES 2017-07 – Replacement of Seven Zero Turn Mowers

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. IES17-007 be received; and
2. That Capital Budget for Projects 71093, 71094, 71095, 71096, 71101, 71102 be combined with Project No. 71105 and the total budget be increased by \$7,100.00 funded from the Fleet Repair and Replacement (R&R) reserve; and
3. That Tender No. IES 2017-07 for the supply and delivery of seven (7) new 60" Zero Turn mowers be awarded to B.E. Larkin Equipment Ltd. in the amount of \$110,103.00 excluding taxes; and
4. That the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary Agreement, including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same.

Carried

R4. IES17-008 – Metrolinx Barrie Corridor Expansion Project

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. IES17-008 be received; and
2. That **Council's comments and** the staff comments as outlined in this report be endorsed; and

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3. That the Town Clerk be directed to forward this report to Metrolinx as the Town's comments to the Draft Environmental Project Report for the GO Rail Network Electrification Project.

Carried as amended

R5. PBS17-005 – Application for Site Plan Approval, Shimvest Investments Ltd., Block 161, Registered Plan 65M-4485, File Number: SP-2016-05, Related File Numbers: SUB-2012-02, SPA-2012-02

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PBS17-005 be received; and
2. That Site Plan Application File SP-2016-05 (Shimvest Investments Ltd.) to permit the development of the subject lands for nine (9) townhouse and two (2) semi-detached dwelling units be approved; and
3. That a total of eleven (11) units of sewage capacity be allocated to the subject lands; and
4. That the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute the site plan agreement, including any and all documents and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same.

Carried

R6. PRCS17-004 – Redesign of Stewart Burnett Park and Sheppard's Bush Artificial Turf Field

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PRCS17-004 be received; and
2. That this report satisfy Council's conditional budget approval for Capital Project No. 73223 and that staff be authorized to proceed with Sheppard's Bush Turf; and

3. That the substitution of Stewart Burnett Park Multi-Purpose field for a full-size regulation soccer field and, subject to the approval of the Ontario Heritage Trust, conversion of the Sheppard's Bush Soccer field to a Multi-Purpose Sports field, be authorized; and
4. That the remaining funds of \$686,800 be reallocated from Capital Project No. 73161 – Stewart Burnett Park Multi-Purpose Sports field to Capital Project No. 73223 – Sheppard's Bush Turf Replacement and direct staff to commence with the detailed design and Tendering process for the Sheppard's Bush Multi-Purpose Sports field; and
5. That, subject to approval of the Tender for Sheppard's Bush Multi-Purpose Sports field, the project proceed in the spring of 2018.

Carried

7. Notices of Motion

(a) Councillor Mrakas

Re: Property Tax Vacancy Rebates

Whereas the province of Ontario mandates under Section 364 of the Municipal Act, that every local municipality shall have a program to provide property tax rebates in respect to vacant portions of buildings that are in the commercial or industrial classes; and

Whereas the 2016 Provincial Budget announced a legislative framework to facilitate increased municipal flexibility with providing municipalities broad flexibility for 2017 and future years to tailor the vacant unit tax rebate to reflect community needs and circumstances; and

Whereas this vacant unit tax rebate may encourage some property owners to keep commercial and industrial buildings empty; and

Whereas unoccupied retail is not good for the overall health of the municipality; and

Whereas boarded-up stores impact on the ability to revitalize main streets; and

Whereas the repeal of the vacant unit tax rebate will contribute to the healthy development of the downtown core; and

Whereas the repeal of the vacant unit tax rebate would support the varied efforts of the Town in bringing renewal to our downtown promenade and makes financial sense for the Town;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora seek to repeal the vacant unit tax rebate effective for the tax year 2017; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Minister of Finance to request the necessary regulatory authority using the flexibility provided in the legislative framework to repeal the vacancy tax rebate; and
3. Be it Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Council of the The Regional Municipality of York and all area municipalities to advise of Council's interest in seeking abolishment of the vacant unit rebates provisions.

(b) Mayor Dawe

Re: Activate Aurora – Open Streets Event

Whereas Activate Aurora is an Ontario Trillium Foundation-funded, three-year, cross-sectorial program designed by Sport Aurora with the guidance of the Canadian Sport for Life Society; and

Whereas the goal of this program is to make Aurora 'Canada's Most Active Community' through education awareness, capacity building and sustainable programming activities; and

Whereas some of the programs and activities held to date include walk-to-school events; play-day events, daily physical activity curriculum and delivery in local schools, Seniors' Active Living Fair and continuing older adult engagement as well as the York Region Physical Literacy Summit; and

Whereas the Activate Aurora Team includes representatives from the York Region District School Board, York Catholic School Board, Seneca College, Municipal Recreation Staff, Healthy Kids Community Challenge, York Region

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Public Health, Southlake Regional Health Centre, and the Aurora Seniors Association; and

Whereas this “first-ever” cross and multi-sectorial approach will help engage and educate citizens of all ages in Aurora about the importance of incorporating daily physical activity and the benefits to their overall physical and mental well-being; and

Whereas ‘Open Streets’ is a globally successful initiative that temporarily closes local streets to automobile traffic so that people can use them for walking, cycling, playing or socializing; and

Whereas Activate Aurora is interested in hosting an Open Streets Event on Sunday, June 4, 2017, in conjunction with the Aurora Chamber of Commerce during their Annual Street Sale; and

Whereas local streets in the vicinity of Town Park would be closed to vehicular traffic; and

Whereas different interactive physical activities would be hosted by Activate Aurora in Town Park for our citizens to engage in;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Council endorse this initiative by resolution; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services staff be requested to support the proposed activities at Town Park and affected streets within existing Operating Budgets.

(b) Mayor Dawe

Re: Amendment to Procedure By-law No. 5920-16

Whereas the Town of Aurora Procedure By-law Number 5920-16, Section 39.b), Adjournment, requires an amendment; and

Whereas in its current form this particular section of the By-law states “If Council or General Committee is still in session at 11 p.m., it shall be adjourned unless all Members present concur in the extension of the Meeting.”; and

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Whereas if for whatever reason a Council member must leave the meeting that is in session by 11 p.m., the current By-law, as it stands, does not permit the extension; and

Whereas this may negatively impact moving the business of the Town forward for the benefit of our community;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Council amend By-law Number 5920-16, Section 39.b), Adjournment, to read "If Council or General Committee is still in session at 11 p.m., it shall be adjourned unless two-thirds of the Members present enact a resolution to extend the Meeting."

8. New Business

Councillor Thompson congratulated Councillor Mrakas on his recent appearance on The Agenda with Steve Paikin regarding Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) reform. He further noted that Councillor Mrakas was quoted in The Toronto Star, which recently ran a three-part article on OMB reform.

Councillor Gaertner noted her attendance at the Aurora Historical Society's (AHS) recent Annual General Meeting. She congratulated AHS on an impressive year in 2016, and acknowledged that their exhibitions require a tremendous amount of planning and effort.

Councillor Gaertner referred to the upcoming York Region Pride Parade in June 2017, and noted that she will be bringing forward a Notice of Motion with respect to promoting diversity in our community and how we can support all various aspects of our community.

Councillor Mrakas noted that Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority is seeking input with regard to a review and update of the Sheppard's Bush Conservation Area Management Plan, and he inquired about additional information. Mayor Dawe indicated that further information will be provided to Council.

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Councillor Gaertner inquired about the plans for the installation of new signage for the Aurora Cultural Centre. Staff agreed to follow up and provide an update to Council.

Councillor Thompson inquired about a communication received regarding Our Lady of Grace Separate School and signage. Staff provided information regarding a pilot program being managed by Infrastructure and Environmental Services to improve the safety of children crossing the street. Staff indicated that further clarification will be provided to Council.

Councillor Abel inquired about the Sign By-law amendment respecting A-frame signage and noted the feedback from the business community. Staff confirmed that the Sign By-law was amended and A-frame signs are no longer permitted, and that staff are assisting businesses with the transition through education and promotion of the Sign By-law.

9. Closed Session

None

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Jeff Thom, Councillor

Samantha Yew, Deputy Clerk

The report of the General Committee meeting of February 21, 2017, is subject to final approval and Council endorsement of the recommendations on February 28, 2017.



**Town of Aurora
Council Meeting Minutes**

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Attendance

Council Members Mayor Dawe in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Humfries, Kim, Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, and Thompson

Members Absent None

Other Attendees Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services, Dan Elliott, Director of Financial Services, Al Downey, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, Marco Ramunno, Director of Planning and Building Services, Stephanie Mackenzie-Smith, Manager of Corporate Communications, Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor, Samantha Yew, Deputy Clerk, and Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Council consented to recess the meeting at 8:22 and reconvened at 8:42 p.m. Council consented to recess the meeting at 10:29 p.m. and reconvened at 10:36 p.m.

On a motion of Councillor Pirri seconded by Councillor Thom, Council consented to extend the hour past 10:30 p.m. The motion of Councillor Pirri seconded by Councillor Thompson to extend the hour past 11 p.m. was defeated due to lack of unanimous support.

1. Approval of the Agenda

**Moved by Councillor Pirri
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

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

3. Presentations

**(a) Jessica Kerr, Jacqueline Betterton, and Councillor Avia Eek, Southlake Regional Health Centre (SRHC) Foundation
Re: Run or Walk for Southlake 2017**

Ms. Kerr, Ms. Betterton, and Councillor Eek, presented an overview of the achievements and services provided by Southlake Regional Health Centre, highlighted elements of the Run or Walk for Southlake fundraising event being held on Sunday, April 30, 2017, and extended a challenge to the Town of Aurora to further participate in the Mayor's Team Challenge.

**Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Thom**

That the presentation be received for information.

Carried

**(b) Ferguson Mobbs, Chairman, 100th Anniversary of Vimy Ridge Event
Re: 100th Anniversary of Vimy Ridge Event**

Mr. Mobbs presented an overview of plans to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of The Battle of Vimy Ridge through a special commemorative evening event, presented by the Regimental Council of the Queen's York Rangers, to be held at 6 p.m. on April 8, 2017, at the Aurora Royal Canadian Legion.

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**Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

That the presentation be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

- (a) Javed Khan, Aurora Chamber of Commerce
Re: Item R7 – PBS17-010 – Proposed Amendment to the Sign By-law to
Use Official Languages in Signs**

Mr. Khan spoke in support of the proposed amendment to the Sign By-law.

**Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Thom**

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Item R7.

Carried

- (b) Vicky McGrath, Aurora Chamber of Commerce
Re: Item R1 – CAO17-001 – Economic Development Board – Terms of
Reference**

Ms. McGrath spoke in support of the staff report regarding the establishment of an Economic Development Board and a stronger connection with the Aurora Chamber of Commerce.

**Moved by Councillor Pirri
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Item R1.

Carried

5. Consent Agenda

**Moved by Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by Councillor Thompson**

That Consent Agenda Items C1 and C2 be approved:

C1. Council Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2017

1. That the Council meeting minutes of January 31, 2017, be adopted as printed and circulated.

C2. Council Public Planning Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2017

1. That the Council Public Planning meeting minutes of January 25, 2017, be adopted as printed and circulated.

Carried

6. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

Items were discussed in the following order: R1, R6, R7, R2, R3, R4, R5, R8, and R9.

R1. CAO17-001 – Economic Development Board – Terms of Reference

Moved by Councillor Pirri

Seconded by Councillor Humfries

1. That Report No. CAO17-001 be received; and
2. That the attached Economic Development Board – Terms of Reference be endorsed and staff be directed to proceed with the creation of the Aurora Economic Development Board.

Motion to refer

Moved by Councillor Pirri

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That Report No. CAO17-001 – Economic Development Board – Terms of Reference, be referred to the next meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee for comment, and be brought back to Council in the first meeting cycle in March 2017.

Motion to refer

Carried

R2. FS17-001 – Fire Station 4-5 Project Funding – Aurora Share

Moved by Councillor Thom

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

1. That Report No. FS17-001 be received; and
2. That the design phase and construction phase of the Fire Station 4-5 capital project #21006 be funded as set out in Report No. FS17-001; and
3. That a budget of \$520,000 be approved and funded for the location and design phases of the project as set out in Report No. FS17-001.

Defeated

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

1. That Report No. FS17-001 be received; and
2. That the design phase of Fire Station 4-5 capital project #21006 be approved and funded as set out in Report No. FS17-001; and
3. That staff report back with a funding report for Aurora's share of the construction phase of the project.

Carried

R3. IES17-004 – Approval of Capital Project No. 24006 (Replacement of By-law Services vehicle No. 403)

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Thom

1. That Report No. IES17-004 be received; and
2. That this report satisfy Council's conditional approval of Capital Project No. 24006; and
3. That staff be authorized to proceed with Capital Project No. 24006, "Replacement of By-law Services vehicle No. 403".

Carried

R4. IES17-005 – Purchase Order Increase for Roads Salt

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Pirri

1. That Report No. IES17-005 be received; and
2. That Purchase Order No. 78 be extended to Compass Mineral Canada Corp. for the final optional year for the York Co-Op for untreated highway coarse rock salt supply; and
3. That Purchase Order No. 78 to Compass Minerals Canada Corp. be increased by \$200,000 from the amount of \$355,806 to \$555,806, excluding taxes, for the two-year contract term of 2016 and 2017; and
4. That Purchase Order No. 752 to Compass Minerals Canada Corp. be increased by \$40,000 from the amount of \$260,000 to \$300,000, excluding taxes, for the contract term of 2016 for Thawrox.

Carried

R5. PBS17-002 – Application for Zoning By-law Amendment, Worthman & Cwenar, 19-21 Machell Avenue, Lot 5, Registered Plan No. 36, File Number: ZBA-2016-11

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

1. That Report No. PBS17-002 be received; and
2. That Application to Amend the Zoning By-law File No. ZA-2016-11, Worthman & Cwenar to rezone the subject lands from “Central Commercial (C2) Zone” to “Special Mixed Density Residential (R5-X) Exception Zone be approved; and
3. That the implementing Zoning By-law Amendment be presented at a future Council meeting for enactment.

Carried

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R6. PBS17-004 – Application for Zoning By-law Amendment, Canadian Tire Real Estate Limited, 14700 Yonge Street, Part of Lots 76 and 77, Concession 1, File Number: ZBA-2016-05

On a motion of Councillor Thompson seconded by Councillor Humfryes, Council consented to consider Item R6 following consideration of Item R1.

**Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by Councillor Pirri**

1. That Report No. PBS17-004 be received; and
2. That the Application to Amend the Zoning By-law File Number ZBA-2016-05 (Canadian Tire Real Estate Limited), to amend the site specific C4-15 zoning provisions to allow additional commercial uses be approved; and
3. That the implementing Zoning By-law Amendment be presented at a future Council meeting.

Motion to defer

**Moved by Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

That Report No. PBS17-004 – Application for Zoning By-law Amendment, Canadian Tire Real Estate Limited, 14700 Yonge Street, Part of Lots 76 and 77, Concession 1, File Number: ZBA-2016-05, be deferred to the last Council meeting of June 2017.

**Motion to defer
Carried**

R7. PBS17-010 – Proposed Amendment to the Sign By-law to Use Official Languages in Signs

On a motion of Councillor Kim seconded by Councillor Thom, Council consented to consider Item R7 following consideration of Item R6.

**Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Pirri**

1. That Report No. PBS17-010 be received; and
2. That a by-law be enacted to amend By-law Number 5840-16, being a by-law respecting signs within the Town of Aurora, by including a provision that regulates the language of signs.

Carried

R8. PBS17-009 – Next Steps Report for Library Square

Main motion

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Kim

1. That Report No. PBS17-009 be received; and
2. That the next steps regarding the design for Library Square as outlined in this report be approved.

Motion to defer

Moved by Councillor Abel

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That Report No. PBS17-009 – Next Steps Report for Library Square be deferred to the next meeting cycle.

Motion to defer

Withdrawn

On a recorded vote the main motion

Carried

Yeas: 6

Nays: 3

Voting Yeas: Councillors Humfryes, Kim, Mrakas,
Pirri, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe

Voting Nays: Councillors Abel, Gaertner, and Thom

R9. Memorandum from Mayor Dawe

Re: Correspondence from The Honourable Peter Van Loan, MP, York-Simcoe – Proposed Private Member's Bill C-323

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**Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

1. That the memorandum regarding Correspondence from The Honourable Peter Van Loan, MP, York-Simcoe – Proposed Private Member's Bill C-323, be received; and
2. That Council support this initiative by resolution; and
3. That a copy of Council's resolution be forwarded to the offices of Kyle Peterson, MP, Newmarket-Aurora, Leona Alleslev, MP, Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill, and The Honourable Peter Van Loan, MP, York-Simcoe.

Carried

7. Notices of Motion

None

8. Motions

**(a) Councillor Abel
Re: Library Square**

Upon the reading of the motion, Councillor Abel withdrew the first operative clause of the motion.

**Moved by Councillor Abel
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

Whereas the Town of Aurora has declared the old Library and the old Fire Hall, both on Victoria Street, as surplus properties; and

Whereas these two properties are known as 'Library Square'; and

Whereas the Town has completed approximately 11 studies on the uses and purposes of Library Square prior to 2012; and

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Whereas, during the last term of Council, the Town in 2013 undertook another study, to engage the community as to what uses Library Square might have, to better enhance the businesses in the downtown heritage core, cultural activities and the community at large; and

Whereas the development of Library Square is documented in the Aurora Promenade Study and the Cultural Master Plan, as a recommended action to be undertaken; and

Whereas many business, cultural, and community partners have expressed support for the concept of developing Library Square; and

Whereas residents and Members of Council have expressed support for the concept of developing Library Square;

- ~~1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That, based on the previous studies, staff be directed to report back on options, including costs and time lines, to implement the conceptual architectural designs; and~~
1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff report back on options and/or a Terms of Reference for the formation of a Task Force, Round Table, or Ad Hoc Committee to engage the Town's business, cultural, and community partners in the development of Library Square; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That staff report back by March 2017.

**On a recorded vote the motion was
Defeated**

| | |
|--------------|--|
| Yeas: 1 | Nays: 8 |
| Voting Yeas: | Councillor Abel |
| Voting Nays: | Councillors Gaertner, Humfryes, Kim, Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, Thompson, and Mayor Dawe |

- (b) Councillor Abel**
Re: Downtown Revitalization Plan
- Moved by Councillor Abel**
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

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Whereas the Town of Aurora has declared the old Library and the old Fire Hall, both on Victoria Street, as surplus properties; and

Whereas these two properties are known as “Library Square”; and

Whereas the development of Library Square is documented in the Aurora Promenade Study and the Cultural Master Plan as a recommended action to be undertaken; and

Whereas, there are four overarching plans and studies, namely the Aurora Promenade Study, the Cultural Master Plan, the Strategic Plan, and the Community Tourism Plan, which all speak to the revitalization of the downtown core; and

Whereas these plans and studies provide guidelines and recommendations on provisions to develop a Downtown Revitalization Plan, through engagement, collaboration, and communication; and

Whereas many business, cultural, and community partners have expressed the need for the revitalization of the downtown core; and

Whereas residents and Members of Council of past and present have expressed the need to revitalize the downtown core; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora has recently resolved that a new Office of Economic Development be formed, with terms of reference to form a Board;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Council endorse the concept of the development of a Downtown Revitalization Plan; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the new Office of Economic Development be tasked to deliver a draft Downtown Revitalization Plan, in collaboration with the newly-formed Board, before the third quarter of 2017 for Council's consideration.

The consideration of this item was not completed due to termination of the meeting; therefore, this item will be included on the Council agenda of February 28, 2017.

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**(c) Councillor Mrakas
Re: Property Tax Vacancy Rebates**

This item was not considered due to termination of the meeting and will be included on the Council agenda of February 28, 2017.

9. Regional Report

York Regional Council Highlights – January 26, 2017

This item was not considered due to termination of the meeting and will be included on the Council agenda of February 28, 2017.

10. New Business

None

11. Public Service Announcements

None

12. By-laws

**Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Pirri**

That the following by-laws be enacted:

- (a) 5952-17** Being a By-law to amend Zoning By-law Number 2213-78, as amended (Coppervalley Estates Inc.).
- (b) 5953-17** Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 5840-16 respecting signs within the Town of Aurora.
- (c) 5954-17** Being a By-law to declare as surplus and sell municipal lands (Part of Lot 26, Allaura Boulevard).

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- (d) **5955-17** Being a By-law to amend Parking and Traffic Control By-law Number 4574-04.T, as amended, with respect to No Parking on various highways in the Town of Aurora.
- (e) **5956-17** Being a By-law to amend Parking and Traffic Control By-law Number 4574-04.T, as amended, with respect to Restricted Parking Maximum Period on various highways in the Town of Aurora.

Carried

13. Closed Session

None

14. Confirming By-law

**Moved by Councillor Thom
Seconded by Councillor Kim**

That the following confirming by-law be enacted:

- 5957-17** Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from a Council Meeting on February 14, 2017.

Carried

15. Adjournment

**Moved by Councillor Thom
Seconded by Councillor Pirri**

That the meeting be adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

Carried

Geoffrey Dawe, Mayor

Samantha Yew, Deputy Clerk

The minutes of the Council meeting of February 14, 2017, are subject to final approval by Council on February 28, 2017.



**Town of Aurora
Council Closed Session
Public Minutes**

Leksand Room
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Attendance

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| Council Members | Mayor Dawe in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Kim, Mrakas, Pirri (arrived 6:22 p.m.), Thom, and Thompson |
| Members Absent | Councillor Humfryes |
| Other Attendees | Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Marco Ramunno, Director of Planning and Building Services, Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor, and Samantha Yew, Deputy Clerk |

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Council consented to recess at 5:46 p.m. to resolve into a Closed Session.

Council reconvened into open session at 6:45 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Thom

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

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2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

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

3. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion

**Moved by Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by Councillor Kim**

That Council resolve into Closed Session to consider the following matters:

1. Litigation or potential litigation including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the Town or a Local Board (section 239(2)(e) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*); Re: Closed Session Report No. CS17-004, Re: Alterations at 82 Centre Street, Aurora
2. Litigation or potential litigation including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the Town or a Local Board (section 239(2)(e) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*); Re: Appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board Re: Ashlen Holdings Inc., OMB Case No. PL1607811, Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications, Ashlen Holdings Inc., 13859, 13875, 13887 Yonge Street, File Numbers: OPA-2015-03, ZBA-2015-08, and SUB-2015-04

Carried

**Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Thom**

That the Council Closed Session be reconvened into open session to rise and report from Closed Session.

Carried

1. Litigation or potential litigation including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the Town or a Local Board (section 239(2)(e) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*); Re: Closed Session Report No. CS17-004, Re: Alterations at 82 Centre Street, Aurora

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**Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Pirri**

That Closed Session Report No. CS17-004, Re: Alterations at 82 Centre Street, Aurora, be received for information.

Carried

- 2. Litigation or potential litigation including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the Town or a Local Board (section 239(2)(e) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*); Re: Appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board Re: Ashlen Holdings Inc., OMB Case No. PL1607811, Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications, Ashlen Holdings Inc., 13859, 13875, 13887 Yonge Street, File Numbers: OPA-2015-03, ZBA-2015-08, and SUB-2015-04**

**Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Mrakas**

That the confidential direction to legal counsel in respect to Appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board Re: Ashlen Holdings Inc., OMB Case No. PL1607811, Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications, Ashlen Holdings Inc., 13859, 13875, 13887 Yonge Street, File Numbers: OPA-2015-03, ZBA-2015-08, and SUB-2015-04, be confirmed.

Carried

4. By-laws

**Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by Councillor Thom**

That the following confirming by-law be enacted:

- 5951-17** Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council Resulting from a Council Closed Session Meeting on February 14, 2017.

Carried

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5. Adjournment

**Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Mrakas**

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Carried

Geoffrey Dawe, Mayor

Samantha Yew, Deputy Clerk

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Planning and Building Services

Memorandum

Date: February 28, 2017

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Marco Ramunno, Director of Planning and Building Services

Re: **Additional Information to Item R5 – PBS17-005
February 21, 2017 General Committee Meeting
Application for Site Plan Approval
Shimvest Investments Ltd.
Block 161, Registered Plan 65M-4485
File Number: SP-2016-05
Related File Numbers: SUB-2012-02, ZBA-2012-02**

Recommendation

- 1. That the memorandum regarding Additional Information to Item R5 – PBS17-005, February 21, 2017 General Committee Meeting, Application for Site Plan Approval, Shimvest Investments Ltd., be received for information.**

Background

At the February 21, 2017 General Committee meeting, questions were raised with respect to the Official Plan designation of the lands subject to the Site Plan Application proposing 9 townhouse and 2 semi-detached dwelling units. The attached Draft Plan of Subdivision (attached as Figure 2) was approved by Council on March 26, 2013, and subsequently registered as Plan 65M-4485 (see Figure 3). The two plans clearly identify the future development area that is the subject of Block 161. Block 161 is designated as “Urban Residential 1” by the 2C Secondary Plan (see Figure 1) and is zoned “Row Dwelling Residential (R6-63)”. Zoning By-law 5526-13 was passed by Council on June 25, 2013.

The land use designations of the 2C Secondary Plan were created as a Schedule to the Plan (see Figure 1) to identify the diagrammatic land uses in mapping form. The boundaries identified on the Schedules are considered as approximate. The final delineation of the land use boundaries and road network are established through the more detailed review at the Plan of Subdivision stage.

Additional Information to Item R5 – PBS17-005, February 21, 2017 General Committee Meeting
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Block 161 has a site area of 0.46 ha (1.15 acres). It is a developable area and was anticipated as a future development block when Council approved the Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment. Block 161 is not designated or zoned as Environmental Protection Area. The development proposed by the Site Plan Application (Block 161) will occur entirely within the approved developable area. The blocks that comprise the natural heritage system lands and the stormwater management ponds that surround Block 161 have been conveyed to the Town as part of the plan registration process.

Attachments

Figure 1 – Aurora 2C Secondary Plan Area – Schedule A Land Use

Figure 2 – Approved Draft Plan of Subdivision

Figure 3 – Registered Plan 65M-4485

**SCHEDULE A
 Land Use
 Aurora 2C Secondary Plan**

Legend

The Greenlands System

-  Environmental Protection Area
-  Community Park
-  Neighbourhood Park
-  Wildlife Park
-  Stormwater Management Facility
-  Wildlife Park Trail Head

The Residential Neighbourhood

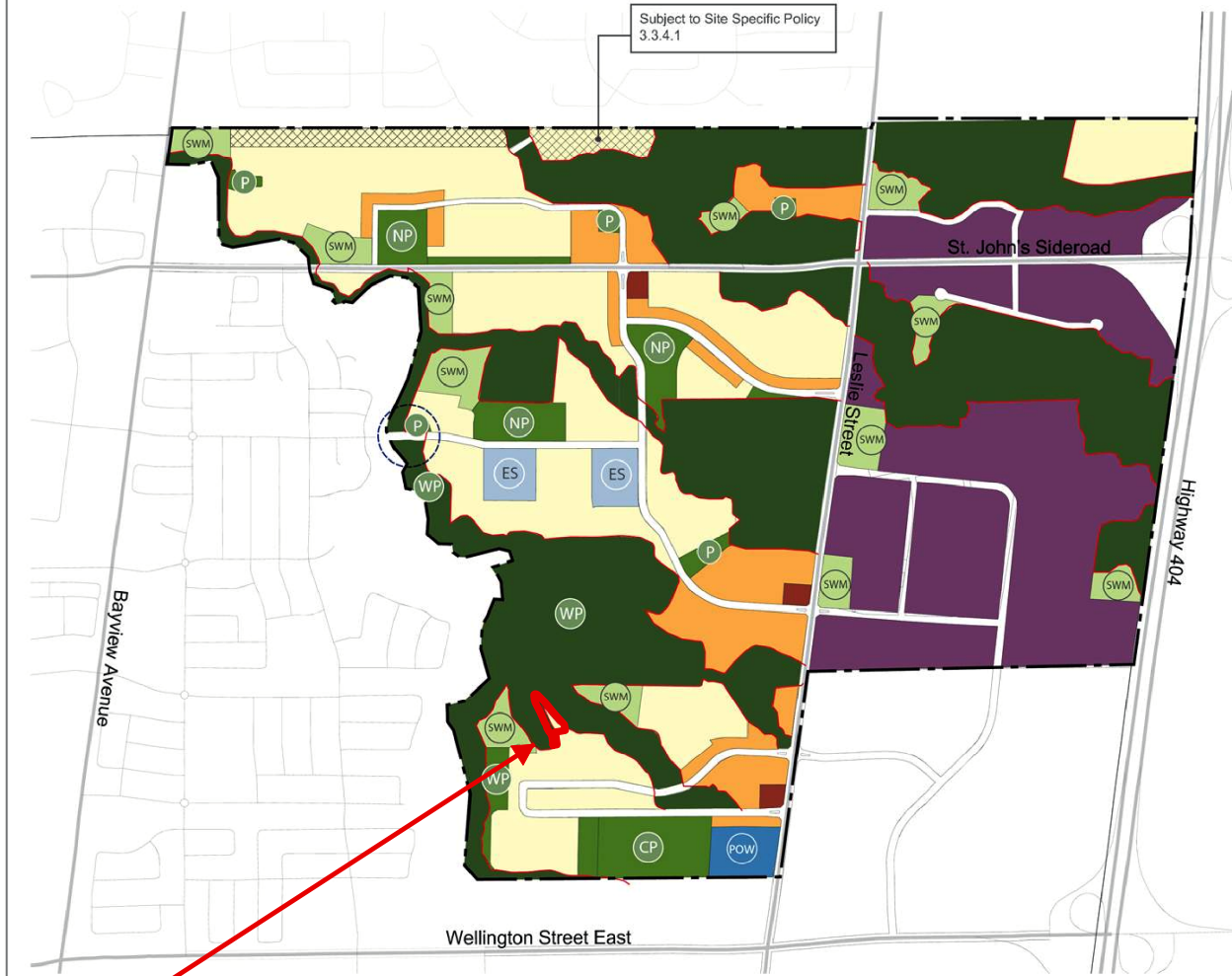
-  Urban Residential 1
-  Urban Residential 2
-  Mixed-Use Residential/Commercial
-  Residential Interface Overlay
-  Elementary School
-  Place of Worship

The Business Park

-  Business Park 1
-  Secondary Plan Area Boundary
-  Development Limit



September 1, 2011



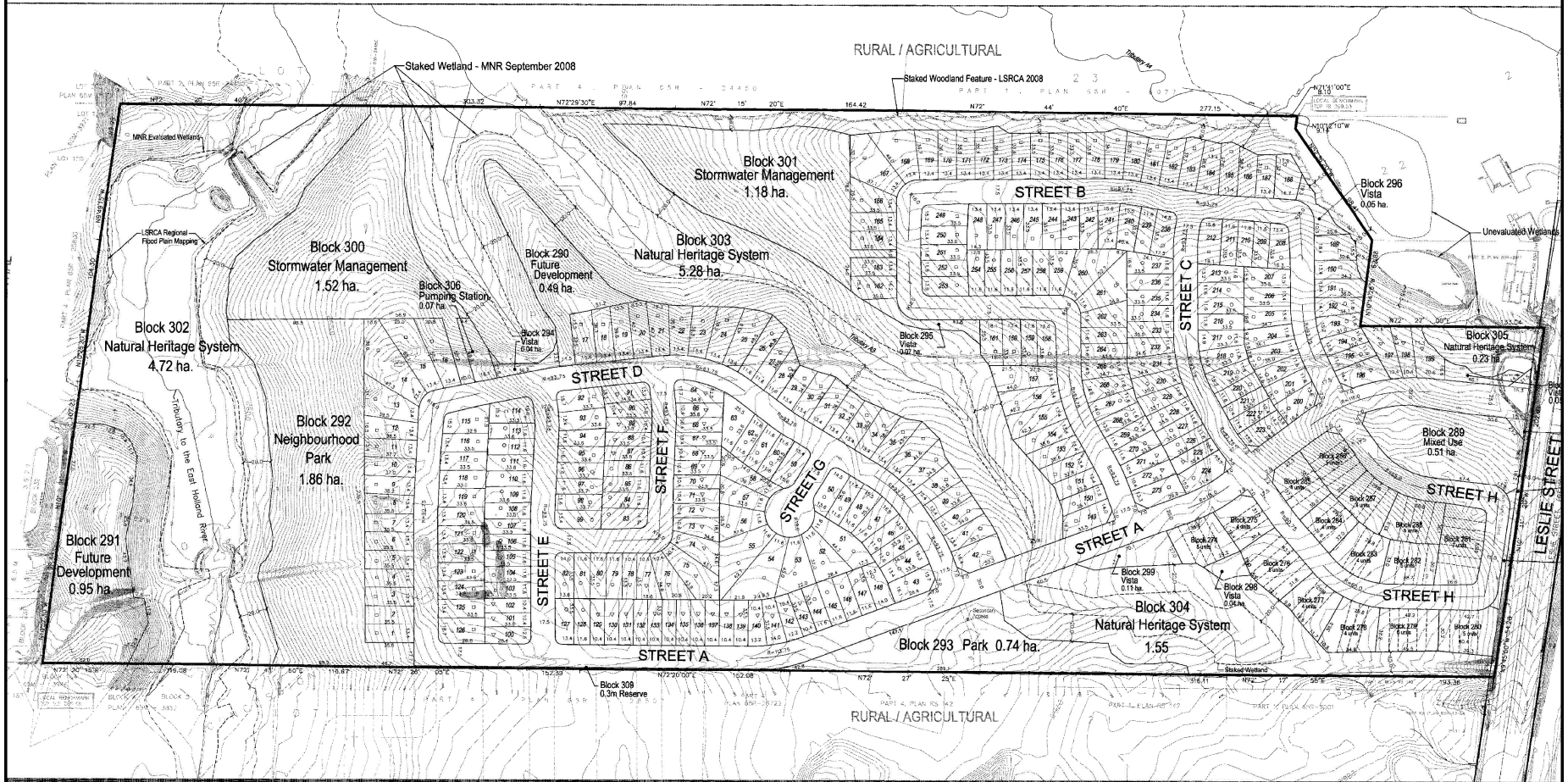
 **Subject Lands**

AURORA 2C SECONDARY PLAN - SCHEDULE A LAND USE

APPLICANT: SHIMVEST INVESTMENTS
 FILES: SUB-2012-02

FIGURE 1






PLAN OF SUBDIVISION

| <p>2, Concession 2</p> | <p>KEY PLAN</p> <p>CONCRETE</p> <p>█ SUBJECT PROPERTY</p> | <p>SCHEDULE OF LAND USE</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>LOT/BLOCK</th> <th>LAND USE</th> <th>DENSITY</th> <th>UNITS</th> <th>AREA (ha)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1-148, 151-193, 202-221</td> <td>UR1 Residential Units - 13.4m single family</td> <td>20.0</td> <td>109</td> <td>13.61</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | LOT/BLOCK | LAND USE | DENSITY | UNITS | AREA (ha) | 1-148, 151-193, 202-221 | UR1 Residential Units - 13.4m single family | 20.0 | 109 | 13.61 | <p>OWNER'S AUTHORIZATION</p> <p>I hereby authorize Malone Given Parsons Ltd. to prepare and submit</p> | <p>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p> <p>AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 51(17) OF THE PLANNING ACT, CHAPTER P 13 (R.S.O. 1990).</p> <p>(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) - As shown on the Draft Plan</p> |
|-------------------------|--|--|-----------|-----------|---------|-------|-----------|-------------------------|---|------|-----|-------|---|---|
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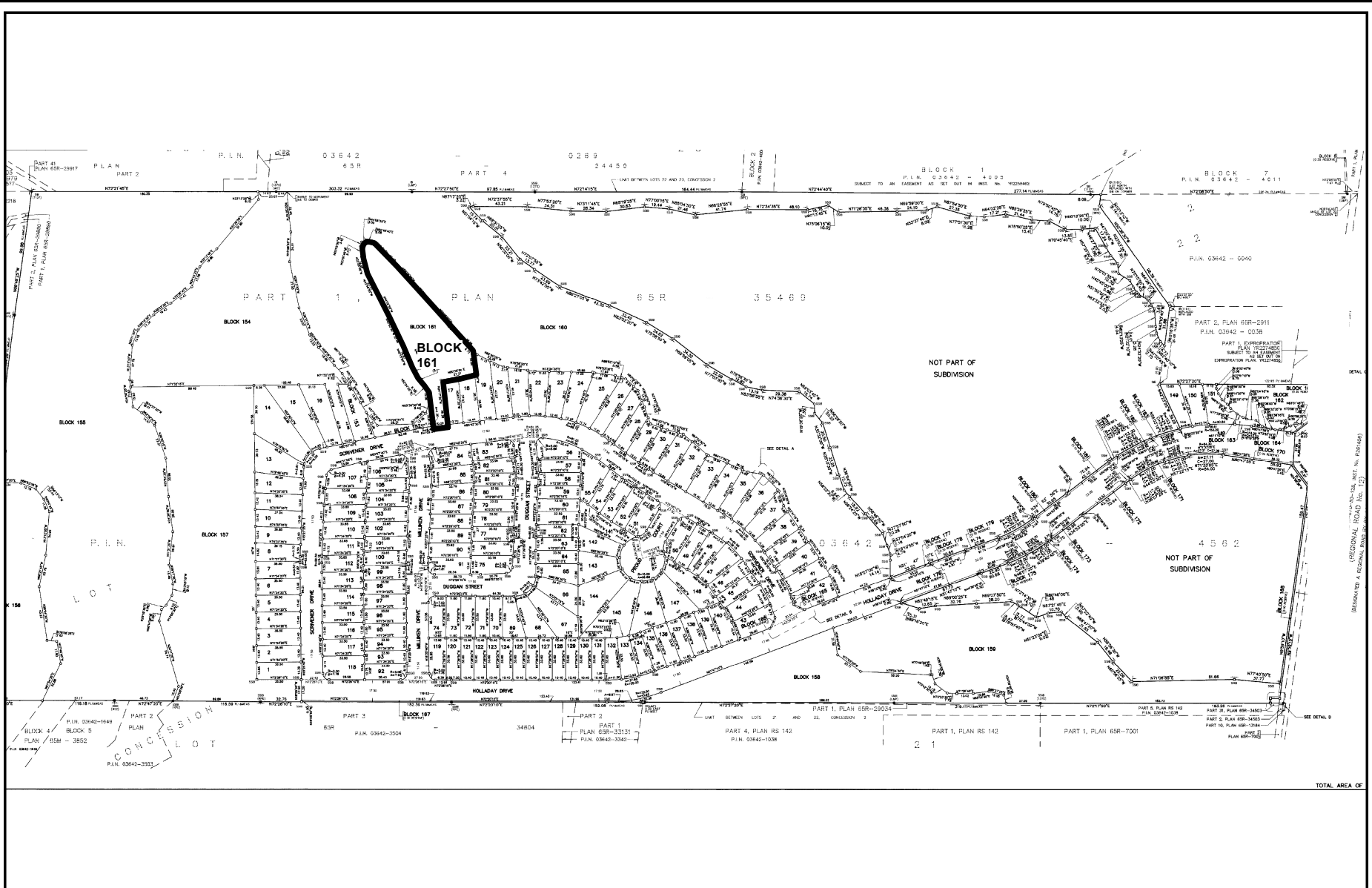
APPROVED DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION

APPLICANT: SHIMVEST INVESTMENTS
FILES: SUB-2012-02

FIGURE 2



Map created by the Town of Aurora Planning & Building Services Department, February 22, 2017.



REGISTERED PLAN, 65M-4485

APPLICANT: SHIMVEST INVESTMENTS
FILES: SUB-2012-02

FIGURE 3



Map created by the Town of Aurora Planning & Building Services Department, February 22, 2017. Drawing provided by Rady-Pentek & Edward Surveying Ltd.



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**Town of Aurora
Office of the Mayor**

Memorandum

Date: February 28, 2017
To: Members of Council
From: Mayor Geoffrey Dawe
Re: **Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
Board Meeting Highlights of January 27, 2017**

Recommendation

That Council:

- Receive the correspondence for information
- Endorse the recommendations
- Provide direction



Board Meeting Highlights

66th Annual General Meeting

January 27, 2017

Welcome and Greetings:

Chair Dawe welcomed everyone to the 66th Annual General Meeting and thanked the many guests in attendance from the federal government, provincial government, Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation, as well as regional and municipal partners and LSRCA staff members.

Chair Dawe was pleased to call upon Deb Schulte, MP King-Vaughan, and Brad Rogers, President, Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation, who brought greetings to the meeting.

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Blair Feltmate, Head, Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation, University of Waterloo

Dr. Feltmate, Head, Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation at the University of Waterloo, provided a presentation regarding the “new normal” of extreme weather, with extreme events such as floods, droughts, fire, wind and hail all on the rise, how all industry sectors are vulnerable to their impacts, and what can be done to mitigate risk and maximize opportunity. To view Dr. Feltmate’s presentation, please click on the following link: [The Contagion of Extreme Weather: The Capital Markets are Paying Attention](#)

Presentations:

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority’s 2016 Annual Report

Chair Dawe congratulated LSRCA’s staff, Board and partners on another successful year. Chair Dawe provided an overview of LSRCA’s many accomplishments throughout 2016, most notably LSRCA’s new Stormwater Management Guidelines, as well as great strides made by the Education team. He then shared a video presentation that summed up this year’s successes: [2016 Annual Report Video](#)

LSRCA’s 2016 Annual Report was handed out at the meeting. Additional copies may be obtained by contacting Katarina Zeppieri at k.zeppieri@lsrca.on.ca / 905-895-1281 or electronically via the following link: [LSRCA 2016 Annual Report](#)

Chair’s 2016 Activity Report

Chair Dawe reviewed the Chair’s 2016 Activity Report, which was included in the agenda, noting that 2016 was a very busy and exciting year at LSRCA and that he was so proud to serve as Chair of the Board of Directors.

Conclusion of 2016 Business

Chair Dawe concluded the Year 2016 business and deemed the Chair vacant.

2017 Business

After a short break, the 2017 Business portion of the meeting was called to order by the CAO, Mike Walters, who served as Chair Pro Temp during the election of the Chair and Vice Chair for 2017.

Election of Officers

Aurora Mayor Geoffrey Dawe was re-elected to the position of Chair for 2017 and Innisfil Councillor Richard Simpson was re-elected to the position of Vice Chair for 2017.



Innisfil Councillor/LSRCA Vice Chair Richard Simpson with Aurora Mayor/LSRCA Chair Geoffrey Dawe

To view LSRCA's media release regarding the election of officers, please click the following link:
[Media Release - LSRCA 2017 Chair and Vice Chair](#)

2017 Meeting Schedule

The Board approved the following 2017 meeting schedule. Meetings are held in LSRCA's Administrative Offices located at 120 Bayview Parkway in Newmarket from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Friday, February 24th
Friday, March 24th
Friday, April 28th
Friday, May 26th
Friday, June 23rd
Friday, July 28th

No August meeting
Friday, September 22nd
Friday, October 27th
Friday, November 24th
Friday, December 15th

2017 LSRCA Board of Directors

Below is a photo of the 2017 Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors who were in attendance.



From left to right:

Back Row: Councillor Peter Ferragine, Deputy Mayor/Regional Councillor Naomi Davison, Councillor Ken Ferdinands, Deputy Mayor Pat Molloy, Councillor Dave Kerwin, Mr. Jay Dolan, Councillor Scott Macpherson, Councillor Stephen Strangway

Front Row: Mayor Virginia Hackson, Regional Councillor Bobbie Drew, Councillor Richard Simpson (Vice Chair), Mayor Geoffrey Dawe (Chair), Councillor Avia Eek, Mayor Margaret Quirk

Missing: Ms. Debbie Bath, Councillor Shira Harrison-McIntyre, Deputy Mayor John O'Donnell, Councillor Peter Silveira

From: Carolyn Lance <clance@georgina.ca>
Sent: February-16-17 9:27 AM

Good morning.

Please be advised that Council for the Town of Georgina at its meeting held on February 15th considered Report No. AD-2017-0007 entitled '2017-2020 Property Tax Ratios' and passed the following motion:

RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0101

1. That Council receive Report No. AD-2017-0007 prepared by the Taxation and Revenue Division, Administrative Services Department dated February 15, 2017 for information.
2. That the Council of the Town of Georgina support no change to property tax ratios for the years 2017- 2020.
3. That this resolution of Council of the Town of Georgina be forwarded to the Region of York and each of its' lower tier Municipalities.

Accordingly, I have attached Report No. AD-2017-0007 for your review and information purposes. Please contact either David Reddon, Manager of Taxation and Revenue/Tax Collector at dreddon@georgina.ca, or Rebecca Mathewson, Director of Administrative Services and Treasurer at rmathewson@georgina.ca with any questions or comments or if you require clarification.

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CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

REPORT NO. AD-2017-0007

**FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF
COUNCIL**

FEBRUARY 15, 2017

SUBJECT: 2017 - 2020 PROPERTY TAX RATIOS

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. That Council receive Report No. AD-2017-0007 prepared by the Taxation and Revenue Division, Administrative Services Department dated February 15, 2017 for information.**
- 2. That staff recommend Council of the Town of Georgina support no change to property tax ratios for the years 2017- 2020.**
- 3. That this resolution of Council of the Town of Georgina be forwarded to the Region of York and each of its' lower tier Municipalities.**

2. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information regarding pending adoption of tax ratios by the Region of York for taxation years 2017-2020 and the resulting shifts of taxation between property classes.

3. BACKGROUND:

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation completed a Province-wide property reassessment in 2016 with revised current market values established at January 1, 2016. Provincial assessment legislation requires the revised increased values to be phased-in over a four year period being 2017 and ending in 2020.

As a result of reassessment, tax shifts occur when the assessed value of one property type increases more than that of another property type, reallocating a greater burden of tax dollars from one class of property to another. A further complication occurs when a local municipality within the Region of York experiences an increase in a property class greater than that in other municipalities within the same tax class, creating an additional "local" shift of tax burden to other property types as a result of Region-wide tax ratios.

Tax ratios represent the relative burden shared by each property class in relation to the residential class which is always 1. For example, in 2016 the commercial tax ratio was 1.1172, which means that the commercial tax rate is 1.1172 times higher than the residential tax rate. Each property class has a specific ratio. The legislative responsibility to adopt tax ratios is that of the

Region of York. A bylaw must be passed to set the specific ratios for both the upper tier and each of the lower tier municipalities.

In 1998, the Province of Ontario established a “Range of Fairness” for property tax ratios. Generally, municipalities may only move or align their tax ratios within or closer to the Range of Fairness for administrative ease or mitigation of significant tax shifts. Since 2010, the Region of York has continued to move business class tax ratios closer to the Range of Fairness in an effort to promote and ensure fairness, equity, economic competitiveness and efficiency.

Chart 1 below indicates the history of tax ratios for the Region of York from 2010 to 2016.

Chart 1 – History of Tax Ratios

| Property Class | Approved Ratios 2004 to 2009 | Approved Ratios 2010 | Approved Ratios 2011 | Approved Ratios 2012 | Approved Ratios 2013 to 2016 |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Residential | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Multi-residential | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Commercial | 1.2070 | 1.1800 | 1.1431 | 1.1172 | 1.1172 |
| Industrial | 1.3737 | 1.3575 | 1.3305 | 1.3124 | 1.3124 |
| Farm and Managed Forests | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 |
| Pipelines | 0.919 | 0.919 | 0.919 | 0.919 | 0.919 |

Source: Region of York

Chart 2 below provides an interjurisdictional tax ratio scan for the GTA and surrounding municipalities:

Chart 2 – Inter-Jurisdictional Tax Ratio Scan

| 2016 | Multi-residential | Commercial | Industrial | Pipeline | Farm /Forest |
|-------------|-------------------|------------|------------|----------|--------------|
| York Region | 1.0 | 1.1172 | 1.3124 | 0.919 | 0.25 |
| Durham | 1.8665 | 1.45 | 2.2598 | 1.2294 | 0.2/ 0.25 |
| Halton | 2.2619 | 1.4565 | 2.3599 | 1.0617 | 0.2/0.25 |
| Toronto | 2.9044 | 2.9044 | 2.9044 | 1.9236 | 0.25 |
| Caledon | 1.6843 | 1.3124 | 1.5805 | 0.9239 | 0.1668/ 0.25 |
| Mississauga | 1.7050 | 1.4098 | 1.5708 | 1.1512 | 0.25 |
| Brampton | 1.7788 | 1.2971 | 1.4700 | 0.9239 | 0.25 |

Source: Region of York

4. ANALYSIS:

At the upcoming Regional Council Committee of the Whole meeting of March 9, 2017, Regional Financial staff will present their tax ratio policy report and recommendations to Council. The report will provide analysis regarding three tax ratio scenarios as follows:

1. Keep ratios the same
2. Move commercial and industrial ratios to revenue neutral ratios
3. Move commercial and industrial ratios to the upper bound of the Ranges of Fairness while holding the multi-residential and pipeline ratios in line with Regional Council policy.

Chart 3 below demonstrates the preliminary tax shifting associated with no change to tax ratios by property classes and local municipalities.

Chart 3 – Scenario 1, No Change to Tax Ratios

| (\$000s) | Residential | Commercial | Industrial | Other¹ | Subtotal | Notional Tax Rate Adjustments² | Total (Subtotal minus Adjustments) |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--|---|
| Aurora | 471 | (718) | (157) | (26) | (430) | 127 | (557) |
| East Gwillimbury | (409) | (177) | (53) | 13 | (626) | 30 | (657) |
| Georgina | (209) | (146) | (14) | (5) | (373) | 80 | (453) |
| King | (1,609) | 40 | 83 | (4) | (1,490) | 69 | (1,559) |
| Markham | 15,615 | (5,461) | (973) | (266) | 8,916 | 956 | 7,959 |
| Newmarket | 1,265 | (431) | (250) | 2 | 586 | 463 | 124 |
| Richmond Hill | 13,592 | (1,935) | (512) | (29) | 11,117 | 252 | 10,864 |
| Vaughan | (3,031) | (7,477) | (3,742) | (205) | (14,455) | 1,659 | (16,114) |
| Whitchurch-Stouffville | 863 | (237) | (140) | (10) | 476 | 85 | 391 |
| York Region | 26,550 | (16,542) | (5,759) | (529) | 3,720 | 3,720 | 0 |

¹ Other includes pipelines, managed forests, farmland and multi-residential

² These revenues are removed from the calculation because these represent equity changes due to specific in year property assessment changes, such as assessment appeal losses

Source: Region of York

Chart 4 below demonstrates the preliminary tax shifting associated with applying the revenue neutral option between property classes the relative tax burden shift between municipalities.

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Chart 4 – Scenario 2, Adjust Tax Ratios for Revenue Neutrality

| (\$000s) | Residential | Commercial | Industrial | Other | Subtotal | Notional Tax Rate Adjustments* | Grand Total (Subtotal minus Adjustments) |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Aurora | (791) | (17) | 60 | (41) | (788) | 96 | (884) |
| East Gwillimbury | (907) | 65 | 12 | 2 | (828) | 23 | (851) |
| Georgina | (888) | 64 | 3 | (20) | (841) | 60 | (901) |
| King | (2,346) | 193 | 160 | (23) | (2,017) | 52 | (2,069) |
| Markham | 8,018 | 178 | 111 | (358) | 7,948 | 722 | 7,226 |
| Newmarket | (201) | 719 | 83 | (27) | 574 | 350 | 225 |
| Richmond Hill | 8,460 | 471 | 12 | (103) | 8,840 | 191 | 8,649 |
| Vaughan | (10,230) | (47) | 480 | (248) | (10,046) | 1,253 | (11,299) |
| Whitchurch-Stouffville | (174) | 137 | 29 | (24) | (33) | 64 | (97) |
| York Region | 941 | 1,762 | 950 | (842) | 2,811 | 2,811 | (0) |

*These revenues are removed from the calculation because these represent equity changes due to specific in year property assessment changes, such as assessment appeal losses
Source: Region of York

Chart 5 below demonstrates the tax shifting associated with moving ratios within the Ranges of Fairness further increasing shift and burden on the residential class.

Chart 5 – Scenario 3, Adjust Tax Ratios further within the Range of Fairness

| (\$000s) | Residential | Commercial | Industrial | Other | Subtotal | Notional Tax Rate Adjustments* | Total (Subtotal minus Adjustments) |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Aurora | 756 | (757) | (306) | (22) | (329) | 136 | (465) |
| East Gwillimbury | (296) | (190) | (98) | 15 | (569) | 33 | (602) |
| Georgina | (56) | (157) | (25) | (1) | (239) | 85 | (325) |
| King | (1,442) | 31 | 30 | 1 | (1,380) | 74 | (1,454) |
| Markham | 17,331 | (5,773) | (1,712) | (246) | 9,600 | 1,024 | 8,576 |
| Newmarket | 1,596 | (495) | (477) | 8 | 633 | 496 | 137 |
| Richmond Hill | 14,751 | (2,069) | (869) | (12) | 11,801 | 270 | 11,531 |
| Vaughan | (1,405) | (7,890) | (6,620) | (195) | (16,110) | 1,777 | (17,887) |
| Whitchurch-Stouffville | 1,097 | (258) | (255) | (6) | 578 | 91 | 487 |
| York Region | 32,334 | (17,558) | (10,333) | (458) | 3,985 | 3,985 | 0 |

*These revenues are removed from the calculation because these represent equity changes due to specific in year property assessment changes, such as assessment appeal losses

Source: Region of York

Staff are of the opinion that Scenario 1, No Change to Tax Ratios promotes good and sound tax policy, consistent with the framework of the current market value assessment system of property taxation. Further, the impact of the recent reassessment contributes to a shift of property taxes to the business property classes in favour of the residential classes. Although a property by property analysis is currently not available the affect to an individual property owner's total tax levy will be negligible.

5. RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

This report provides information to Council regarding the impacts of the recent reassessment of property current values for the purposes of property taxation, and the related policy decisions to be made by the Council of the Regional Municipality of York. Consequently, this report does not have a direct relationship with the goals outlined in the Town's Strategic Plan. Regardless, there exists an indirect relationship between property tax ratios and the strategic goal listed below:

GOAL 1: "Grow Our Economy" – SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH & EMPLOYMENT.

The impact of property tax ratios to the business property classes are considered to be one of many cost drivers that may impact the affordability of multi-residential housing, and the economic environment of commercial and industrial businesses.

6. FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There is no financial or budgetary impact at the lower tier budget level. Impacts of shifting between tax classes is included in the 2017 Region of York Tax Rates.

7. PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND NOTICE:

No public consultation or notice are required at the lower tier municipal level as establishing property tax ratios are the responsibility of the Region of York.

8. CONCLUSION:

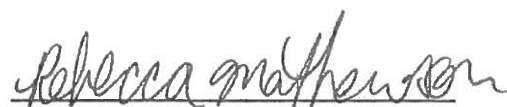
This reports provides information to Council regarding the pending adoption of property tax ratios by the Region of York for taxation years 2017-2020 and preliminary impacts on property taxes classes as a result of the recent Province wide property reassessment.

Prepared by:



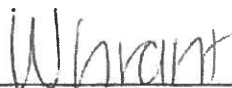
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Chief Administrative Officer



**Motion for Which Notice Has
Been Given** (December 6, 2016)

Councillor John Abel

Date: December 13, 2016
To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Councillor Abel
Re: **Downtown Revitalization Plan**

Whereas the Town of Aurora has declared the old Library and the old Fire Hall, both on Victoria Street, as surplus properties; and

Whereas these two properties are known as “Library Square”; and

Whereas the development of Library Square is documented in the Aurora Promenade Study and the Cultural Master Plan as a recommended action to be undertaken; and

Whereas, there are four overarching plans and studies, namely the Aurora Promenade Study, the Cultural Master Plan, the Strategic Plan, and the Community Tourism Plan, which all speak to the revitalization of the downtown core; and

Whereas these plans and studies provide guidelines and recommendations on provisions to develop a Downtown Revitalization Plan, through engagement, collaboration, and communication; and

Whereas many business, cultural, and community partners have expressed the need for the revitalization of the downtown core; and

Whereas residents and Members of Council of past and present have expressed the need to revitalize the downtown core; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora has recently resolved that a new Office of Economic Development be formed, with terms of reference to form a Board;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Council endorse the concept of the development of a Downtown Revitalization Plan; and

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2. Be It Further Resolved That the new Office of Economic Development be tasked to deliver a draft Downtown Revitalization Plan, in collaboration with the newly-formed Board, before the third quarter of 2017 for Council's consideration.



**Motion for Which Notice Has
Been Given** (February 21, 2017)

Councillor Tom Mrakas

Date: February 28, 2017
To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Councillor Mrakas
Re: **Property Tax Vacancy Rebates**

Whereas the province of Ontario mandates under Section 364 of the *Municipal Act*, that every local municipality shall have a program to provide property tax rebates in respect to vacant portions of buildings that are in the commercial or industrial classes; and

Whereas the 2016 Provincial Budget announced a legislative framework to facilitate increased municipal flexibility with providing municipalities broad flexibility for 2017 and future years to tailor the vacant unit tax rebate to reflect community needs and circumstances; and

Whereas this vacant unit tax rebate may encourage some property owners to keep commercial and industrial buildings empty; and

Whereas unoccupied retail is not good for the overall health of the municipality; and

Whereas boarded-up stores impact on the ability to revitalize main streets; and

Whereas the repeal of the vacant unit tax rebate will contribute to the healthy development of the downtown core; and

Whereas the repeal of the vacant unit tax rebate would support the varied efforts of the Town in bringing renewal to our downtown promenade and makes financial sense for the Town;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora seek to repeal the vacant unit tax rebate effective for the tax year 2017; and

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2. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Minister of Finance to request the necessary regulatory authority using the flexibility provided in the legislative framework to repeal the vacancy tax rebate; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Council of the The Regional Municipality of York and all area municipalities to advise of Council's interest in seeking abolishment of the vacant unit rebates provisions.



**Motion for Which Notice Has
Been Given** (February 21, 2017)

Mayor Geoffrey Dawe

Date: February 28, 2017
To: Members of Council
From: Mayor Dawe
Re: **Activate Aurora – Open Streets Event**

Whereas Activate Aurora is an Ontario Trillium Foundation-funded, three-year, cross-sectorial program designed by Sport Aurora with the guidance of the Canadian Sport for Life Society; and

Whereas the goal of this program is to make Aurora ‘Canada’s Most Active Community’ through education awareness, capacity building and sustainable programming activities; and

Whereas some of the programs and activities held to date include walk-to-school events; play-day events, daily physical activity curriculum and delivery in local schools, Seniors’ Active Living Fair and continuing older adult engagement as well as the York Region Physical Literacy Summit; and

Whereas the Activate Aurora Team includes representatives from the York Region District School Board, York Catholic School Board, Seneca College, Municipal Recreation Staff, Healthy Kids Community Challenge, York Region Public Health, Southlake Regional Health Centre, and the Aurora Seniors Association; and

Whereas this “first-ever” cross and multi-sectorial approach will help engage and educate citizens of all ages in Aurora about the importance of incorporating daily physical activity and the benefits to their overall physical and mental well-being; and

Whereas ‘Open Streets’ is a globally successful initiative that temporarily closes local streets to automobile traffic so that people can use them for walking, cycling, playing or socializing; and

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Whereas Activate Aurora is interested in hosting an Open Streets Event on Sunday, June 4, 2017, in conjunction with the Aurora Chamber of Commerce during their Annual Street Sale; and

Whereas local streets in the vicinity of Town Park would be closed to vehicular traffic; and

Whereas different interactive physical activities would be hosted by Activate Aurora in Town Park for our citizens to engage in;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Council endorse this initiative by resolution; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services staff be requested to support the proposed activities at Town Park and affected streets within existing Operating Budgets.



**Motion for Which Notice Has
Been Given** (February 21, 2017)

Mayor Geoffrey Dawe

Date: February 28, 2017

To: Members of Council

From: Mayor Dawe

Re: **Amendment to Procedure By-law Number 5920-16**

Whereas the Town of Aurora Procedure By-law Number 5920-16, Section 39.b), Adjournment, requires an amendment; and

Whereas in its current form this particular section of the By-law states “If Council or General Committee is still in session at 11 p.m., it shall be adjourned unless all Members present concur in the extension of the Meeting.”; and

Whereas if for whatever reason a Council member must leave the meeting that is in session by 11 p.m., the current By-law, as it stands, does not permit the extension; and

Whereas this may negatively impact moving the business of the Town forward for the benefit of our community;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Council amend By-law Number 5920-16, Section 39.b), Adjournment, to read “If Council or General Committee is still in session at 11 p.m., it shall be adjourned unless two-thirds of the Members present enact a resolution to extend the Meeting.”



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**Town of Aurora
Office of the Mayor**

Memorandum

Date: February 14, 2017
To: Members of Council
From: Mayor Geoffrey Dawe
Re: York Regional Council Highlights of January 26, 2017

Recommendation

That Council:

- Receive the correspondence for information
- Endorse the recommendations
- Provide direction

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Monday, January 30, 2017

York Regional Council Highlights - Thursday, January 26, 2017

Chris Raynor named York Region's new Regional Clerk

York Regional Council endorsed Chris Raynor as York Region's new Regional Clerk.

Mr. Raynor has almost 13 years of municipal experience, including serving as York Region's Deputy Clerk since 2009.

In addition to his professional experience, Mr. Raynor has a Bachelor Degree in Business Law from the University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom and an Information Access and Protection of Privacy Certificate from the University of Alberta. In 2015, he also completed a Masters Certificate in Municipal Leadership.

York Region's Office of the Clerk acts as corporate secretary to York Regional Council and its committees, leads the management of the Region's information assets and heads access to information and privacy programs.

Mr. Raynor will assume his new role on January 27, 2017.

York Region Public Health receives Excellence Canada silver recognition
Excellence Canada has awarded York Region Public Health [Healthy Living](#), [Health Protection](#) and [Child and Family Health](#) divisions with Silver certification in the Canada Awards for Excellence Program under the *Excellence, Innovation and Wellness Standard*.

The *Excellence, Innovation and Wellness Standard* is Canada's international benchmark for organizational excellence. To qualify for recognition, organizations are assessed on their leadership, governance, planning, processes, social responsibility, partners, suppliers, customers, employees and results.

York Region asks Ontario government to provide more support for collection of unpaid fines

In [submissions](#) summarized for Council, York Region is asking the Ontario government to help improve the effectiveness of York Region's policy on collection of fines under the *Provincial Offences Act* (POA). The submission asks the government to remove exemptions to license plate denials under the *Making Ontario's Roads Safer Act, 2015* to allow full collection of outstanding fines.

With historic provincial offence default fines in York Region approaching \$48.5 million, expansion of license plate denial would help send a message to fine defaulters that the Province is serious about helping municipalities collect the large number of unpaid fines for traffic offenses.

York Region's approach to collecting unpaid fines includes:

- Use of collection agencies
- Partnering with local municipalities to collect fines through property tax bills
- Enforcing payment through civil enforcement mechanisms such as property liens or garnishment of wages
- Adding additional administration charges to default fines for full collection cost recovery

Action Plan targets housing, employment to improve quality of life for York Region residents

The Human Services Planning Board (HSPB) of York Region's [2016 to 2018 Action Plan](#) focuses on improving health and well-being for low and moderate income residents by encouraging affordable housing and secure, fulfilling employment opportunities.

Activities within the plan include championing and participating in the *ventureLAB communityBUILD Blueprint: Affordable Housing Challenge* to increase the supply of legal long-term second suite units in the Region, hosting an Employment Learning Forum in 2017, working with Regional partners to grow the [Career Navigator](#) program and working with local municipalities on strategies to increase the supply of

rental housing.

The 2016 to 2018 Action Plan builds on the direction set in [Making Ends Meet in York Region: A Road Map for 2015 to 2018](#). The Making Ends Meet in York Region strategy is focused on helping low and moderate income residents who find it hard to bridge the growing gap between income and the high costs of living.

Hospital transfer and paramedic response times being reduced in York Region

The Regional Municipality of York in collaboration with local hospital partners is bringing better health care to residents with [faster Paramedic Services response times and shorter transfer of care times](#) at hospital.

York Region approved more than \$1.3 million in January 2015 to fund initiatives to reduce off-load delays at local hospitals. Staff from York Region Paramedic Services, Markham Stouffville Hospital, Mackenzie Health and Southlake Regional Health Centre participated in a four-day event in January 2016 to create new patient transfer efficiencies. Some of the new initiatives underway include:

- Connecting hospitals to the Paramedic Services electronic patient record system to prepare for arrivals
- New escalation processes to streamline patient flow
- Reviewing of transfer of care performance on a weekly and monthly basis

Ongoing investment and collaboration has resulted in the reduction of hospital transfer of care times of up to 90 minutes, down to 30 minutes. Shorter transfer of care times have allowed Paramedic Services to improve response times from 13 minutes and four seconds to 11 minutes and 20 seconds region-wide between 2010 and 2015. Continued focus on efficiencies could reduce these times even further.

York Region prepared for emergencies

York Regional Council received the [Emergency Management Program Annual Compliance Review and Bylaw Revision – 2016](#), a report on the activities undertaken in 2016 to ensure annual compliance regulations are met and that Regional staff are prepared in times of emergency.

Emergencies that can occur in York Region include:

- Hazardous materials incidents
- Severe weather
- Power outage
- Health emergencies

- Floods

Residents are encouraged to download a copy of York Region's [Emergency Preparedness Guide](#) for more information on how to prepare and stay safe.

York Region, municipalities and partners prepared for emergency response

The Regional Municipality of York is updating the [emergency social services program](#) with local municipalities and the Canadian Red Cross to ensure rapid and coordinated delivery of emergency social services in the event of a local crisis.

York Region will be moving forward to finalize a Memorandum of Understanding with local cities and towns to streamline deployment of essential social services to individuals who are evacuated during an emergency. A new three-year agreement will also be signed with the Canadian Red Cross to support disaster relief services including staffing, registration, lodging, food, clothing and management of reception centres.

To further prepare for emergencies, York Region completed a number of [emergency management planning and preparedness](#) activities in 2016, including:

- Conducting an annual emergency practice exercise
- Coordinating an all-day, inter-municipal emergency training and education conference
- Training more than 225 staff and community partners
- Delivering a public education and awareness program highlighting risks to public safety and personal preparedness for emergencies

York Region will invest \$103,252 annually to secure ongoing support, training and resources from the Canadian Red Cross. Local municipalities will reimburse the Canadian Red Cross for the additional cost of services provided during an emergency.

York Region, Markham Stouffville Hospital continue partnership for speech and language services

York Regional Council approved an [agreement](#) between York Region and Markham Stouffville Hospital to continue delivery of speech and language services for families and preschool children with special needs through December 31, 2020.

This partnership will provide children and families in York Region with continued access to both the Region's Early Intervention Services programs and the York Region Preschool Speech and Language Program provided by Markham Stouffville

Hospital.

More than 3,000 York Region families benefit annually from speech and language services provided by the Region and Markham Stouffville Hospital. For more information on special needs services in York Region, visit york.ca/specialneeds

Work continues on Diversity and Inclusion Charter

York Region and the Municipal Diversity and Inclusion Group are making progress on the [Draft Diversity and Inclusion Charter](#) to meet the needs of our diverse and growing population in York Region.

The charter will provide a common vision and commitment to promoting an inclusive community welcoming of all cultures, races, ethnicity, languages, religions, abilities, ages and sexual orientations. The Municipal Diversity and Inclusion Group, co-chaired by York Region and York Regional Police, will continue to develop the charter with members from local municipalities, hospitals, school boards, non-profit agencies, conservation authorities and United Way of Toronto and York Region.

A series of Diversity Dialogues has taken place since 2015 to engage community stakeholders in discussion and development of the charter. Following additional consultation planned for spring 2017, the draft charter will be refined and brought to Council later this year for final review and approval.

2016 Source Water Annual Report

The Regional Municipality of York released its [2016 Source Water Implementation Annual Report](#) which summarizes work the Region is leading to identify and manage potential impacts to drinking water. The Region also works with municipal partners and businesses to pinpoint vulnerable areas where proposed development requires careful planning to ensure the safety of our drinking water supply.

Among its achievements in 2016, York Region provided more than \$46,000 to businesses to implement required risk management measures as part of its incentive programs, inspected more than half the sites with risk management plans in place and received international recognition for its Source Protection program by the American Water Works Association.

Source protection is one component of the multi-barrier approach to ensure clean and safe drinking water. The program also includes operator training, water treatment, extensive monitoring and testing, as well as emergency preparedness.

The Upper York Water Reclamation Centre adopts a first for Canada

The Regional Municipality of York will purchase a Membrane Filtration System for the Upper York Water Reclamation Centre from GE Water and Process Technologies Canada. It is a key piece of equipment to provide sustainable sewage service to accommodate planned growth of approximately 150,000 residents and employees in the Towns of Aurora, East Gwillimbury and Newmarket.

The filtration system will be used in advance of a Reverse Osmosis System, a process in which dissolved inorganic solids (such as phosphorus) are removed from a solution (such as water) to ensure consistent high quality effluent to York Region's receiving streams.

This combination of a Membrane Filtration System and Reverse Osmosis System is the first of its kind in Canada for municipal wastewater treatment. The system will provide unprecedented clean water to protect the Region's resources.

Next regular meeting of York Regional Council

York Regional Council will meet on Thursday, February 16 at 9 a.m. in the York Region Administrative Centre Council Chambers, located at 17250 Yonge Street in the Town of Newmarket.

The Regional Municipality of York consists of nine cities and towns, and provides a variety of programs and services to almost 1.2 million residents, 50,000 businesses and 580,000 employees. More information about the Region's key service areas is available at york.ca/regionalservices

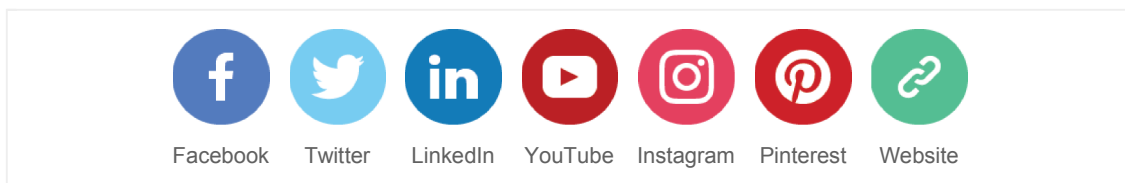
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**Town of Aurora
Office of the Mayor**

Memorandum

Date: February 28, 2017
To: Members of Council
From: Mayor Geoffrey Dawe
Re: York Regional Council Highlights of February 16, 2017

Recommendation

That Council:

- Receive the correspondence for information
- Endorse the recommendations
- Provide direction



February 17, 2017

York Regional Council Highlights - February 16, 2017

[Katherine Chislett appointed Commissioner of Community and Health Services](#)

Regional Council confirmed the appointment of Katherine Chislett as Commissioner, Community and Health Services for The Regional Municipality of York. The appointment is effective March 20, 2017, allowing for a brief transition period before current Commissioner Adelina Urbanski begins her retirement after March 31.

Ms. Chislett brings 30 years of public sector experience to lead our largest Regional department. She has an abundance of expertise in the human services sector, specifically related to housing supports and homelessness prevention.

In her most recent position in the City Manager's Office at the City of Toronto, Ms. Chislett was responsible for leading complex projects and government-wide initiatives including the coordination of Toronto's housing programs and activities in support of the Mayor and Council's Housing Advocate.

As former Commissioner of Community Services at The Regional Municipality of Niagara, her understanding of a two-tier municipal system is an asset in continuing to advance the important work of this department and our Region.

[Employment in York Region continues to grow](#)

York Regional Council received the *2016 Employment and Industry Report*, which provides an economic overview of the Region's businesses and job growth. Between mid-year 2015 and mid-year 2016 York Region employment growth outpaced national and provincial labour force growth, with a gain of 3.1 per cent.

York Region has:

- More than 50,000 employer businesses, making it the third highest in the GTA
- An estimated 595,200 jobs in York Region as of mid-year 2016
- More than 460 foreign companies with local operations

[York Region achieves its first LEED Platinum designation forest building](#)

The Regional Municipality of York Bill Fisch Forest Stewardship and Education Centre attained [LEED](#) Platinum certification, the highest designation by the Canada Green Building Council. This is York Region's first LEED Platinum certification.

Green features of the forestry building include:

- Net zero energy use: Through the use of solar panels, the building is designed to generate more energy than it uses
- Net zero water use: A storage tank to gather rainwater and snow melt to service bathroom facilities
- Facility built almost entirely of wood using Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified sustainably harvested materials and all wood structural elements
- Green building and forest education program through classroom learning, tours and events
- Diversion of 94 per cent of construction waste from landfill

York Region has also received the 2016 Ontario Public Works Association Project of the Year in the area of historic restoration and preservation, the 2016 Professional Engineers of Ontario and the 2015 Green Building Wood Design Award by Ontario Wood Works.

[Proposed Development Charges Bylaw ensures equitable rates for all development](#)

York Regional Council received the draft [2017 Development Charge Background Study and Bylaw](#) which will help implement bylaw charges to help pay for growth-related infrastructure including water, wastewater, roads, transit, subway, police, waste diversion, public health and paramedic services over the next 15 years.

A public meeting will be held prior to the York Region [Committee of the Whole meeting](#) on Thursday, March 9, 2017. Residents, business owners and other stakeholders are invited to attend and comment on the proposed bylaw.

York Regional staff will consult with local municipalities on the critical infrastructure requirements, relative priorities for road improvements and expected timing of related growth, and incorporate comments and requirements into a further report for Council.

In May, after additional public consultation, staff will bring a report to Council with the proposed bylaw. If approved, the new Development Charge Bylaw will come into effect on Saturday, June 17, 2017.

York Regional Council supporting changes to *Highway Traffic Act* to benefit communities

York Regional Council voted to [adopt a resolution](#) requesting the province to enact regulations under the *Highway Traffic Act*, allowing technology-based traffic enforcement, such as red-light cameras, to be administered by local cities and towns through administrative penalties similar to parking tickets.

Without the amendment, cities and towns implementing and using technology in designated areas would incur the cost of implementing and maintaining the required technology, while administration and fine revenue would remain within the provincial court system.

York Region housing stability and homelessness program growing to reach more residents in need

Additional investment in The Regional Municipality of York's homelessness and housing stability program will bring improved access and more support options to residents in need.

[York Region will receive an increase of more than \\$5.1 million](#) by 2020 through Ontario's Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative. In addition to improving overall access and support options, the funding will also help the Region expand current programs and add new initiatives such as:

- Planning, implementing and reporting on a homelessness enumeration every two years
- Better understanding and supporting at-risk populations such as chronic homeless, youth and Indigenous peoples in the community

Investing in and strengthening homelessness prevention and housing stability support's Council's commitment under the 10-Year Housing Plan [Housing Solutions: A place for everyone](#). For more information on York Region emergency and transitional housing, visit York.ca/housing

[Residents invited to join new Planning Advisory Committee](#)

York Regional Council will establish a new [Planning Advisory Committee](#) made up of residents and council members to review and make recommendations to Council on key planning related-matters.

The committee is being established in response to a recent amendment to Ontario's *Planning Act* intended to increase the involvement of the community in the planning process.

Region staff will start the recruitment process for members this spring and report back to York Regional Council later this year. The advisory committee will likely be in place for early 2018.

[York Region programs and services support good health for all](#)

The Regional Municipality of York is helping residents of all ages, stages and income levels achieve their best possible health through prevention and early intervention-focused programs and services.

[York Region has developed a number of strategies and programs](#) to support the social determinants of health – the conditions in which people are born, grow, work, live and age – including:

- Strengthening the network of human services to support people in achieving their potential
- Promoting job creation and business development
- Focusing efforts on the availability of affordable housing
- Making our communities welcoming and inclusive
- Public awareness, advocacy and partnership opportunities

A recent health improvement initiative undertaken through York Region's Community and Health Services brought together York Region Public Health, the Town of Richmond Hill and residents of Housing York Inc. in the Age Friendly Communities Project. The partnership led to a community garden to increase socialization and provide fresh produce, a food skills program to improve cooking skills and nutrition, as well as an exercise area to increase physical activity.

[Discretionary benefits updates for Ontario Works clients](#)

York Regional Council received an update on discretionary benefits for Ontario Works program clients.

Following consultation with staff, service providers and clients, updates were introduced to continue supporting resident health and employability, while also managing costs and improving administrative efficiency.

Changes include modification of adult dental service options, funding for bed allowance once every five years and foot orthotic funding for medically verified needs only. Savings gained through these changes have been reinvested back into the program to meet the needs of a growing number of clients.

Under the *Ontario Works Act*, York Region's Community and Health Services acts as administrator for the provincial Ontario Works program. In addition to basic financial assistance, clients are eligible for a variety of discretionary benefits, such as dental and vision care, mobility devices, baby supplies and funeral expenses.

Social Services transformation allows for made-in-York Region solutions

Provincial legislation changes are providing York Region with increased control over social service program funding, design, management and operation. This allows the Region to create local solutions for programs and services that are accessible, flexible and build economic independence for families.

Ongoing changes are impacting how all income-based benefits are accessed and delivered across Ontario to:

- Improve client experience through a 'no wrong door' approach with multiple access points
- Modernize tools, processes and policies
- Stabilize and improve outcomes for clients and their families

York Region is already making changes to modernize social service programs, including Child Care Fee Assistance, Children's Community Programs, Early Intervention Services, Social Assistance and homelessness and housing stability programs.

York Region provides services directly to approximately 50,000 residents annually, and over 100,000 indirectly through parents, caregivers and individuals connected to clients. For more information on York Region community support for housing, health, child care and seniors, visit york.ca/communitysupport

YRT/Viva enhancing traveller experience

To enhance and improve YRT/Viva customer travel, York Regional Council approved [amendments to the Transit Bylaw](#).

New offences added to the amended bylaw and subject to a fine include:

- Using electronic cigarettes and marijuana on transit property or transit vehicles
- Operating a non-transit vehicle within a rapidway
- Interference with or activating an emergency device on regional property or vehicle other than in an emergency

Guidelines for Municipally Collected Commercial and Institutional Waste

The Regional Municipality of York has worked with partners in our local towns and cities to develop [best practice guidelines](#) for municipally collected waste from commercial businesses and institutions.

In York Region, curbside waste collection is managed by local towns and cities and then delivered to York Region for processing. The majority of municipally collected waste is from single family homes and multi-residential apartments and condominiums, and a small portion is from mixed-use commercial buildings, heritage downtown areas, main streets, places of worship, schools, small offices and retail buildings.

By collaborating with our local municipalities to develop best practice guidelines, we can offer consistent practices in waste separation, collection, recycling and disposal for commercial business and institutional properties.

Health and Safety Training

The Regional Municipality of York has obtained [specialized Health and Safety Training](#) for its Environmental Services Department using the services of Team-1 Academy Inc.

The delivery of water and wastewater services is highly regulated and requires specialized training for operators to ensure a safe work environment for certified water and wastewater staff to deliver services throughout the Region.

Some of the specialized health and safety courses include:

- Confined space entry and rescue
- Working at Heights and High Angle Climbing and Rescue
- Self-contained Breathing Apparatus

Safe Handling and Storage of Water and Wastewater Chemicals

York Region renews contract with Google Maps

York Regional Council approved the [contract renewal](#) with Google Inc. to enable York Region's expanded use of the licenced version of Google Maps.

York Region websites such as [york.ca](#) and [yorkmaps.ca](#) incorporate content from Google Maps to provide users with street view and trip-planning capability. York Region Transit's mobile application uses Google Maps to provide real-time information to transit-users.

Next regular meeting of York Regional Council

York Regional Council will meet on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 9 a.m. in the York Region Administrative Centre Council Chambers, located at 17250 Yonge Street in the Town of Newmarket.

The Regional Municipality of York consists of nine local cities and towns, and provides a variety of programs and services to almost 1.2 million residents, 50,000 businesses and 595,000 employees. More information about the Region's key service areas is available at [york.ca/regionalservices](#)

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The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

By-law Number 59XX-17

**Being a by-law to appoint Building Inspectors
for The Corporation of the Town of Aurora.**

Whereas subsection 3(1) of the *Building Code Act, 1992*, S.O. 1992, c. 23, as amended (the "Act"), states that the council of each municipality is responsible for the enforcement of the Act, except where otherwise provided by the Act;

And whereas subsection 3(2) of the Act states that the council of each municipality shall appoint a chief building official and such inspectors as are necessary for the enforcement of the Act in the areas in which the municipality has jurisdiction;

And whereas the Council of the Town deems it necessary and expedient to appoint Building Inspectors for the Town for the purpose of the enforcement of the Act and the regulations thereunder;

Now therefore the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora hereby enacts as follows:

1. The individuals identified on Schedule "A" of this By-law be and are hereby appointed as Building Inspectors.
2. The individuals identified on Schedule "B" of this By-law be and are hereby appointed as building inspectors for the purpose of Fire Protection matters, as identified in Ontario Regulation 332/12 (Building Code), as amended.
3. By-law Numbers 5465-12, 5487-13, 5651-14, 5746-15, 5835-16 and 5940-16 be and are hereby repealed.

Enacted by Town of Aurora Council this 28th day of February, 2017.

Geoffrey Dawe, Mayor

Samantha Yew, Deputy Clerk

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Schedule "A"

Building Inspectors:

Yancy Ambing

Jacek Baldyga

Robin Del Favero

Randal Dunsmore

Paul Evans

Momtahana Hossain

Steve Loncar

Winifredo Porcalla

Kyle Purcell

Afshin Rahnavard Bazar

Terence Wong

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Schedule "B"

Fire Protection:

Ryan Schell

John McDonald

Tim Tustin

Shane Stein

Alexandra Zaykin

The Corporation of The Town of Aurora

By-law Number 59XX-17

**Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council
Resulting from a Council Meeting
on February 28, 2017.**

The Council of the Corporation of The Town of Aurora hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the actions by Council at its Council meeting held on February 28, 2017, in respect of each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by the Council at the said meeting is, except where prior approval of the Ontario Municipal Board is required, hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.
2. That the Mayor and the proper officers of the Town are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain approvals where required and to execute all documents as may be necessary in that behalf and the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to affix the corporate seal to all such documents.

Enacted by Town of Aurora Council this 28th day of February, 2017.

Geoffrey Dawe, Mayor

Samantha Yew, Deputy Clerk