



2023

YEAR IN REVIEW

For the Town of Aurora, 2023 was all about strengthening the things that matter most to Aurorans, while also helping to make life more affordable. From improving our world-class recreation and culture offerings, to ensuring more attainable and affordable housing is built, our goal is to provide an incredibly high quality of life for every single community member.

\$ TAXES

2.8% tax increase + 1% for capital projects

Passed the 2024 Budget with a moderate increase, keeping more money in people's pockets

- ✓ Kept tax increase close to rate of inflation
- ✓ All service levels maintained
- ✓ Moderate increase allows Town to move ahead on key projects

PARKS, TRAILS AND ROADS

475 hectares of parkland maintained

In 2023, we made significant improvements to our outdoor and natural spaces

- ✓ Replaced the Cousins Park Boardwalk
- ✓ Continued to develop Phase 2 of the David Tomlison Nature Reserve
- ✓ Replaced aging equipment at Elizabeth Hader Park
- ✓ Maintained 62 km of trails and 228 km of roads
- ✓ Completed 35 km of asphalt crack sealing
- ✓ Purchased 16-acre property off Yonge Street for site of a future Town park



RECREATION AND CULTURE

3,000+ attendees for Sweden vs Switzerland women's hockey game and events

Focused on affordable and inclusive recreation and cultural offerings

- ✓ Expanded pickleball opportunities
- ✓ Welcomed 13,000 people at our Concerts in the Park series
- ✓ 3,600+ participants in summer camps
- ✓ Conducted 45 civil marriage ceremonies
- ✓ Provided 20K+ hours of field rentals to community members
- ✓ Unveiled Every Child Matters rink boards at all arenas
- ✓ Continued with construction of Town Square, set to open in fall 2024

HOUSING

8,000 new homes by 2031

In 2023, the Town committed to a housing pledge to promote efforts to ensure more attainable and affordable housing

- ✓ Approved more than \$174 million in new residential construction
- ✓ Completed updates to the Town's Official Plan
- ✓ Began development of Affordable Housing Action Plan and Toolkit
- ✓ 18 properties given Heritage Designation
- ✓ Launched CityView, our online development portal



ECONOMY

3,000+ new jobs since 2019

A strong local economy is vital to creating a vibrant community, where Aurorans have everything they need at their fingertips

- ✓ Welcomed 300+ new businesses since 2019
- ✓ Completed community consultations for the Economic Development Action Plan
- ✓ Partnered with telMAX to bring high-speed fibre internet to Aurora
- ✓ Continued with our Emerging Aurora campaign showcasing local business success stories



ENVIRONMENT

24.7% decrease in GHG emissions at Town facilities since 2018

Aurorans care deeply about the environment and that's why the Town is working hard to play its part in addressing climate change

- ✓ 16,000 kWh of electricity used at EV charging sessions at Town-owned facilities
- ✓ Hosted our second Electric Vehicle Showcase
- ✓ 6,937 tonnes of waste diverted from landfills
- ✓ 17.34 tonnes of E-Waste collected

2022 TO 2026

Aurora Town Council

Back row:

Councillor Ron Weese, Councillor Wendy Gaertner, Councillor Rachel Gilliland, Councillor John Gallo

Front row:

Councillor Harold Kim, Mayor Tom Mrakas, Councillor Michael Thompson

