



COUNCIL

As adopted December 12, 2023

Mayor and Council

The Town of Aurora's Council includes the Mayor and six Councillors. Together, they are elected to serve the residents and businesses of the Town in a responsive and effective manner through leadership and legislative action and set policy direction for the present and future of the Town.

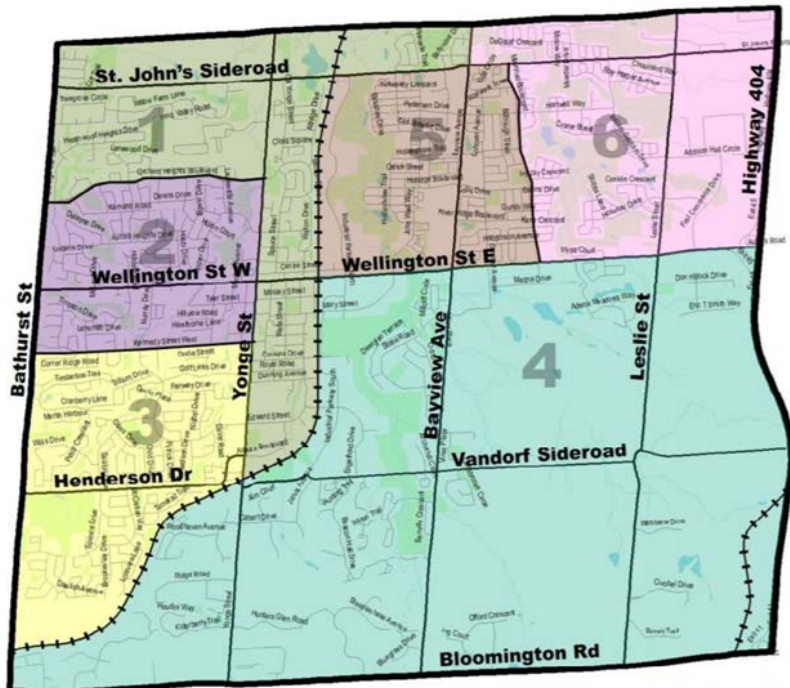
Councillors are elected by ward

On July 14, 2020, Aurora Council passed By-law No. 6271-20 to establish Ward boundaries, effective for the 2022 Municipal Election.

In previous elections, Council members were elected at large. Now, residents in each of the six wards vote for one member of Council in the municipal election to represent their area.

The Mayor continues to be elected at large and represents the Town by sitting as a member of Council at The Regional Municipality of York.

Aurora Ward Map



Advisory committees

Members of Council also participate in the Town's advisory committees including:

Accessibility Advisory Committee

This committee advises and assists staff on matters relating to the environment, parks, trails, recreation, active transportation, and other matters of interest to the community.

Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

The Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee is formed to support and advise Town staff in various issues relating to the development and implementation of the Transportation Master Plan and the Active Transportation Master Plan, Aurora Connects. The Committee will provide support and advice in all aspects of traffic safety issues that affect the Town of Aurora as a whole.

Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee

This committee was formed to support Town staff in various aspects of the annual Community Recognition Awards event and report to Council on any outcomes and/or changes as required.

Environmental Advisory Committee

This committee was established to address ongoing climate change, adaptation and mitigation initiatives, energy conservation, environmental matters, and to contribute comments on the development of the Climate Change Adaptation Plan and toward implementation of the Community Energy Plan, the Corporate Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan, the Corporate Environmental Action Plan, and York Region's Climate Change Action Plan.

Finance Advisory Committee

This committee assists Council and Town staff in fulfilling their fiscal responsibilities by reviewing and making recommendations on the long-range corporate financial planning process, capital planning initiatives, and fiscal policy matters.

Heritage Advisory Committee

This committee advises and assists Council on all matters relating to the conservation of buildings of historic or architectural value and on all matters relating to the designation and preservation of heritage conservation districts in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee supports and advises the Community Services and Operational Services Departments respecting the delivery of Parks and Recreation programs and activities within the Town of Aurora.

Council approves the Strategic Plan and other key plans

Council is responsible for the review and approval of the Strategic Plan and other key plans that support the policy direction and governance of the Town. Staff develop plans, policy documents and strategies based on Council direction which is then reviewed at General Committee meetings. Once approved, Council provides the framework which staff follow in developing work plans.

In addition to the Official Plan and the Strategic Plan other Council approved plans include:

- Accessibility Plan
- Active Transportation Plan
- Asset Management Plan
- Aurora Promenade Plan
- Community Energy Plan
- Community Improvement Plan
- Corporate Environmental Action Plan
- Cultural Master Plan
- Customer Service Strategy and Implementation Plan
- Development Charge Study
- Diversity Equity and Inclusion Strategy
- Economic Development Strategic Plan
- Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan
- Fiscal Strategy
- Fleet Study
- Green Fleet Action Plan
- Museum Plan
- Parkland Dedication Bylaw
- Parks & Recreation Master Plan
- Sports Field Development Strategy
- Sport Plan
- Storm Water Management Master Plan
- Stream Management Master Plan & Tannery Creek Flood Relief Study
- Technology Strategic Plan
- Trails Master Plan
- Transportation Master Plan
- Urban Forest Management Policy

Operating Budget

Overview

The operating budget for Council includes an increase of \$48,900 in 2024, \$44,200 in 2025 and \$61,400 in 2026. The main driver of the increase is from a reduction to the reserve draw to phase in the cost to support the Aurora Economic Development Board. This increase is \$25,000 in 2024, \$35,000 in 2025 and \$40,000 in 2026. By 2026 the reserve draw for this Committee will be removed.

Net budget by division

	2023 Budget		2024 Budget	
	Gross	Net	Gross	Net
Budget (\$000's)				
Council Administration	587.9	587.9	611.8	611.8
Committees	112.0	12.0	112.0	37.0
Net Budget	699.9	599.9	723.8	648.8
Budget Change			23.9	48.9
Permanent Full-Time Staffing (FTE):				
Opening Staffing				1.0
New				-
Total Staffing				1.0

	2025 Budget		2026 Budget	
	Gross	Net	Gross	Net
Budget (\$000's)				
Council Administration	626.0	626.0	642.4	642.4
Committees	112.0	67.0	112.0	112.0
Net Budget	738.0	693.0	754.4	754.4
Budget Change	14.2	44.2	16.4	61.4
Permanent Full-Time Staffing (FTE):				
Opening Staffing		1.0		1.0
New		-		-
Total Staffing		1.0		1.0

Note: Excludes elected positions

Operating financial summary

\$000's	Net Actual Results		2023	2023	2024	2025	2026
	2021	2022	Net Fcst*	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Expenditures	604.3	575.9	682.8	699.9	723.8	738.0	754.4
Non-Tax Revenues	(36.4)	(46.2)	(92.3)	(100.0)	(75.0)	(45.0)	-
Net Tax Levy	567.8	529.7	590.5	599.9	648.8	693.0	754.4
% Tax Funded	94%	92%	86%	86%	90%	94%	100%
Net Budget Change	\$	(38.2)	60.8	9.4	48.9	44.2	61.4
	%	(6.7%)	11.5%	1.6%	8.1%	6.8%	8.9%

*Net forecast as of August 31, 2023

Incremental budget changes

	2024		2025		2026	
	FTE	\$000's	FTE	\$000's	FTE	\$000's
Starting Budget	1	599.9	1	648.8	1	693.0
Base						
Salaries & Benefits including COLA, step increases, gapping and other approved staffing actions	-	19.6	-	13.0	-	15.1
Reduce contribution from Economic Development reserve	-	25.0	-	30.0	-	45.0
Increase to memberships	-	3.3	-	0.5	-	0.5
Other minor inflationary adjustments	-	0.9	-	0.7	-	0.8
	-	48.9	-	44.2	-	61.4
Budget Change	-	48.9	-	44.2	-	61.4
Total Budget	1	648.8	1	693.0	1	754.4