



Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

7 p.m.

Video Conference

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Town of Aurora Council Meeting Agenda

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Note: This meeting will be held electronically as per Section 20.1 of the Town's Procedure By-law No. 6228-19, as amended, due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

- 1. Approval of the Agenda**
- 2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**
- 3. Community Presentations**
- 4. Delegations**

Note: At this time, the Municipal Offices are closed. This meeting will be live streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/user/Townofaurora2012/videos>. Residents who would like to provide comment on an agenda item are encouraged to visit www.aurora.ca/participation.

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 that one or more items be pulled for discussion and voted on separately.

Recommended:

That the following Consent Agenda items, C1 to C2 inclusive, be approved:

- C1. Council Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2020**

Recommended:

1. That the Council meeting minutes of April 28, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

C2. Memorandum from Councillor Gaertner

**Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting
Highlights of February 28 and April 3, 2020**

Recommended:

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of February 28 and April 3, 2020, be received for information.

6. Standing Committee Reports

S1. General Committee Meeting Report of May 5, 2020

Recommended:

1. That the General Committee Meeting Report of May 5, 2020, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved.

S2. General Committee Meeting Report of May 19, 2020

Recommended:

1. That the General Committee Meeting Report of May 19, 2020, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved.

7. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

8. Motions

(a) Councillor Gaertner

Re: Partial Lane Closure – Yonge Street

(b) Mayor Mrakas
Re: Downtown Street Wall Mural Program

(c) Councillor Thompson
Re: Municipal Service Level and Delivery Review

9. Regional Report

York Regional Council Highlights – April 30, 2020

Recommended:

That the Regional Report of April 30, 2020, be received for information.

10. New Business

11. By-laws

Recommended:

That the following by-laws be enacted:

(a) By-law Number XXXX-20 Being a By-law to require owners and occupiers of land to clean, clear, and maintain private land and right of ways in the Town of Aurora.
(General Committee Report No. CS20-008, May 5, 2020)

(b) By-law Number XXXX-20 Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 6228-19, as amended, to govern the proceedings of Council and Committee meetings of the Town of Aurora.
(General Committee Report No. CS20-010, May 19, 2020)

12. Closed Session

13. Confirming By-law

Recommended:

That the following confirming by-law be enacted:

By-law Number XXXX-20 Being a By-law to confirm actions by Council resulting from a Council meeting on May 26, 2020.

14. Adjournment



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Attendance

Council Members Mayor Mrakas in the Chair; Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland, Humfryes, Kim, and Thompson

Members Absent None

Other Attendees Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, David Waters, Director of Planning and Development Services, Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services, Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services, Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director of Finance, Allan Downey, Director of Operations, Michelle Outar, Acting Manager of Corporate Communications, Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor, Michael de Rond, Town Clerk, Ishita Soneji, Council/Committee Coordinator

This meeting was held electronically as per Section 20.1 of the Town's Procedure By-law No. 6228-19, as amended, due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

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

A moment of silence was observed in honour of National Day of Mourning.

Council consented to recess the meeting at 8:25 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Mayor Mrakas relinquished the chair to Deputy Mayor Kim at 9:56 p.m. during the consideration of Motion (a) and resumed the chair at 10:02 p.m.

Council consented to extend the hour past 10:30 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, including the following additional item, be approved:

- Delegation (a) Mitch McGuire, Resident; Re: Item R2 – PDS20-012 – Application for Zoning By-law Amendment, Starlight Investments, 145 and 147 Wellington Street West, Part of Lot 28, Plan 264, File Number: ZBA-2018-01

On a recorded vote the motion
Carried

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
Humfryes, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas

Voting Nays: None

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. Delegations

(a) Mitch McGuire, Resident

Re: Item R2 – PDS20-012 – Application for Zoning By-law Amendment, Starlight Investments, 145 and 147 Wellington Street West, Part of Lot 28, Plan 264, File Number: ZBA-2018-01

Mr. McGuire provided a summary of parking concerns and spoke to the proposed on-site parking supply for tenants and visitors based on the parking survey from the developer. He expressed concern regarding the proposed parking ratio noting that either retaining the current parking ratio or decreasing the number of townhouses would alleviate the concerns regarding sufficient parking.

Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Item R2.

On a recorded vote the motion

Carried

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
Humfries, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas

Voting Nays: None

4. Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the following Consent Agenda items, C1 to C5 inclusive, be approved:

C1. Council Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2020

1. That the Council meeting minutes of February 25, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

C2. Special Meeting of Council Minutes of March 31, 2020

1. That the Special Meeting of Council meeting minutes of March 31, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

C3. Council Closed Session Public Minutes of March 3, 2020

1. That the Council Closed Session Public minutes of March 3, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

C4. Council Public Planning Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2020

1. That the Council Public Planning meeting minutes of February 11, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

C5. Council Public Planning Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2020

1. That the Council Public Planning meeting minutes of March 10, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

On a recorded vote the motion

Carried

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0
Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
 Humfryes, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas
Voting Nays: None

5. Standing Committee Reports

S1. General Committee Meeting Report of April 14, 2020

Moved by Councillor Gilliland
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

1. That the General Committee meeting report of April 14, 2020, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-item R1, which was discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

On a recorded vote the motion
Carried

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0
Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
 Humfryes, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas
Voting Nays: None

(A1) Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2020

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of February 12, 2020, be received for information.

Carried

(A2) Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2020

1. That the Community Advisory Committee meeting minutes of February 20, 2020, be received for information.

Carried

(A3) Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2020

1. That the Finance Advisory Committee meeting minutes of March 10, 2020, be received for information.

Carried

(A4) Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2020

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of March 11, 2020, be received for information.

Carried

(R1) OPS20-006 – 276 and 310 Hartwell Way – Non-Programmed Park Design

**Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Kim**

1. That Report No. OPS20-006 be received; and
2. That staff be directed to go out for public consultation on the two proposed park concept plans prior to approval.

On a recorded vote the motion

Carried

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
Humfries, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor
Mrakas

Voting Nays: None

(R2) CMS20-011 – Request for Information Re: Construction and Operation of an Indoor Baseball Training Facility on the Hallmark Lands

1. That Report No. CMS20-011 be received; and
2. That Director of Community Services be authorized to issue a Request for Information regarding the construction and operation of an indoor multipurpose facility on the Hallmark Lands.

Carried

(R3) PDS20-021 – Application for Site Plan Approval, Whitwell Developments Ltd., 157 First Commerce Drive, Part of Block 2, Plan 65M3819, Parts 1-9, RP 65R31257, File Number: SP-2019-04

1. That Report No. PDS20-021 be received; and
2. That Site Plan Application File SP-2019-04 (Whitwell Developments Ltd.), to permit a one-storey daycare facility, be approved in principle.

Carried

(R4) CS20-005 – Regional Council Composition Review

1. That Report No. CS20-005 be received; and
2. That the Town of Aurora Council does not consent to an additional member of the Regional Municipality of York Council for the City of Vaughan; and
3. That the Town Clerk be directed to circulate the Town's decision to York Region and all York Region Municipalities.

Carried

(R5) FIN20-009 – 2021 Budget Process and Timeline

1. That Report No. FIN20-009 be received; and
2. That the changes to the budget process and format be approved; and
3. That the proposed budget timeline as detailed in Table 1, be approved.

Carried

(R6) FIN20-005 – Administrative Changes to Development Charges under Bill 108 and Bill 138

1. That Report No. FIN20-005 be received; and
2. That authority be delegated to the Treasurer to administer the charging of interest and setting of the rate pursuant to sections 26.1 and 26.2 of the *Development Charges Act, 1997*; and
3. That a new development charge Administration Fee be approved for the processing and management of the requirements of Bills 108 and 138 to date.

Carried

6. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

Council consented to consider Item R2 prior to the consideration of Item S1(R1).

R1. FIN20-011 – COVID-19 Financial Impact Forecast

Ms. Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel presented an overview of the financial impacts on the Town due to the COVID-19 pandemic including a month-by-month breakdown of the estimated tax levy operating deficit, impact from deferring the 2020 water, wastewater and storm water rate increases, and outlined the effects on capital asset management. She provided details on the financial measures put in place thus far and noted that staff will continue to monitor the ongoing impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic and report back to Council on a regular basis.

Main motion

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Kim

1. That Report No. FIN20-011 be received for information.

Amendment No. 1

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the main motion be amended by adding the following clauses:

“That a copy of this report be sent to the Aurora Public Library, Aurora Historical Society, Aurora Cultural Centre, Aurora Sports Hall of Fame and the Joint Council Committee for Central York Fire Services; and

That a request be made to these organizations to do what they can to reduce expenditures and engage in discussions with the Town on how they may be able to assist in balancing the Town’s potential operating budget deficit.”

On a recorded vote the motion

Carried

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
Humfryes, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor
Mrakas

Voting Nays: None

**Amendment No. 2
Moved by Councillor Gallo
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

That the main motion be amended by adding the following clause:

“That the retail water rate, retail wastewater rate, storm flat rate – residential, and storm flat rate – non-residential, be reverted back to the revised break-even rate until the end of June 2020.”

**On a recorded vote the motion
Carried**

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0
Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
Humfryes, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor
Mrakas
Voting Nays: None

**Main motion as amended
Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Councillor Kim**

1. That Report No. FIN20-011 be received; and
2. That a copy of this report be sent to the Aurora Public Library, Aurora Historical Society, Aurora Cultural Centre, Aurora Sports Hall of Fame and the Joint Council Committee for Central York Fire Services; and
3. That a request be made to these organizations to do what they can to reduce expenditures and engage in discussions with the Town on how they may be able to assist in balancing the Town’s potential operating budget deficit; and
4. That the retail water rate, retail wastewater rate, storm flat rate – residential, and storm flat rate – non-residential, be reverted back to the revised break-even rate until the end of June 2020.

**On a recorded vote the motion
Carried**

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
Humfries, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas

Voting Nays: None

R2. PDS20-012 – Application for Zoning By-law Amendment, Starlight Investments, 145 and 147 Wellington Street West, Part of Lot 28, Plan 264, File Number: ZBA-2018-01

Main motion No. 1

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

1. That Report No. PDS20-012 be received; and
2. That the Zoning By-law Amendment file ZBA-2018-01 (Starlight Investments) be approved to rezone the subject lands from “Second Density Apartment Residential (RA2) Zone”, to “Second Density Apartment Residential [RA2(XX)] Exception Zone”; and
3. That an implementing Zoning By-law be brought forward to a future Council meeting.

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

Yeas: 3 Nays: 4

Voting Yeas: Councillors Kim, Gilliland, and Mayor Mrakas

Voting Nays: Councillors Gallo, Gaertner, Humfries, and
Thompson

Main motion No. 2

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

1. That Report No. PDS20-012 be received; and
2. That the application for Zoning By-law Amendment for 145 and 147 Wellington Street West be denied for the following reasons: the application does not meet the zoning requirement for RA2 zone, the development already meets intensification requirements under the York Region Official Plan and already follows the Town and Regional planning policies to support affordable housing; and

3. That the application does not maintain current parking rate standard and nor does it address the concerns raised by Council.

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

Yeas: 3 Nays: 4

Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Humfryes, and
Thompson

Voting Nays: Councillors Gilliland, Gallo, Kim, and Mayor
Mrakas

Motion to waive procedure and reconsider

Moved by Councillor Gaertner

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

1. That the timing and notice provisions in Section 45 of the Procedure By-law 6228-19, as amended, be waived to permit a motion to reconsider; and
2. That the Zoning By-law Amendment application for 145 and 147 Wellington Street West be reconsidered (Main motion No. 1), requiring a vote in the affirmative of two-thirds majority of the members present.

**On a recorded vote the motion was
Defeated (did not receive two-thirds majority vote)**

Yeas: 4 Nays: 3

Voting Yeas: Councillors Gallo, Gaertner, Humfryes, and
Mayor Mrakas

Voting Nays: Councillors Gilliland, Kim, and Thompson

Main motion No. 3

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

1. That Report No. PDS20-012 be received.

**On a recorded vote the motion
Carried**

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
Humfryes, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas

Voting Nays: None

7. Motions

(a) Mayor Mrakas

Re: Financial Support of the Aurora Cares Community Action Team

Moved by Mayor Mrakas

Seconded by Councillor Humfryes

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic will have a significant impact on the most vulnerable and at risk in our community; and

Whereas the Aurora Cares Community Action Team has recently been created to assess the needs of the most vulnerable and at risk in our community and help fill in the gaps where needed; and

Whereas the Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic fund's balance of \$59,286 is sufficient to accommodate a \$25,000 contribution to the Aurora Cares Community Action Team;

1. Now Therefore Be it Hereby Resolved That \$25,000 be transferred from the Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic Fund to the Aurora Cares Community Action Team in support of its identified initiatives; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the Aurora Cares Community Action Team report back to Council on its results achieved from these transferred monies.

**On a recorded vote the motion
Carried**

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
Humfryes, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas

Voting Nays: None

8. Regional Report

York Regional Council Highlights – February 27, 2020 and April 2, 2020

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the Regional Report of February 27, 2020 and April 2, 2020 be received for information.

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**On a recorded vote the motion
Carried**

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0
Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
Humfryes, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas
Voting Nays: None

9. New Business

New Business Motion No. 1

**Moved by Councillor Gilliland
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

That the timing and notice provisions in Section 45 of the Procedure By-law 6228-19, as amended, be waived to permit a motion to reconsider, requiring a vote in the affirmative of two-thirds majority of the members present.

**On a recorded vote the motion
Carried**

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0
Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
Humfryes, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas
Voting Nays: None

New Business Motion No. 2

**Motion to reconsider
Moved by Councillor Gallo
Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

That the motion to deny the Zoning By-law Amendment application for 145 and 147 Wellington Street West be reconsidered (Main motion No. 2), requiring a vote in the affirmative of two-thirds majority of the members present.

**On a recorded vote the motion was
Defeated (did not receive two-thirds majority vote)**

Yeas: 3 Nays: 4
Voting Yeas: Councillors Gallo, Gaertner, and Humfryes
Voting Nays: Councillors Gilliland, Kim, Thompson, and
Mayor Mrakas

Councillor Gilliland announced the formation of an Arts and Culture working group noting that its first meeting is forthcoming.

Councillor Gilliland extended her appreciation to staff for partnering with **earthday.ca** to promote Earth Day 2020.

Councillor Gilliland expressed concerns regarding excessive litter around Town and inquired about the possibility of exploring more options beyond community cleanup, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Gilliland offered her condolences to the families of those deceased due to COVID-19.

Councillor Gallo referred to Town of Georgina's Emergency Response Benefit to support local businesses and inquired about the possibility of offering similar options for local businesses in Aurora, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Gallo offered his condolences to the family of Jan Freedman who recently passed away. Jan was the Vice President of the Aurora Seniors Centre and a board member of the Aurora Public Library and Aurora Farmers Market.

Councillor Gaertner noted that in honour of National Day of Mourning, a worker memorial is permanently displayed in the main mezzanine at the York Mills subway station.

Councillor Humfryes extended a reminder to all members of public to follow the social distancing guidelines and adhere to the municipal regulations with respect to public space closures around Town due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Councillor Humfryes requested that information regarding closures and all COVID related updates from Town be refreshed and re-circulated, and staff agreed to follow up.

Councillor Humfryes announced that the Aurora Farmers Market and Artisan Fair opening day will be on May 23, 2020 and further information regarding the event will be forthcoming.

Councillor Gallo inquired about decisions made under delegated authority since declaring a state of emergency, and staff provided a response noting a report would be brought forward in May 2020.

Councillor Gilliland sought clarification on which trails are open during the state of emergency and requested that the information be updated on the Town's website.

Mayor Mrakas offered his condolences to the families of those deceased due to COVID-19.

Mayor Mrakas extended his appreciation to all essential workers, volunteers, and local businesses providing support to the Aurora community during the pandemic.

10. By-laws

**Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Kim**

That the following by-laws be enacted, with the amendment that all rates in Schedule A of By-law (a) be reverted to the revised break-even rate until the end of June 2020:

- (a) By-law Number 6250-20** Being a By-law to amend Municipal Waterworks Distribution By-law Number 3305-91, as amended.
- (b) By-law Number 6251-20** Being a By-law to amend Parking and Traffic Control By-law Number 4574.04T, as amended and erect stop signs at the intersection John West Way and Amberhill Way.
- (c) By-law Number 6252-20** Being a By-law to establish lands on Plan 65M-4424 as highways – TACC Developments (Aurora) Inc. – Phase 1.
- (d) By-law Number 6253-20** Being a By-law to assume highways on Plan 65M-4424 for public use – TACC Developments (Aurora) Inc. – Phase 1.

**On a recorded vote the motion
Carried**

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
Humfries, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas

Voting Nays: None

11. Closed Session

None

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12. Confirming By-law

**Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Gilliland**

That the following confirming by-law be enacted:

By-law Number 6254-20 Being a By-law to Confirm Actions by Council
Resulting from a Council Meeting on April 28, 2020.

**On a recorded vote the motion
Carried**

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Voting Yeas: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland,
Humfries, Kim, and Thompson, Mayor Mrakas

Voting Nays: None

13. Adjournment

**Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Gilliland**

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

Carried

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk



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**Town of Aurora
Councillors' Office**

Memorandum

Date: May 26, 2020

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Councillor Wendy Gaertner

Re: **Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
Board Meeting Highlights of February 28 and April 3, 2020**

Recommendation

That Council:

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



Board Meeting Highlights

February 28, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a) CAO Mike Walters thanked the many Board members who attended the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks consultation held in Barrie on February 7th, noting it was a productive meeting and he was pleased to see that all presentations were supportive of the work of conservation authorities.

PRESENTATIONS:

a) **Climate Change Adaptation Strategy for the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority**

Integrated Watershed Management Specialist, Kaitlyn Read, provided an overview of the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy for the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, noting there is no doubt that our climate is changing, and we have the data to show it. To ensure LSRCA's approach to climate change adaptation is strategic and targeted, the development of a Climate Change Adaptation Strategy was identified as a priority action to achieve Goal 2 of LSRCA's 2016-2020 Strategic Plan – to improve knowledge and increase certainty through excellence in research and scientific knowledge. The Climate Change Adaptation Strategy for LSRCA forms part of a larger LSRCA initiative to address climate change, including a corporate Carbon Reduction Strategy and a Climate Change Mitigation Strategy for the watershed.

The Climate Change Adaptation Strategy was initiated in 2016 and involved a series of steps; including, downscaling the global climate projections to the Lake Simcoe watershed; reviewing LSRCA's monitoring data and technical reports to determine the vulnerability of the watershed to projected future climate; and identifying recommendations for action. All this material was compiled into the technical chapters in the Strategy. At the outset of the project, an internal working group was formed to guide the overall direction of the strategy, as well as to review technical content and assist in developing recommendations. This working group consisted of representatives from a number of LSRCA's departments, as well as external stakeholders from Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP), Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Simcoe Muskoka District and York Region public health agencies, watershed municipalities, and neighbouring conservation authorities.

The overall objective of the strategy was to assess the potential impacts of a changing climate on watershed function and to recommend ways that LSRCA programs and services can adapt to ensure



they remain effective at protecting the Lake Simcoe watershed in projected future climates. To achieve this, a total of 36 recommendations were developed, falling under the following four goals:

1. To ensure that people, properties and communities remain sufficiently protected as climate conditions change.
2. To increase watershed resistance and resilience to climate change through conservation, restoration, and improvement of natural ecosystems.
3. To enhance knowledge of the watershed's natural environment and its response to a changing climate through science and monitoring for informed and adaptive decision-making; and
4. To facilitate partnerships and connect people to the watershed in order to build awareness and capacity to adapt to a changing climate in the Lake Simcoe watershed.

Implementation of the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy will be achieved through the development of an implementation plan, which will identify actions, responsibilities and timelines. Adaptive management will also be applied to track the progress and effectiveness of recommendations and to modify as required. For additional information on the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy for LSRCA, please contact Kaitlyn Read @ k.read@lsrca.on.ca or 905-895-1281 ext 148.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [Climate Change Adaptation Strategy Presentation](#). To view the Strategy, please click this link: [Climate Change Adaptation Strategy for LSRCA](#).

CORRESPONDENCE AND STAFF REPORTS:

Correspondence

- a) The Board received the January 30th letter from the Township of Uxbridge regarding support for the continuation of programs and services delivered by conservation authorities.
- b) The Board received the February 14th letter from the Town of New Tecumseth regarding support for the continuation of programs and services delivered by conservation authorities.

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

The Board approved Staff Report No. 02-20-BOD, prepared by Integrated Watershed Management Specialist, Kaitlyn Read, which sought the Board's approval of the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy for the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.

Board Member Appointment – Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation

The Board received Staff Report No. 03-20-BOD, prepared by Chief Administrative Officer, Mike Walters, which sought an alternate representative for the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation (LSCF) Board of Directors for 2020 due to a scheduling conflict for Chair Emmerson. Newmarket Regional Councillor Tom Vegh was appointed to sit on the LSCF Board of Directors in place of Chair Emmerson.



Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: Annual Statistical Report 2019

The Board received Staff Report No. 04-20-BOD, prepared by Shelley Fogelman, Senior Administrative Assistant, Corporate & Financial Services, which provided the Board with a summary of *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* – Annual Statistical Report for 2019.

Monitoring Report – Planning and Development Applications - January 1 to December 31, 2019

The Board received Staff Report No. 05-20-BOD, prepared by Ashlea Brown, Acting Director, Regulations, and Melinda Bessey, Acting Director, Planning, which provided a summary of planning and development applications for the period January 1 through December 31, 2019.

LSRCA Land Disposition Policy for Municipal Infrastructure and Other Project Considerations

The Board approved Staff Report No. 06-20-BOD, prepared by Land Securement Officer, Kevin Kennedy, which provided the Board with an updated Land Disposition Policy for Municipal Infrastructure and Other Project Consideration.

Update on Pre-qualification of Restoration Consultants and Contractors

The Board approved Staff Report No. 07-20-BOD, prepared by Restoration Program Coordinator, Christa Sharp, regarding prequalification of consultants and construction services for Low Impact Development Retrofit projects and for Natural Heritage Restoration Projects.

For more information or to see the full agenda package, please click the link below for LSRCA's Board of Directors' webpage: <https://www.lsrca.on.ca/Pages/Board-Meetings.aspx>



Board Meeting Highlights

April 3, 2020

1. SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held for the purposes of amending the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Administrative By-Laws to include provisions to ensure to ensure business continuity during emergencies. The Board approved Staff Report No. 11-20-BOD, prepared by CAO Mike Walters, regarding amendments to LSRCA's administrative by-laws. This included the ability to hold meetings virtually when a state of emergency has been declared.

2. REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESENTATIONS:

a) LSRCA Fourth Quarter 2019 Financial Update and 2020 Budget

General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, Mark Critch, provided an overview of LSRCA's Fourth Quarter 2019 Financial Report and the 2020 Budget. He thanked staff members Susan McKinnon and Katherine Toffan for a great job and their support throughout the year, as well as the Communications Team, especially Katarina Zeppieri for her support on the Budget Document.

GM Critch outlined the highlights for 2019, which include a small operational surplus, a temporary reserve draw required for offsetting programs, as well as a required draw from reserves to cover the \$64K reduction from MNRF transfer payment. There were some timing differences on some capital projects that were anticipated to be completed in 2019 but moved into 2020. Interest of 2.5% was achieved on investments. He reviewed the procurement summary, the summary of offsetting funds, major projects for 2019, as well as reserve funds.

Moving on to 2020, he advised that the 2019 audited financial statements will require approval at the next meeting. The annual operating priorities (AOPs) for 2020 have been developed, along with the 2020 Proposed Budget set for approval today.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [LSRCA 2019 Financial Results and 2020 Proposed Budget Presentation](#)



CORRESPONDENCE AND STAFF REPORTS:

Correspondence

- a) The Board received Lake Simcoe Watch correspondence of February 18, 2020 regarding Cleaning up Lake Simcoe: A Discussion Paper.
- b) The Board received Town of Innisfil Council resolution of March 11, 2020 regarding Conservation Authorities Act, Section 28, and the Needs of Rural Areas.
- c) The Board received the Town of Georgina email dated March 2, 2020 regarding a Council motion regarding the continuation of programs and services by Conservation Authorities.

LSRCA Fourth Quarter 2019 Financial Update

The Board received Staff Report No. 12-20-BOD, prepared by Manager, Finance, Katherine Toffan, regarding LSRCA's Fourth Quarter Unaudited Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2019.

LSRCA 2020 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget

The Board approved Staff Report No. 13-20-BOD, prepared by Manager, Budget and Business Analysis, Susan McKinnon, regarding LSRCA's 2020 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget, and adopted all projects therein. The Board authorized staff to enter into agreements and/or execute documents with private sector organizations, non-governmental organizations or governments and their agencies for the undertaking of projects for the benefit of LSRCA and funded by the sponsoring organization or agency, including projects that have not been provided for in the approved budget. As required by Ontario Regulation 139/96 (formerly O.S. 231/97), the recommendations and accompanying budget documents, including the schedule of matching and non-matching levies, were approved by weighted vote.

LSRCA Operational Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Board received Staff Report No. 14-20-BOD, prepared by CAO Mike Walters, regarding changes in LSRCA's operations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pefferlaw Dam

The Board received Staff Report No. 15-20-BOD, prepared by General Manager, Planning & Development and Watershed Restoration Services, Rob Baldwin, which provided the Board with an update regarding the Pefferlaw Dam Ownership, Operational and Structural Status. The Board approved the following five recommendations:

1. The dam stop logs will not be installed in 2020 due to structural concerns and staff safety issues;
2. Staff will communicate the status of dam operations with the general public and Town of Georgina;
3. Staff continue to pursue and establish clear ownership of the dam structure and associated properties in consultation with Town of Georgina and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and/or the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks;
4. Staff engage in consultation with Town of Georgina staff, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and/or the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks and community to discuss long-term options for the Pefferlaw Dam; and
5. Staff will bring updates to the Board of Directors as required.



Recently Secured Funding Agreements supporting the Integrated Watershed Management Division

The Board received Staff Report No. 16-20-BOD, prepared by General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, Ben Longstaff, which provided a summary of recently secured funding agreements supporting the Integrated Watershed Management Division.

LSRCA 2020 Conservation Awards Program

The Board received Staff Report No. 17-20-BOD, prepared by Director, Communications & Community Engagement, Kristen Yemm, which provided the Board with an update on the 2020 Conservation Awards Ceremony. The Board deferred the viability of hosting a Conservation Awards evening in 2020 to the April 24th meeting.

Closure of LSRCA's Conservation Areas – Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

The Board supported Staff Report No. 18-20-BOD, prepared by General Manager, Conservation Lands, Brian Kemp, which provided an update on the status of LSRCA's Conservation Areas and associated amenities during the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Goodyear Farms Best Management Practices Construction Project to address Agricultural Surface Runoff

The Board received Staff Report No. 19-20-BOD, prepared by Restoration Program Coordinator, Christa Sharp, regarding a restoration project to address agricultural surface runoff from Goodyear Farms in the Township of Brock. The Board approved funding through LSRCA's restoration grant program for Phase 2 at a cost of 50% to an upset limit of \$152,500 excluding taxes be approved.

For more information or to see the full agenda package, please click the link below for LSRCA's Board of Directors' webpage: <https://www.lsrca.on.ca/Pages/Board-Meetings.aspx>



Town of Aurora
General Committee Meeting Report

Video Conference
Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Attendance

Council Members Mayor Mrakas in the Chair; Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland Humfryes, Kim, and Thompson

Members Absent None

Other Attendees Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services, Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services, Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director of Finance, Allan Downey, Director of Operations, David Waters, Director of Planning and Development Services, Cindy Shaver, Communications and Community Engagement Specialist, Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor, Michael de Rond, Town Clerk, Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

This meeting was held electronically as per Section 20.1 of the Town's Procedure By-law No. 6228-19, as amended, due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

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

General Committee consented to recess the meeting at 9:10 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

General Committee approved the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, including the following additional items:

- Delegation (b) Greg Reid, Executive Director of Advancement, St. Andrew's College; Re: Ice Allocation Policy

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- Delegation (c) Leslie Jennings, Resident (written delegation); Re: Item R1 – PDS20-029 – Capital Project No. 34626 – Sidewalk Construction on Kitimat Crescent Proposed Capital Budget Increase
- Notice of Motion (a) Councillor Gaertner; Re: Partial Lane Closure – Yonge Street

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. Community Presentations

None

4. Delegations

(a) Jim Thomson, Aurora Tigers Junior A Hockey Club

Re: Aurora Tigers Junior A Ice Allocation for Practice Time This Season

Mr. Thomson highlighted the requirements and challenges of running the Tigers Jr. A program, and requested that Council grant their request for a change in allocated practice ice time to Mondays at 3:30-5 p.m.

General Committee received the comments of the delegation for information.

(b) Greg Reid, Executive Director of Advancement, St. Andrew's College

Re: Ice Allocation Policy

Mr. Reid provided background and history of the College's long-standing rental of Town facilities, noting their consistent respect of all Town and arena ice allocation policies, and requested that the Town reject the petition by the Tigers to usurp the ice time that the College has used for more than 40 years.

General Committee received the comments of the delegation for information.

(c) Leslie Jennings, Resident (written delegation)

**Re: Item R1 – PDS20-029 – Capital Project No. 34626 – Sidewalk
Construction on Kitimat Crescent Proposed Capital Budget
Increase**

Ms. Jennings submitted a written delegation in opposition to the staff recommendation and offering two amendments to the recommendation.

General Committee received and referred the written comments of the delegation to Item R1.

5. Consent Agenda

General Committee consented to consider the Consent Agenda items following consideration of item R1.

Recommended:

That the following Consent Agenda items, C1 to C6 inclusive, be approved with the exception of items C1, C3, C4, and C5, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below:

C1. FIN20-007 – Capital Close Report as of December 31, 2019

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. FIN20-007 be received for information.

Carried

**C2. FIN20-008 – Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for Members of
Council, Committees and Local Boards**

1. That Report No. FIN20-008 be received for information.

Carried

C3. OPS20-003 – Blue Box Transition to Full Producer Responsibility

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. OPS20-003 be received for information.

Carried

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C4. OPS20-005 – Waste Collection Limits

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. OPS20-005 be received for information.

Carried

C5. PDS20-023 – Planning Application Status List

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS20-023 be received for information.

Carried

**C6. PDS20-025 – Heritage Review Process for Building Permit Applications
Related to Listed Properties**

1. That Report No. PDS20-025 be received for information.

Carried

6. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

None

7. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

General Committee consented to consider item R1 prior to consideration of the Consent Agenda items.

**R1. PDS20-029 – Capital Project No. 34626 – Sidewalk Construction on
Kitimat Crescent Proposed Capital Budget Increase**

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS20-029 – Capital Project No. 34626 – Sidewalk Construction on Kitimat Crescent Proposed Capital Budget Increase be referred back to staff.

**Motion to refer
Carried**

R2. OPS20-007 – Off-Leash Dog Park in Highland Park

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. OPS20-007 be received; and
2. That Block 166 in Phase 2 of the Highland Gate Development be approved for an Off-Leash Dog Park; and
3. That staff be directed to design and construct the park through the future subdivision agreement; and
4. That staff be directed to further investigate the Dog Waste Diversion programs available, including all capital and operational costs associated with implementing the systems in park retrofits and new park development, and that a report be presented at a future Council meeting.

Carried

R3. CS20-008 – Clean Communities By-law

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CS20-008 be received; and
2. That a Clean Communities By-law be enacted at a future Council meeting to repeal and replace the Clean Yards By-law No. 4754-05.P and Debris By-law No. 4738-05.P.

Carried

R4. CS20-007 – Regional Fire Service Study

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CS20-007 be received; and
2. That Council supports proceeding with a study of the potential creation of a Regional Fire Service; and
3. That the Town Clerk be directed to circulate the Town's decision to York Region and all York Region municipalities.

Carried

8. Notices of Motion

(a) Councillor Gaertner

Re: Partial Lane Closure – Yonge Street

Whereas physically distancing is mandated by municipal, provincial and federal governments as an important measure to combat the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

Whereas many residents are choosing walking as their preferred form of exercise; and

Whereas this promotes physical and mental health; and

Whereas residents are looking for places to walk where they are able to follow the six feet social distancing rule and protect themselves; and

Whereas neighbourhood streets can become crowded with walkers and therefore keeping safe distances is not possible; and

Whereas it is especially important to provide safe spaces when so many recreational spaces are now off limits; and

Whereas the volume of vehicle traffic has decreased on our local roads;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Council direct our traffic specialists to set up partial lane closures in various areas of Aurora, with Yonge Street, between Orchard Heights Boulevard and Henderson Drive, as one of the choices.

9. New Business

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the status of fundraising events and pledges for Southlake Foundation's Run for Southlake and those in support of the Women's Health Initiative. The Mayor advised that the Run for Southlake is on hold with the intent to reschedule and continue fundraising, and he suggested that the other event could be considered by the Aurora Cares Community Action Team.

Councillor Gaertner inquired about whether students can earn volunteer hours for helping with the Town cleanup, and the Mayor advised that this matter is being considered.

Councillor Gaertner extended a reminder that all pets should be kept leashed at all times on public property to avoid fines for pets found running at large.

Councillor Gilliland inquired about whether residents may have outdoor fires in their backyards, and staff confirmed that there is presently no fire ban in place for Aurora and Newmarket.

Mayor Mrakas inquired about the installation of painted lines at the newly erected stop signs on John West Way, and staff provided a response.

Mayor Mrakas noted resident complaints regarding dogs loose in the Wildlife Park and inquired about the possibility of installing additional signage, and staff provided a response.

10. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Kim announced that the Town celebrates National Youth Week from May 1 to May 7 annually and, with this year's festivities being held virtually, teens can participate by following the Town's youth Instagram account **@AuroraTeens**.

Councillor Gilliland announced that the "Connected: Aurora's Online Art Show" is online now through May 15, 2020, noting that all featured artwork is for sale and the exhibit can be viewed at **aurora.ca/artshow**.

Councillor Gallo extended a reminder that all Town facilities and parks are closed and more information is available at **aurora.ca/covid19**.

Councillor Gaertner advised that the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Mental Health Week is being observed this week, noting that residents may call Access Aurora at Town Hall for contact information. The Mayor added that residents could dial 211 for essential community services or contact any member of Council for assistance.

Councillor Humfries announced that the Town's online Skylight Gallery currently features the photographic work of artist Stephen Sloan during the month of May 2020 and the exhibit can be viewed at **aurora.ca/skylightgallery**.

Councillor Humfries advised that the Aurora Farmers' Market and Artisan Fair may be opening on Saturday, May 23, 2020, and she thanked staff for their assistance noting that confirmation will follow within the next week.

Councillor Thompson encouraged residents to visit the Town's Recreation at Home webpage, for ways to keep active and engaged while staying at home and physical distancing, at aurora.ca/recathome.

Mayor Mrakas invited Aurora business owners who need assistance during these times to use the online business assessment tool, to request information on available resources or arrange to speak with an Economic Development Officer, by visiting aurora.ca/businesssupport.

11. Closed Session

None

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 p.m.



**Town of Aurora
General Committee Meeting Report**

Video Conference
Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Attendance

Council Members Mayor Mrakas in the Chair; Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland Humfryes, Kim, and Thompson

Members Absent None

Other Attendees Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services, Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services, Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director of Finance, Allan Downey, Director of Operations, David Waters, Director of Planning and Development Services, Michelle Outar, Acting Manager of Corporate Communications, Patricia De Sario, Town Solicitor, Michael de Rond, Town Clerk, Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

This meeting was held electronically as per Section 20.1 of the Town's Procedure By-law No. 6228-19, as amended, due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

General Committee consented to recess the meeting at 7:49 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

General Committee consented to recess the meeting at 9:08 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

On a point of order by Councillor Thompson and acceptance by the Chair, Notice of Motion (b) was removed from the agenda.

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General Committee approved the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, excluding Notice of Motion (b).

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. Community Presentations

None

4. Delegations

- (a) **Michael Testaguzza, Tony Biglieri, The Biglieri Group Ltd.**
Re: Item R1 – PDS20-033 – Applications for Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision, 2523059 Ontario Inc., 132-198 Old Bloomington Road, Lots 12 and 14 and Part of Lots 10, 11 and 13, Registered Plan 166, File Nos.: OPA-2017-05, ZBA-2017-07 and SUB-2017-03

Mr. Testaguzza presented context and a review of the draft plan including the changes to the proposal since the statutory public meeting of January 24, 2018, and further potential revisions in response to community concerns.

General Committee received the comments of the delegation for information.

5. Consent Agenda

None

6. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

None

7. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion (Regular Agenda)

R1. PDS20-033 – Applications for Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision, 2523059 Ontario Inc., 132-198 Old Bloomington Road, Lots 12 and 14 and Part of Lots 10, 11 and 13, Registered Plan 166, File Nos.: OPA-2017-05, ZBA-2017-07 and SUB-2017-03

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS20-033 be received; and
2. That Official Plan Amendment application OPA-2017-05 (2523059 Ontario Inc.) be approved to:
 - (a) Amend section 3.6.2 of OPA 34 which permits a maximum building coverage of 12% for lands within a Cluster Residential designation by adding a site-specific policy to permit a maximum building coverage of 20% for the subject lands; and
 - (b) Amend section 3.6.3 (c) of OPA 34 requiring a minimum separation distance of 35 metres between the Estate Residential designation and the lot line of any Cluster Residential unit by adding a site-specific policy that reduces the setback to 35 metres between a dwelling in the Estate Residential Designation and a dwelling in the Cluster Residential Designation which includes a 10-metre landscaped buffer; and
 - (c) Delete section 3.2.7 of OPA 34 that requires a Block Plan be approved prior to the approval of an application to permit new development within the areas identified on Schedule CC; and
3. That Zoning By-law Amendment application ZBA-2017-07 (2523059 Ontario Inc.) be approved to rezone the subject lands from “Estate Residential (ER) Zone” to “Detached Third Density Residential R3(XX1) Exception Zone”, “Detached Third Density Residential R3(XX2) Exception Zone”, “Detached Third Density Residential R3(XX3) Exception Zone”, “Detached Third Density Residential R3(XX4) Exception Zone” “Environmental Protection – Oak Ridges Moraine (EP-ORM) Zone”, “Public Open Space (O1) Zone”, and “Private Open Space O2(XX) Zone”; and

4. That Draft Plan of Subdivision application SUB-2017-03 (2523059 Ontario Inc.) be approved, subject to the conditions listed in Schedule 'A' to this report; and
5. That Council grant an allocation of 161 persons from the reserve to service the development of 50 single detached dwellings on the approved Draft Plan of Subdivision; and
6. That the implementing Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments be brought forward to a future Council meeting.

Carried

R2. FIN20-012 – Property Tax Due Dates and Penalties

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. FIN20-012 be received; and
2. That the installment dates for the final tax bill of September 15 and December 1, 2020, be approved; and
3. That Council approve **that the Town continue to charge the normal monthly rate of 1.25%** for penalties on taxes for the period of July 1 to December 31, 2020; and
4. **That, at the discretion of the Director of Finance, accounts that were in arrears in 2019 not be provided with relief; and**
5. That Council approve waiving the five percent, one-time penalty on past due water bills for the remainder of 2020; and
6. That a by-law be enacted to reflect these changes at a future Council meeting.

Carried as amended

R3. OPS20-008 – Blue Box Transition to Full Producer Responsibility

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. OPS20-008 be received; and

2. That the timing for transition of the Blue Box Program to full producer responsibility for collection on December 31, 2025, coinciding with the end of the current waste collection contract, be approved; and
3. **That Council support the consideration of an earlier transition date provided that service levels would not be negatively impacted; and**
4. That staff be authorized to continue working in cooperation with the Northern Six (N6) municipalities in providing Blue Box collection services on behalf of producers, through future long-term collection contracts, subject to mutually agreeable financial and operational terms; and
5. That staff be authorized to communicate this resolution to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and the Regional Municipality of York.

Carried as amended

R4. CS20-010 – Electronic Meetings for Committees of Council

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. CS20-010 be received; and
2. That an amendment to the Procedure By-law to allow committees of Council to meet electronically during the state of emergency be enacted at the May 26, 2020 Council meeting; and
3. That the provisions related to in-person attendance and in-person quorum of the Policy for Ad Hoc/Advisory Committees and Local Boards be waived to allow electronic participation by members of the committees; and
4. That staff report back to Council regarding the success of electronic committee meetings.

Carried

**R5. PDS20-036 – Town-Initiated Official Plan Amendment to Consider
Outdoor Swim Schools as a Permitted Home Occupation
Use**

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS20-036 be received; and
2. That Town-initiated Official Plan Amendment Number 2020-19 to permit outdoor swim schools as a Permitted Home Occupation in the Official Plan be approved by adding the following new clause to Section 6.13:
 - (v) “Notwithstanding Section 6.13 (a)(i) and (iv) respecting Home Occupations, outdoor swim schools may be permitted as a home occupation use in addition to related minor outdoor storage, where appropriate and subject to the other policies in Section 6.13.”
3. That a new fee be added to the Town's 2020 Fees and Charges By-law for a "Minor Variance for Outdoor Swim Schools" at a cost of \$250; and
4. That the implementing Official Plan Amendment and revised Fees and Charges By-Law be presented to a future Council meeting.

Carried

**R6. PDS20-039 – Aurora Economic Development Corporation Board
Composition**

General Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. PDS20-039 be received; and
2. That the terms of reference of the Aurora Economic Development Corporation (the “AEDC”) be amended to increase the number of local residents or business owners to nine and to decrease the number of Council representatives to two members of Council; and
3. That staff be directed to present to Council a special resolution to be passed by the AEDC Board of Directors to increase the number of local residents or business owners to nine and to decrease the number of

Council representatives to two, which will be confirmed at a future meeting of Council.

Carried

8. Notices of Motion

(a) Mayor Mrakas

Re: Downtown Street Wall Mural Program

Whereas experience shows that a mural in a well-considered location often brings a community together and improves spaces for people passing through neighbourhoods; and

Whereas a mural can create belonging and a sense of pride, reduce graffiti and tagging, and allow neighbourhoods to shape their community through beautification and shared project goals; and

Whereas a street wall mural program would allow local artists to beautify the downtown core in a unique way;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to report back to Council regarding a Downtown Street Wall Mural program where local artists would create wall murals on Town-owned retaining walls along Yonge Street in the Downtown Core (Aurora Heights Drive to Kennedy Street); and
2. Be It Further Resolved That at least one Town-owned retaining wall shall be dedicated to our frontline workers; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That the report include guidelines for program objectives and eligibility requirements and timelines for selecting local artists.

(b) Councillor Gaertner

Re: COVID-19 Crisis – Support for Institutional Changes

Removed from agenda.

(c) Councillor Thompson
Re: Municipal Service Level and Delivery Review

Whereas the Town of Aurora is committed to making informed, affordable, strategic choices about how municipal services are delivered; and

Whereas Council wishes to examine how to improve services, identify any new or rising service demands, and evaluate service levels in the face of competing priorities and/or decreasing revenues and increasing costs to operate the municipality; and

Whereas Council wishes to set priorities and, where possible, identify potential revenue opportunities, reduce the cost of delivery while maintaining and/or improving services and service levels; and

Whereas a municipal service level and delivery review is a rigorous evaluation process that looks at the needs and expectations of the community, the performance and costs of the services provided, and may provide insight on best practices and/or alternative/ better ways to deliver a service; and

Whereas the last municipal service level review was conducted in 2013;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora consider a Municipal Services Review to identify actions and directions that could result in a more efficient and cost-effective service delivery, enhanced organizational and operation procedures, new revenue streams, and potential savings; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That this item be referred to the 2021 budget with an estimate on the cost of conducting a service review; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That pending Council's approval of the cost to conduct a review, the CAO be directed to finalize and issue a Request for Proposal for a Service Level and Delivery Review no later than February 2021.

9. New Business

Councillor Thompson inquired about communications to the public regarding the opening of Town facilities, and staff provided a response.

Councillor Gilliland extended appreciation to all those involved in the successful arts discussion table held on May 15, 2020, including Councillors Gallo and Humfries, Hon. Lisa MacLeod, MPP Michael Parsa, and Town staff.

Councillor Gallo inquired about the possibility of providing opportunities for youth to be active and volunteer with the Town, and staff provided a response.

10. Public Service Announcements

Councillor Gallo announced that, due to the increasing activity as businesses begin to reopen, the Town's enforcement of parking restrictions has now been reinstated, and he extended a reminder about the Town-wide 24-hour limit for vehicles parked on the street.

Councillor Gilliland extended a reminder about the Town's online Skylight Gallery currently featuring the photographic work of artist Stephen Sloan during the month of May 2020 and the exhibit can be viewed at aurora.ca/skylightgallery.

Councillor Gaertner encouraged residents to visit the Town's Recreation at Home webpage, to find ways to keep active and engaged while staying at home and physical distancing, at aurora.ca/recathome.

Councillor Thompson announced that the Aurora Museum and Archives is inviting residents to capture this moment in history by taking a front yard photo and posting it on social media with **#Auroraathome** or uploading it to auroramuseum.ca.

Councillor Kim extended a reminder that Aurora business owners who need assistance during these times can use the online business assessment tool to request information on available resources or arrange to speak with an Economic Development Officer, by visiting aurora.ca/businesssupport.

Councillor Humfries announced that the Town, recognizing the significant impact of COVID-19 on the community, has brought together community leaders to form

the Aurora Cares Community Action Team, and more information, including an application for one-time financial support, is available at aurora.ca/auroracares.

Councillor Humfryes advised that the Aurora Farmers' Market and Artisan Fair may be opening on Saturday, May 23, 2020, and confirmation will follow shortly.

Mayor Mrakas announced that, to encourage contactless transactions and support local retail, curbside pickup would be allowed at all times on Yonge Street, from Church Street to Wellington Street, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

11. Closed Session

None

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.



**Motion For Which Notice
Has Been Given** (May 5, 2020)

Councillor Wendy Gaertner

Date: May 26, 2020
To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Councillor Gaertner
Re: **Partial Lane Closure – Yonge Street**

Whereas physically distancing is mandated by municipal, provincial and federal governments as an important measure to combat the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

Whereas many residents are choosing walking as their preferred form of exercise; and

Whereas this promotes physical and mental health; and

Whereas residents are looking for places to walk where they are able to follow the six feet social distancing rule and protect themselves; and

Whereas neighbourhood streets can become crowded with walkers and therefore keeping safe distances is not possible; and

Whereas it is especially important to provide safe spaces when so many recreational spaces are now off limits; and

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**Motion For Which Notice
Has Been Given** (May 19, 2020)

Mayor Tom Mrakas

Date: May 26, 2020

To: Members of Council

From: Mayor Mrakas

Re: **Downtown Street Wall Mural Program**

Whereas experience shows that a mural in a well-considered location often brings a community together and improves spaces for people passing through neighbourhoods; and

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**Motion For Which Notice
Has Been Given** (May 19, 2020)

Councillor Michael Thompson

Date: May 26, 2020

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Councillor Thompson

Re: Municipal Service Level and Delivery Review

Whereas the Town of Aurora is committed to making informed, affordable, strategic choices about how municipal services are delivered; and

Whereas Council wishes to examine how to improve services, identify any new or rising service demands, and evaluate service levels in the face of competing priorities and/or decreasing revenues and increasing costs to operate the municipality; and

Whereas Council wishes to set priorities and, where possible, identify potential revenue opportunities, reduce the cost of delivery while maintaining and/or improving services and service levels; and

Whereas a municipal service level and delivery review is a rigorous evaluation process that looks at the needs and expectations of the community, the performance and costs of the services provided, and may provide insight on best practices and/or alternative/better ways to deliver a service; and

Whereas the last municipal service level review was conducted in 2013;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora consider a Municipal Services Review to identify actions and directions that could result in a more efficient and cost-effective service delivery, enhanced organizational and operation procedures, new revenue streams, and potential savings; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That this item be referred to the 2021 budget with an estimate on the cost of conducting a service review; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That pending Council's approval of the cost to conduct a review, the CAO be directed to finalize and issue a Request for Proposal for a Service Level and Delivery Review no later than February 2021.



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**Town of Aurora
Office of the Mayor**

Memorandum

Date: May 26, 2020
To: Members of Council
From: Mayor Tom Mrakas
Re: York Regional Council Highlights of April 30, 2020

Recommendation

That Council:

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



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Council Highlights

May 4, 2020

York Regional Council Highlights - April 30, 2020

York Regional Council Highlights - April 2020



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York Regional Police Chief Eric Jolliffe retires after 40 years of service

York Regional Council along with The Regional Municipality of York extends best wishes and sincere appreciation to York Regional Police Chief Eric Jolliffe on the occasion of his retirement.

Over the span of four decades, Chief Jolliffe has been dedicated to the safety and well-being of the community and residents he served. Chief Jolliffe started his career in September 1979 with Edmonton Police Services and returned home to York Region in 1998 to join York Regional Police Services. He was appointed Chief of Police in December 2010.

Chief Jolliffe's commitment to policing can be seen throughout his 40-year career in which he received the Officer of the Order of Merit for Police Forces, Police Exemplary Service Medal and 30 Year Bar, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

His leadership has been recognized with the Outstanding Achievement Award from Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays Canada/York Region, the Public Service Award from the Transformation Institute for Leadership & Innovation and the President's Award for Leadership from Ontario Women in Law Enforcement.

In addition, Chief Jolliffe was acknowledged in the *Transformation Institute for Leadership and Innovation's* book, *150 Extraordinary Canadians: Our Leadership and Innovation Legacy*, for his contributions to the success of Canada.

In recognition of his commitment to training and education, Regional Council passed a motion to rename the new YRP training centre the Chief Jolliffe Training Facility.

Chief Jolliffe leaves the police services with a legacy of dedication, commitment and exemplary leadership which has helped contribute to strong, caring and safe communities for all York Region residents.

In celebration of Chief Jolliffe's last day with York Regional Police, Thursday, April 30, 2020 has been proclaimed Chief Eric Jolliffe Day in York Region.

Chief-Designate Jim MacSween will be sworn in on Friday, May 1, 2020.

With more than 30 years of experience with YRP, Chief-Designate MacSween has proven his leadership abilities across all areas of the organization. He has extensive experience in administration, operations and strategic initiatives, and most recently served as Deputy Chief, York Regional Police.

York Region slowing the spread of COVID-19

Regional Council received an update on public health measures to manage the COVID-19 pandemic in York Region and the key strategies for managing the emergency response.

Since the beginning of this emergency, York Region has focused on four key strategies for managing the COVID-19 response:

1. Case and contact management
2. Outbreak management
3. Assessment centre testing
4. Physical distancing

These public health measures are beginning to prove effective as modelling data suggests York Region is currently in the peak of the pandemic. While York Region remains optimistic the growth in new cases will begin to slow, a large number of samples are still awaiting results from provincial labs.

Unfortunately, there currently is no vaccine or widely available interventions to treat COVID-19 and it is possible that outbreaks, sporadic cases or a second wave may occur. In these events, the current public health strategies will continue to be relied on to mitigate further transmission of the virus. York Region will continue to maintain an enhanced response to COVID-19 until a vaccine is made available.

York Region response to COVID-19

Regional Council received an update on York Region's current response to COVID-19 and the ongoing impacts of the pandemic on The Regional Municipality of York.

In response to COVID-19, York Region opened the Regional Emergency Operations Centre (REOC) and activated the REOC action plan with the health and well-being of residents and the community being Regional Council's top priority. The plan includes closing Regional facilities to the public, redeploying Regional staff, delegating authority to amend bylaws related to traffic operations and safety, implementing temporary service disruptions and program closures to focus efforts on providing the services essential to residents.

While the Region endeavours to provide high-quality essential services, including Public Health, Long-Term Care, Paramedic Services, Social Services, Transit, Regional Roads and Water and Wastewater, the challenges of responding to the pandemic have put pressure on Regional finances.

Initial analysis of financial information suggests unexpected costs and reduced revenues associated with COVID-19 have had a cumulative impact of \$13.8 million to date, or approximately \$3.65 million per week.

Costs and reduced revenue associated with the Region's response include:

- Direct costs such as payroll, non-staff expenditures and purchases
- Increased processing of residential waste
- Reduced ridership and service reductions on York Region Transit/Viva
- Reduced revenues from Provincial Offences fines
- Deferred April 1, 2020 water rate increase
- Reduced Development Charge collections

York Region continues to monitor the impacts of COVID-19 on the operating budget and will continue to provide further updates. Other financial considerations may

include additional service adjustments, closures and redeployment of resources, additional costs associated with technology and other resources.

For up-to-date information about COVID-19 in York Region, visit york.ca/covid19

Property tax interest waived for 90 days in response to COVID-19

Regional Council is providing local cities and towns greater flexibility with their Regional property tax installments.

York Region is owed \$1.189 billion from our cities and towns in 2020, payable in four installments. York Region will waive interest until January 1, 2021 on any portion of 2020 property tax installments not remitted to the Region as a direct result of a local municipality's COVID-19 response.

Municipalities will be responsible for interest related to the final 2020 property tax installment, which will be waived until March 31, 2021.

Any taxes collected on behalf of York Region would continue to be remitted according to the existing schedule.

Business Recovery Support Partnership

The Regional Municipality of York is collaborating with economic development stakeholders and industry leaders from across York Region to support local businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The York Region Business Recovery Support Partnership brings together York Region, economic development teams from the nine cities and towns, local Chambers of Commerce/Boards of Trade, the Workforce Planning Board of York Region and ventureLAB to:

- Conduct ongoing economic impact assessments

- Streamline business advisory supports
- Develop coordinated business communications

Four sub-groups will participate in recovery-oriented initiatives with a focus on the crisis response supply chain, business advisory services, agriculture and agri-food and tourism, arts and culture.

For more information on York Region's commitment to economic vitality, please visit york.ca/business

Protecting York Region's most vulnerable residents

Regional Council received an update on the collaborative efforts to support vulnerable populations through COVID-19. The [Social Service response to COVID-19 Global Pandemic Report](#) outlines how York Region is responding to the social service needs of homeless and low income residents.

Through short-term actions in the mandated areas of housing, children's services and income supports and homelessness, York Region is working to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among vulnerable populations and reduce the burden on the health care system.

Some of these collective actions include:

- Providing temporary rent subsidies
- Increasing funding for housing stability and homelessness prevention programs
- Establishing free emergency child care centres
- Extending funding to seasonal shelters
- Providing additional funding through grocery store gift cards to Ontario Works clients

To further help identify and respond to social services needs beyond the Region's mandate areas, York Region is partnering with United Way Greater Toronto to

establish a [Service Table](#) that includes participation from 47 community agencies. Working tables for food security, homelessness supports and senior's services have also been established.

\$404 million being invested in roads and transit infrastructure

Regional Council approved \$404 million to continue building road and transit system improvements in 2020, contributing to an overall investment \$3.1 billion over the next 10 years to provide residents and travellers with an efficient transportation network.

To enhance roads and transit, more than 80 construction projects are planned across the Region.

These projects include:

- Road widenings and major intersection improvements
- Bridge replacements
- Expansion of a bus garage in the City of Vaughan
- Construction of a new bus terminal opposite the new Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital

In addition to supporting growth, on-going rehabilitation programs and transit improvements help ensure growing communities have safe, reliable and efficient services.

In 2019, an investment of \$256 million advanced infrastructure projects to provide a more efficient transportation network, including road widenings, additional cycling lanes and an enhanced suite of transit services.

Speed limits revised at four locations to improve traveller safety

Regional Council approved adjustments to speed limits at four locations across the Regional road network.

Speed limit revisions take a number of factors into consideration, including changing land use, promoting consistent speed limits and improving traffic operations.

The revised speed limits impact the following locations:

- St. John's Sideroad from 700 metres west of Leslie Street to 600 metres east of Leslie Street 50 km/hr to 60 km/hr
- St. John's Sideroad from 600 metres east of Leslie Street to Woodbine Avenue – 70 km/hr to 60 km/hr
- Yonge Street from Dutch Settler's Court to Olive Street/Beckett Avenue – 60 km/hr to 50 km/hr
- Highway 7 from 100 metres west of McCowan Road to 200 metres east of Main Street Unionville – 70 km/hr to 60 km/hr

To notify travellers of the speed limit changes, "new" signs will be posted above speed limit signs at the beginning of each changed speed zone.

Five-year update to York Region's SM4RT Living Waste Management Master Plan

Regional Council received an update on the SM4RT Living Waste Management Master Plan which identifies priorities for the next five years and establishes long-term targets to move toward a world without waste.

Through this plan, York Region will successfully navigate legislative changes, use resources and infrastructure more strategically and inspire people across their communities to embrace SM4RT Living practices.

Specific strategies for change include a long-term plan for processing organic waste, reducing litter and single-use plastics plus enhancing new and emerging

initiatives and technologies in waste management.

This [SM4RT Living Plan](#) established the business case for expanding the focus of policy and programming from diversion to waste reduction. As reported in 2019, the Region has achieved the highest diversion rate for a large urban municipality every year since 2012 with more than 90% of managed waste diverted from landfill.

The full plan can be viewed at york.ca/sm4rtliving

2019 Greening Strategy shows more than 102,000 trees and shrubs planted last year

York Region's 2019 Greening Strategy achievements are delivering significant results and contributing to healthier sustainable communities.

Key achievements include:

- Planting 102,332 trees and shrubs and securing an additional nine hectares of environmentally significant lands
- Inspiring residents to take action through 292 Region and partner events for 13,061 participants
- Leveraging an additional \$890,000 in funding to deliver successful partnerships with local municipalities, conservation authorities and non-government organizations
- Securing \$10 million in funding through Infrastructure Canada's Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund to support urban tree planting and new woodland creation across York Region over the next eight years
- Delivering on-the-ground actions to contribute to the Regional Official Plan goal of a sustainable natural environment, including increasing woodland cover to 25% by 2031
- Increasing the overall tree canopy cover to 35% by 2031

The [Greening Strategy](#) facilitates actions to support four areas: Stewardship and Education, Enhancement and Rehabilitation, Environmental Land Protection and

Preservation and Leadership, Innovation and Knowledge. This approach is an important element to increase tree canopy and woodland cover in the Region.

Improving pedestrian safety at Rouge National Urban Park

In partnership with Parks Canada, Regional Council approved the creation of four pedestrian-activated signalized crossings for Rouge National Urban Park.

The pedestrian crossings to be located on 14th Avenue west of York-Durham Line, 16th Avenue east of Reesor Road, Major Mackenzie Drive west of Reesor Road and York Durham Line north of Concession 8 will connect to a 10-kilometre section of trail that is accessible to all residents and visitors.

Capital, construction and installation costs associated with the pedestrian walkways will be covered by Parks Canada, with York Region providing future servicing and maintenance requests.

Rouge National Urban Park covers almost 80 square kilometres from the Oak Ridges Moraine to Lake Ontario. For more information about the Rouge National Urban Park visit Parks Canada at pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/on/rouge

2019 Development Charge Reserve Fund Statement

Regional Council received an annual update on development charge activity and reserve balances for 2019.

As of December 31, 2019, development charge reserve balances totalled \$270 million. Reserve balances declined by \$67.9 million from 2018 due to draws exceeding collections by \$78.6 million. This was partially offset by \$10.7 million of interest earned during the year.

Development charges are collected to recover growth-related capital costs from residential and non-residential developments. These charges pay for growth-related infrastructure or are used to pay down debt that was issued to fund infrastructure needed for growth.

2019 Development Activity Summary

Regional Council received the Development Activity Summary 2019 report which provides an overview of York Region's development activities for 2019. In addition to revenues from development charges totalling \$216,669,308, 146 site plan and engineering approvals were completed. These achievements directly contribute to the economic vitality of York Region.

Additional development activity highlights include:

- Responding to 451 new development applications with a total of 9,204 proposed residential units
- Approval of three Secondary Plans to accommodate more than 60,000 people and thousands of jobs in the City of Markham and City of Vaughan
- Exempting 51 Official Plan Amendment applications from Regional approval

York Region will continue to experience growth as approved Secondary Plans and proposed Block Plans will result in new development applications that will increase residential housing supply. York Region anticipates there will be an impact on development activities in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and provincial order to temporarily halt non-essential services.

Regional staff will continue to work closely with municipal partners to achieve Regional and local policy objectives.

York Region donates two ambulances

Regional Council approved the donation of two decommissioned ambulances to not-for-profit organizations whose services align with services supported by York Region.

One ambulance will be donated to [St. John Ambulance](#) to meet increased demand and to provide training and community support services.

The other ambulance will be donated to [Wounded Warriors Canada](#) to provide mobile mental health education in the community.

Donation of decommissioned ambulances enhances these organizations' ability to provide services to York Region residents.

In York Region, ambulances that reach an established lifecycle of five years or approximately 250,000 kilometres are removed from use. Older decommissioned ambulances continue to be well-maintained and safe and can be repurposed to serve other communities in need.

Vector-Borne Disease Program 2019/2020 Annual Update

To limit the impact of vector-borne diseases including West Nile virus and Lyme disease, York Region begins its [vector-bore disease program](#) this May. Vector-borne diseases are transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected vector such as a mosquito or tick. Ontario Public Health units manage these diseases in accordance with the [Health Protection and Promotion Act](#) and the [Ontario Public Health Standards](#).

2019 surveillance shows continued Lyme disease activity, including increased blacklegged ticks in natural forested areas.

To prevent vector-born disease, follow these simple tips if heading outdoors:

- Wear light-colored clothes and long-sleeved tops to help spot ticks and deter mosquitos

- Clean up standing water around your home where mosquitos like to breed (flower pots, old tires, tin cans, pool covers)
- Choose closed-toe footwear
- Use insect repellent containing DEET
- Search your body for ticks, especially through the groin, scalp, back and underarm areas
- Remove attached ticks from your body as quickly as possible and report to York Region Public Health

York Regional Council approves 2020 to 2023 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for York Region and York Regional Police

Regional Council approved the 2020 to 2023 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for York Region, which outlines strategies and actions to prevent and remove barriers for people with disabilities in programs, services and facilities offered and run by York Region and York Regional Police.

The plan highlights and guides the important work York Region and York Regional Police are doing to create accessible programs, services, supports and facilities for everyone. Together, more than 850 initiatives have been implemented that promote accessibility since planning efforts to respond to provincial legislation began in 2003.

Provincial Policy Statement

Regional Council supports the newly revised Provincial Policy Statement which comes into effect May 1, 2020. The Province released the revised statement against recommended changes York Regional Council previously endorsed.

The provincial policy statement provides direction on policy-led planning and is applied across Ontario. Through the Municipal Comprehensive Review, the

Regional Official Plan must be updated to be consistent with the provincial statement.

Regional Council is supportive of the proposed changes that clarified the relationship between the provincial policy statement and other Provincial plans, including the [Growth Plan](#).

These changes include:

- Increasing the planning horizon from 20 to 25 years
- Strengthening policy direction on aligning growth management with infrastructure planning
- Increasing housing supply
- Encouraging transit-supportive development and intensification to promote economic prosperity

Through the Municipal Comprehensive Review, York Region will be required to be consistent with key policy changes in the provincial policy statement.

National Public Works Week events cancelled

York Region annually celebrates National Public Works Week in May by educating and informing residents about the importance of public works in their communities.

All public events and activities planned to celebrate National Public Works Week in York Region have been cancelled to support the need to reduce the spread of COVID-19, including the Family Fun Day event originally scheduled to take place on May 23, 2020.

Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition

Through a notice of motion, Regional Council has adopted the [International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance](#) working definition of antisemitism as follows:

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred towards Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community intuitions and religious facilities.”

York Region is committed to ensuring a **welcoming and inclusive community**. Adopting this working definition reaffirms Council’s vision of a York Region where all people feel they belong.

National Day of Mourning

Wednesday, April 28, 2020 was recognized by Regional Council as National Day of Mourning. By lowering flags at Regional facilities, York Region paid respect to the thousands of workers who have been killed, injured or suffered illness as a result of work-related incidents.

National Immunization Awareness Week

Regional Council recognized April 25 to May 2, 2020 as National Immunization Awareness Week.

Celebrated annually, National Immunization Awareness Week highlights the critical role of vaccinations in disease prevention.

While there is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19, it is important to remember there are numerous vaccines available to protect individuals from other infections and that **immunization** remains a vital component to the health of all Canadians.

Flight of the Monarchs Day

Regional Council has proclaimed August 22, 2020 as Flight of the Monarchs Day, celebrating the growing movement to protect monarch butterflies in Ontario and Canada.

Through the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, (TRCA), Flight of the Monarchs Day uses the monarch butterfly as the ambassador of species at risk in Canada. By administering programming developed by Monarch Nation, TRCA uses this day as a platform to deliver programming that raises awareness of species-at-risk and supports community action to restore and enhance local habitat.

Next regular meeting of York Regional Council

York Regional Council will meet on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 9 a.m. In order to maintain physical distancing and protect the health and well-being of residents, this is currently planned to be a virtual meeting and streamed on york.ca/live

The Regional Municipality of York consists of nine local cities and towns and provides a variety of programs and services to 1.2 million residents and 54,000 businesses with over 650,000 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 XXXX-20

Being a By-law to require owners and occupiers of land to clean, clear, and maintain private land and right of ways in the Town of Aurora.

Whereas Section 11(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended (the "Municipal Act"), provides that a local municipality may pass by-laws regulating highways under its jurisdiction;

And whereas Section 127 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, provides that a local municipality may require the owner and occupants of land to clean and clear the land or to clear refuse and debris from the land, not including buildings;

And whereas Section 128 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, provides that a local municipality may prohibit and regulate with respect to public nuisances, including matters which in the opinion of its council are or could become or cause public nuisance;

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

1. Definitions

1.1 In this by-law, the following words have the following meanings:

- (a) **"adjacent boulevard"** means the boulevard immediately adjacent to the front yard and/or side yard of a property;
- (b) **"agricultural purposes"** means land designated for agricultural uses under the Zoning By-Law;
- (c) **"boulevard"** means that part of a highway (whether assumed or unassumed by the Town) between the adjacent property line and the edge of the curb, or where there is no curb, that portion of the highway which is travelled or designed to be travelled by vehicles, which may or may not contain a sidewalk;
- (d) **"Clerk"** means the Town Clerk of the Town as appointed by by-law;
- (e) **"Conservation Authority"** means a conservation authority established under the *Conservation Authorities Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27;
- (f) **"fixture"** means any structure or other fixture affixed or placed on land or a building, including utility boxes, newspaper vending boxes, bench, transit shelters, telephone box, transformer box or vault, hydro pole, streetlight, stoplight poles, and street signs;
- (g) **"graffiti"** means one or more letter, symbol, number, etching, inscription, pictorial representation, or other marking that disfigures or defaces a fixture, howsoever made or otherwise affixed to a fixture;
- (h) **"highway"** means a common and public highway that constitutes a highway under Section 26 of the *Municipal Act*, whether assumed or unassumed, and includes a bridge, trestle, viaduct, or other structure forming part of the highway, and includes a portion of a highway;

- (i) **"injure"** means any action which may cause physical, biological, or chemical damage;
- (j) **"inoperable motor vehicle"** means a vehicle:
 - (i) that is in a wrecked, dismantled, partially dismantled or abandoned in a condition such that would hinder safe and immediate operation; or
 - (ii) a motor vehicles that does not have a current and valid license plates attached, unless such vehicle is covered by a fitted vehicle cover and maintained in a good condition;
- (k) **"Manager"** means the Manager of By-law Services for the Town;
- (l) **"Municipal Act"** means the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended or successor thereto;
- (m) **"Municipal Law Enforcement Officer"** means a person appointed by the Town as a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer;
- (n) **"municipal property"** means any land owned or occupied by the Town;
- (o) **"naturalized property"** means:
 - (i) land that is owned or occupied by the Town of Aurora, Regional Municipality of York, the Provincial or Federal Governments, or a Conservation Authority that is left in a naturalized condition for the purpose of recreation or to protect the surrounding environment,
 - (ii) any woodland or woodlot as defined in the Town's Private Tree Protection By-law or Forest Conservation Bylaw of the Regional Municipality of York, all as amended or successor thereof, or
 - (iii) land which too steep or too dangerous to maintain, as determined by the Manager or a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer;
- (p) **"owner"** means all registered owners of a property and also includes:
 - (i) the owner in trust,
 - (ii) a mortgagee in possession,
 - (iii) any person that is managing the property or is responsible for managing the property,
 - (iv) any person who collects rent on the property or is responsible for collecting rent on the property, and
 - (v) any lessee or occupant of the property who, under the terms of a lease, is required to repair and maintain the property in accordance with the standards for maintenance and occupancy of the property;
- (q) **"person"** includes a natural individual and their heirs, executors, administrators or other legally appointed representatives, a corporation, partnership or other form of business association;

- (r) **“property”** means any grounds, yard, parking lot, vacant land or other parcel of land, including public lands and highways, but not including buildings;
- (s) **“Public Authority”** means any commission, committee, school board, department or agency of the Government of Canada, Province of Ontario, The Regional Municipality of York or the Town;
- (t) **“refuse”** means any article, thing, matter or effluent that has been discarded by any person or that is no longer in use or reasonably intended to be used by any person having ownership or control over such object or material and includes but is not limited to the following: grass clippings, tree cuttings, brush, tree branches, leaves, garden refuse, earth and fill, paper, cardboard, clothing, kitchen and table waste, animal or organic waste, cans, glass, plastic containers, dishes, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, clothes washers, dryers, dishwashers, microwaves or other appliances, disused furniture, furnaces, furnace parts, pipes, fittings to pipes, water or fuel tanks, fencing materials, piping, tubing, conduits or cable, container of any size, type or composition, rubble, broken concrete, bricks, broken asphalt, patio or sidewalk slabs, mechanical equipment, mechanical parts, accessories to mechanical equipment, paper products, lumber or wood products, chemical products, bones, feathers, hides, material resulting from or as part of construction or demolition projects, inoperable motor vehicles, vehicle parts and accessories, vehicle tires either mounted or unmounted on rims;
- (u) **“sidewalk”** means any municipal or regional sidewalk located on a boulevard;
- (v) **“Town”** means The Corporation of The Town of Aurora and/or the geographical limits of the Town of Aurora, depending on the context of the provision in which the term appears;
- (w) **“Utility Company”** means a company which supplies water, electrical, gas, cable, internet or telephone services to a property;
- (x) **“Zoning By-law”** means The Zoning By-law of the Town of Aurora, as amended or successor thereof.

2. Interpretation and Application of this By-law

- 2.1 This by-law shall be known and may be cited as the “Clean Communities By-Law”.
- 2.2 The provisions of this by-law shall apply to all lands and premises within the Town of Aurora.
- 2.3 Notwithstanding the above, this by-law does not apply to activities or matters undertaken by a Public Authority or to land owned by the Government of Canada.
- 2.4 Unless otherwise specified, references in this by-law to parts, sections, subsections, clauses and schedules are references to parts, sections, subsections clauses, and schedules in this by-law.

- 2.5 The part and section headings contained throughout this document are for reference purposes only and do not form a part of this by-law. This by-law is to be interpreted without reference to such headings.
- 2.6 References in this by-law to any statute or statutory provisions include references to that statute or statutory provision as it may from time to time be amended, extended, or re-enacted.
- 2.7 This by-law shall be read with all changes in gender or number as the context requires.
- 2.8 References in this by-law to items in the plural include the singular, and references to the singular include the plural, as applicable.
- 2.9 The words “include”, “includes”, “including” are not to be read or interpreted as limiting the words, phrases, or descriptions that precede it.
- 2.10 If a court of competent jurisdiction declares any section, or any part of any section of this by-law to be invalid or to be of no force in effect, it is the intention of the Town that every other provision of this by-law be applied and enforced in accordance with its terms to the extent possible according to law.
- 2.11 This by-law and the provisions contained within are intended to be complementary to other by-laws passed by Council and in the event that any other applicable law requires a higher standard than the provisions contained in this by-law, the higher standard shall apply.
3. **Property and Boulevard Maintenance**
 - 3.1 Every owner of a property shall keep their property free of any excavations, trenches, ditches or depressions that present, or could present, an unsafe condition.
 - 3.2 Every owner of a property shall keep their property free of any:
 - (a) excavation, trench, ditch or depression that is capable of holding standing water for more than three (3) days; and
 - (b) refuse of any kind that is capable of holding standing water.
 - 3.3 Every owner of a property shall keep their property free of grass or weeds exceeding (20) centimeters in height, except for:
 - (a) properties that are used for agricultural purposes; and
 - (b) naturalized properties.
 - 3.4 Every owner of a property that is located in a Residential, Commercial, Employment or Promenade Zone, pursuant to the Zoning By-law, shall keep the boulevard that is adjacent to their property free of grass or weeds exceeding (20) centimeters in height.
 - 3.5 No person shall throw, place or deposit any refuse on any property, except for:
 - (a) refuse thrown, placed or deposited inside of an enclosed building, an enclosed structure or a receptacle designed for that purpose;

- (b) refuse that is set out for collection in compliance with the Waste Collection By-law;
 - (c) refuse that is required or used for a lawful business purpose that is in accordance with the Zoning By-law and any other applicable legislation; or
 - (d) refuse that is temporarily set aside or placed as part of an ongoing construction or demolition process, provided:
 - (i) such refuse is confined to the immediate vicinity of the construction or demolition activity,
 - (ii) such refuse if confined to the property that is subject to such construction or demolition activity, and
 - (iii) such construction or demolition process is in compliance with any applicable law.
- 3.6 Every owner of a property shall keep their property free of refuse, except for:
- (a) refuse that is set out for collection in compliance with the Waste Collection By-law; and
 - (b) refuse that is required or used for a lawful business purpose that is in accordance with the Zoning By-law and any other applicable legislation.
- 3.7 Every owner of a property shall keep the boulevard that is adjacent to their property free of refuse, except for:
- (a) refuse that is set out for collection in compliance with the Waste Collection By-law; and
 - (b) refuse that is required or used for a lawful business purpose that is in accordance with the Zoning By-law and any other applicable legislation.
- 3.8 Every owner of a property or a building shall keep free of graffiti any parts of the property or the building that are:
- (a) common elements,
 - (b) common access corridors and passageways,
 - (c) visible from any areas to which the public has access,
 - (d) areas that are owned by multiple unrelated persons,
 - (e) and areas to which the public has access.
- For clarity, the requirements under this section do not apply to any parts of a building that are the inside of a residential dwelling.
- 3.9 Every person that owns a fixture, wall, fence, pole or other structure on a highway or other public space, shall keep such wall, fence, pole or other structure free of graffiti.
- 3.10 No person shall place, or cause to be placed, or permit to be placed graffiti on any property, fixture or structure.

- 3.11 No person shall injure or destroy a hedge, shrub, flower or tree planted by the Town on a boulevard or on other municipal property.
- 3.12 No person shall defecate or urinate in public on any property or in or on a public place.
- 3.13 Notwithstanding, nothing in this section 3 shall be deemed as prohibiting, preventing or limiting the placement, repair or maintenance of structures, electrical wiring, piping, drainage or plumbing that is conducted by a Utility Company pursuant to an approval from or agreement with the Town or otherwise pursuant to legislative authority.

4. Administration and Enforcement

- 4.1 The Manager shall be responsible and is delegated the power to administer and enforce this by-law, including prescribing the content of any forms or other documents required under this by-law from time to time.
- 4.2 The Manager and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers of the Town are hereby delegated the authority to enforce this by-law, including the authority to conduct inspections pursuant to this by-law, the Municipal Act, as amended, and any other enacted applicable by-law or legislation.
- 4.3 The Manager is authorized to delegate responsibilities for the administration and enforcement of this by-law to any Town staff or external third parties deemed to be qualified and appropriate by the Manager for such purposes.

5. Power of Entry, Inspection, Prohibitions

- 5.1 A Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, or any other individual authorized to enforce this by-law on behalf of the Town, may at any reasonable time enter upon any land for the purpose of carrying out an inspection to determine whether the following are being complied with
 - (a) this by-law;
 - (b) any direction or order under this by-law; or
 - (c) an order issued under section 431 of the Municipal Act.
- 5.2 Where an inspection is conducted pursuant to this section, a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer or any other individual authorized to enforce this by-law on behalf of the Town, may:
 - (a) require the production for inspection of documents or things relevant to the inspection;
 - (b) inspect and remove documents or things relevant to the inspection for the purpose of making copies and extracts;
 - (c) require information from any person concerning a matter related to the inspection; and
 - (d) alone or in conjunction with a person possessing special or expert knowledge, make examinations or take tests, samples or photographs necessary for the purpose of the inspection.

- 5.3 No person shall hinder or obstruct or attempt to hinder or obstruct the Town, its employees, officers or agents from carrying out any powers or duties under this by-law.
- 5.4 No person shall contravene any order or direction issued by the Town pursuant to this by-law or the Municipal Act.
- 5.5 Where a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, or an individual authorized to enforce this by-law, has reasonable grounds to believe that an offence has been committed by any person, they may require the name, address and proof of identity of that person, and the person shall supply the required information.
- 5.6 No person shall decline or neglect to give, produce or deliver any access, information, document or other thing that is requested by the Town pursuant to this by-law.
- 5.7 No person shall knowingly make, participate in, assent to or acquiesce in the provision of false information in a statement, affidavit, application or other document prepared, submitted or filed under this by-law.

6. Orders

- 6.1 Where the Manager or any Municipal Law Enforcement Officer is satisfied that a contravention of this by-law has occurred, such Manager or Municipal Law Enforcement Officer may make an order requiring that the person who caused or permitted such contravention, or the owner or occupier of the land on which the contravention occurred, to discontinue the contravening activity and/or to do work to correct the contravention.
- 6.2 An order pursuant to this section shall set out the following:
 - (a) the municipal address and/or the legal description of the land or premises on which the contravention occurred;
 - (b) reasonable particulars of the contravention;
 - (c) what is required of the person subject to the order;
 - (d) the date by which there must be compliance with the order and/or, if any work is ordered, the date by which any such work must be done;
 - (e) if any work is required to be done, a statement that if such work is not done in compliance with the order and within a specified time period, the Town will have the work done at the expense of the person directed or required to do it; and
 - (f) information regarding the Town's contact person.
- 6.3 An order pursuant to this section shall be deemed to have been received upon:
 - (a) personal service of the order to the person being served;
 - (b) the day after posting a copy of the order on the land on which the contravention took place; or

- (c) the fifth (5th) day after the order is sent by registered mail to the last known address of the owner of the land on which the contravention took place or the last known address of any other person in contravention of this by-law.

7. Remedial Action and Cost Recovery

- 7.1 Wherever this by-law or an order issued under this by-law directs or requires any matter or thing to be done by any person within a specified time period, in default of it being done by the person directed or required to do it, the action may be taken under the direction of the Manager or a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer at that person's expense and the Town may recover the costs incurred through a legal action or by recovering the costs in the same manner as taxes.
- 7.2 For the purposes of taking remedial action under this section, the Town, its staff and/or its agents may enter, at any reasonable time, upon any lands on which a default to carry out a required thing or matter occurred.

8. Offence and Fines

- 8.1 Every person who contravenes any provision of this by-law, including an order issued under this by-law, is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine as provided for in the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 33, as amended.
- 8.2 If a corporation has contravened a provision of this by-law, including an order issued under this by-law, every director and officer who knowingly concurred in such a contravention is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine as provided for in the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 33, as amended.
- 8.3 Pursuant to subsection 429(2) of the Municipal Act, all contraventions of this by-law or orders issued under this by-law are designated as multiple offences and continuing offences. If a contravention of any provision of this by-law has not been corrected, or an order issued under this by-law has not been complied with, the contravention of such a provision or an order shall be deemed to be a continuing offence for each day or part of a day that the contravention remains uncorrected or an order not complied with. A multiple offence is an offence in respect of two (2) or more acts or omissions each of which separately constitutes an offence and is a contravention of the same provision of this by-law.
- 8.4 In addition to fines under this section, a person convicted of an offence under this by-law may be liable to a special fine in the amount of the economic advantage or gain that such a person obtained from the contravention of this by-law.

9. Presumption

- 9.1 An owner of a property on which a contravention has occurred shall be presumed to have carried out or caused or permitted to be carried out the contravention, which presumption may be rebutted by evidence to the contrary on a balance of probabilities.

10. Repeal of By-laws and Enactment

- 10.1 Any by-law which was in effect in the Town on the date of passage of this by-law which covers the same subject matter as this by-law shall remain in effect only

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for the purposes of the completion of any procedure that was commenced under that by-law.

10.2 By-law Number 4738-05, as amended, and By-law Number 4754-05.P, as amended, be and are hereby repealed.

Enacted by Town of Aurora Council this 26th day of May, 2020.

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

By-law Number XXXX-20

Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 6228-19, as amended, to govern the proceedings of Council and Committee meetings of the Town of Aurora.

Whereas under subsection 238 (2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended (the "*Municipal Act, 2001*"), every municipality and local board shall pass a procedure by-law for governing the calling, place and proceedings of meetings;

And whereas on December 10, 2019, The Corporation of the Town of Aurora (the "Town") enacted By-law Number 6228-19, being a by-law to govern proceedings at Council and Committee meetings;

And whereas on March 19, 2020 the Province of Ontario enacted the Bill 187, *Municipal Emergency Act, 2020* to amend the *Municipal Act, 2001* to enact subsection 238 (3.3) and subsection 238 (3.4) to permit meetings to be held electronically during an emergency declared pursuant to the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.9, as amended (the "*Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*");

And whereas the World Health Organization has declared a worldwide pandemic regarding the Novel Coronavirus 19 (COVID-19);

And whereas on March 17, 2020, a Declaration of Emergency was made by the Province of Ontario pursuant to section 7.0.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* related to COVID-19;

And whereas on March 18, 2020, a Declaration of Emergency was made by the Town pursuant to section 4 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* related to COVID-19;

And whereas the Lieutenant Governor has issued Order-in-Council 520/2020, pursuant to the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, prohibiting all organized public events of over fifty people due to COVID-19;

And whereas the Town considers the protection of the health and safety of the public to be a paramount concern, and has suspended the operations of all Town facilities and services, other than those deemed essential for the welfare of the citizens of the Town of Aurora during the COVID-19 emergency;

And whereas on March 31, 2020, the Council of the Town enacted By-law Number 6246-20 to amend By-law Number 6228-19, to provide that, during emergencies, should they choose to, members of council who participate electronically in open and closed meetings may be counted for purposes of quorum;

And whereas the Council of the Town deems it necessary and expedient to further amend By-law Number 6228-19, to provide that, during emergencies, should they choose to, members of local boards and committees who participate electronically in open and closed meetings may be counted for purposes of quorum;

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

1. Subparagraph b) i) of section 20.1 of By-law Number 6228-19, as amended, be and is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

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- "b) Electronic Meetings
 - i) A regular meeting or special meeting of Council as well as meetings of committees of Council and Local Boards may be conducted by Electronic Meeting during an Emergency, in accordance with this Section and any Emergency Electronic Meeting Protocol as may be approved."

Enacted by Town of Aurora Council this 26th day of May, 2020.

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk

The Corporation of The Town of Aurora

By-law Number XXXX-20

**Being a By-law to confirm actions by Council
resulting from a Council meeting
on May 26, 2020.**

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 May 26, 2020, in respect of each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by the Council at the said meeting is 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 26th day of May, 2020.

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk