

# Town of Aurora Council Communications Strategy Workshop Minutes

Council Chambers Aurora Town Hall Monday, March 27, 2017

Attendance	
Council Members	Mayor Dawe in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Humfryes, Kim (arrived 7:07 p.m.), Mrakas, Pirri, and Thompson
Members Absent	Councillors Gaertner and Thom
Other Attendees	Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Stephanie Mackenzie-Smith, Manager of Corporate Communications, Samantha Yew, Deputy Clerk, and Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

On a motion of Councillor Pirri seconded by Councillor Humfryes, Council consented to recess the meeting at 6:42 p.m. On a motion of Councillor Mrakas seconded by Councillor Thompson, Council consented to reconvene the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

#### 1. Approval of the Agenda

#### Moved by Councillor Humfryes Seconded by Councillor Pirri

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

## 2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

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

# 3. Welcome/Introduction/Brief History

Mr. Nadorozny provided a brief introduction to the Workshop.

# 4. Council Focus Group

Ms. Mackenzie-Smith led a Council Focus Group, and discussed topics including methods of effective communication, communication tools, and types of communication. Council provided feedback.

### 5. Council Questions/Comments – Theme Discussions

Ms. Mackenzie-Smith presented a Corporate Communications SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis, best communications practices and measurements, and an update on the Town's Corporate Communications strategy. Council asked various questions and provided comment.

# 6. Adjournment

#### Moved by Councillor Pirri Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Carried

#### **Geoffrey Dawe, Mayor**

Samantha Yew, Deputy Clerk

The minutes of the Council Communications Strategy Workshop of March 27, 2017, are subject to final approval by Council on April 25, 2017.