



 COUNCIL

As approved on January 31st, 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 setting policy direction for the present and the 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 also represents the Town by sitting as a member of Council at The Regional Municipality of York.

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.

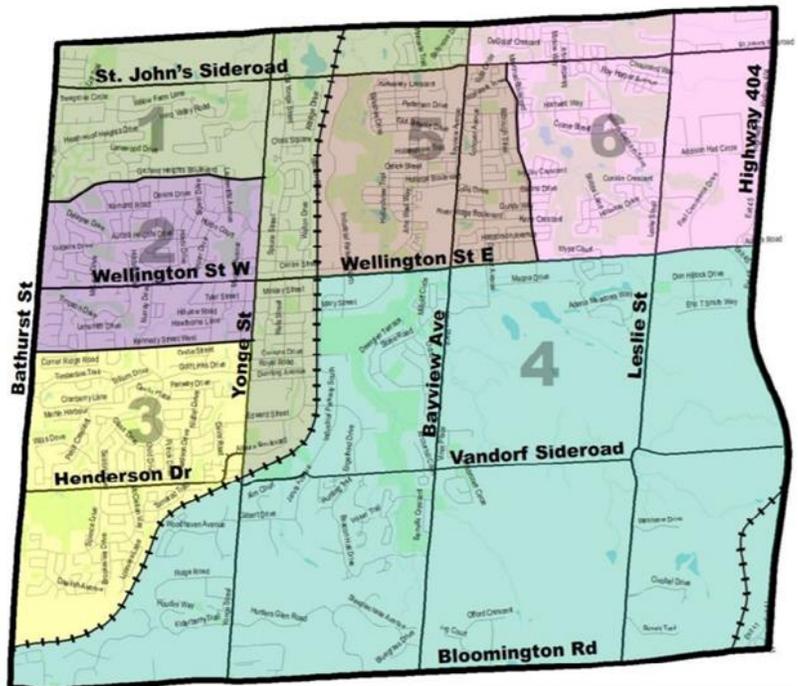
Community Advisory Committee

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.

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.

Aurora Ward Map



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.

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
- 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
- Trail Master Plan
- Transportation Master Plan
- Urban Forest Management Policy

Operating Budget

Overview

The operating budget for Council is approved to increase by \$1,800 in 2023. The main driver of the increase includes minor increases for a return to in-person conferences and training in 2023.

Net Budget by division

| | 2022 | | 2023 | |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Gross | Net | Gross | Net |
| Budget (\$000's) | | | | |
| Council Administration | 586.1 | 586.1 | 587.9 | 587.9 |
| Education Grants | 112.0 | 12.0 | 112.0 | 12.0 |
| Net Budget | 698.1 | 598.1 | 699.9 | 599.9 |
| Budget Change | | | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Permanent Full-Time Staffing (FTE): | | | | |
| Opening Staffing | | | | 1.0 |
| New | | | | - |
| Conversion | | | | - |
| Approved Staffing | | | | 1.0 |

Note: Excludes elected positions.

Operating financial summary

| \$000's | Net Actual Results | | 2022 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | Net Fcst* | Budget | Budget |
| Expenditures | 534.8 | 604.3 | 674.7 | 698.1 | 699.9 |
| Non-Tax Revenues | - | (36.4) | (100.0) | (100.0) | (100.0) |
| Net Tax Levy | 534.8 | 567.8 | 574.7 | 598.1 | 599.9 |
| % Tax Funded | 100% | 94% | 85% | 86% | 86% |
| Net Budget Change | \$ | 33.1 | 6.9 | 23.4 | 1.8 |
| | % | 6.2% | 1.2% | 4.1% | 0.3% |

*Net forecast as of October 31, 2022

Incremental Budget changes

| | 2023 | |
|--|----------|--------------|
| | FTE | \$000's |
| Starting Budget | 1 | 598.1 |
| Base | | |
| Salaries & Benefits including COLA, step increases and other approved staffing actions | - | 0.1 |
| Minor increases to conferences, training, office supplies, etc. | - | 1.7 |
| Allocation of ward specific budget | - | 6.0 |
| Reduction in Council contingency budget | - | (6.0) |
| | - | 1.8 |
| Budget Change | - | 1.8 |
| Approved Budget | 1 | 599.9 |

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