



Town of Aurora
Community Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 20, 2020
Time and Location: 7 p.m., Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall
Committee Members: Barry Bridgeford, Councillor Rachel Gilliland, Chris Gordon, Balpreet Grewal (Chair), Denis Heng (outgoing Vice Chair), Councillor Harold Kim (arrived 7:05 p.m.), Janet Mitchell (Vice Chair), Sera Weiss (outgoing Chair)
Members Absent: Jennifer Sault, Laura Thanasse
Other Attendees: Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services, Alex Wray, Manager, By-law Services, Michael de Rond, Town Clerk, Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

Outgoing Chair Sera Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and called for nominations to elect a new Chair and Vice Chair for Year 2020.

Election of Committee Chair for Year 2020

Moved by Janet Mitchell
Seconded by Barry Bridgeford

That Balpreet Grewal be elected as Chair for Year 2020 of the Community Advisory Committee (2018-2022 Term).

Carried

Election of Committee Vice Chair for Year 2020

Moved by Chris Gordon
Seconded by Denis Heng

That Janet Mitchell be elected as Vice Chair for Year 2020 of the Community Advisory Committee (2018-2022 Term).

Carried

Newly-elected Chair Balpreet Grewal assumed the Chair at 7:08 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Sera Weiss

Seconded by Chris Gordon

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, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50*.

3. Receipt of the Minutes

Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2019

Moved by Sera Weiss

Seconded by Barry Bridgeford

That the Community Advisory Committee meeting minutes of October 10, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

None

5. Matters for Consideration

1. Memorandum from Town Clerk

Re: Role of Advisory Committees

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum and noted that Advisory Committee comments are conveyed to Council by including the Committee's feedback in more detail through the "Advisory Committee Review" section of a General Committee report. Staff agreed to communicate any relevant General Committee report and outcomes with the Committee in future.

The Committee commented on the current bi-monthly meeting cycle and the risk of missed opportunities to address time-sensitive issues, and staff provided clarification regarding the reporting process.

Moved by Chris Gordon

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

1. That the memorandum regarding Role of Advisory Committees be received for information.

Carried

2. CAC20-001 – By-law Services – Clean Communities

Staff provided a brief overview of the report noting that the proposed new Clean Communities By-law is a consolidation of two existing by-laws that would now also include provisions to deal with weeds and graffiti.

The Committee inquired about weed control and seed development heights, and staff advised that the maximum height provision of 20 centimeters would apply. The Committee provided background to the ongoing work in identifying invasive and noxious weed outbreaks in Town, and staff suggested that GIS mapping could assist in tracking outbreaks.

The Committee and staff discussed various aspects of graffiti control including the enforcement process and prevention strategies. The Committee requested that the Town work with York Regional Police to avoid charging youth who are first-time offenders.

The Committee inquired about the provisions for owner-naturalized properties and planting edibles in the front yard, and staff agreed to investigate whether any restrictions would apply. The Committee further inquired about various aspects of the new by-law and the service capacity of current staff resources. Staff provided clarification and statistical data on the number of complaints and violations processed by By-law Services.

Moved by Sera Weiss

Seconded by Councillor Kim

1. That Report No. CAC20-001 be received; and

2. That the Community Advisory Committee comments regarding the proposed implementation of a Clean Communities By-law be received and referred to staff for consideration and action as appropriate.

Carried

**3. Round Table Discussion
Re: Active Transportation in Aurora**

Councillor Gilliland invited feedback from the Committee on the development of an active transportation plan related to trails, bike lanes, and connectivity.

The Committee, with reference to the Master Transportation Study Update Final Report of February 18, 2020, expressed support for an expanded cycling network and the sidewalk construction plan, and suggested the need for an integrated approach and a secondary study to assess the demand for bike lanes versus other modes of transportation. The Committee commented on the need for active transportation to be safe and practical in relation to the distribution of service locations and destinations throughout the municipality, and concern was expressed regarding the lack of amenities in the southern part of Town.

Councillor Gilliland advised that further information would be submitted for the Committee's consideration in future.

**Moved by Councillor Gilliland
Seconded by Sera Weiss**

Recommended:

1. That the Committee comments regarding Active Transportation in Aurora be received and referred to staff for consideration and action as appropriate.

Carried

**4. Round Table Discussion
Re: Future of the Community Advisory Committee**

**Moved by Councillor Gilliland
Seconded by Chris Gordon**

Recommended:

1. That the Round Table Discussion regarding Future of the Community Advisory Committee be deferred to a future Committee meeting.

**Motion to defer
Carried**

6. Informational Items

None

7. Adjournment

**Moved by Sera Weiss
Seconded by Barry Bridgeford**

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Carried