



Aurora Economic Development Corporation

Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

Date:	December 12, 2024
Time:	Board Meeting: 11:30 a.m. – Noon Lunch: Noon – 1:30 p.m.
Location:	The Armoury
Attendees:	Marilee Harris (Chair), Mayor Tom Mrakas, Mae Khamissa, Sepehr Assadian, Richard Gong, Tim Hammill, Owen Heritage, Bill Hogg, Nima Khadem Mohtaram, Tracy Smith, Doug Nadorozny, and Sandra Ferri (Aurora Chamber of Commerce)
Regrets:	Councillor Rachel Gilliland, Keith Loo, and Lisa Hausz
Staff:	Angela Haynes and Marco Ramunno

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

We would like to start by acknowledging that the Anishinaabe lands on which we live and work are the traditional and treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island. Aurora is part of both Treaty #13 and the Williams Treaties. We acknowledge and thank them for sharing this land with us. The Town of Aurora has the important responsibility of the stewardship of this land now and into the future.

2. Approval of the Agenda

- Motion to approve: Tracey S.
- Motion seconded: Nima K. H.
- Passed

3. Declarations of Conflict

- None



4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Recommendation(s)

- THAT the previous minutes from November 13, 2024 meeting be approved.
- Motion to approve: Owen H.
- Motion seconded: Sepehr A.
- Passed

5. Chair's Address

Marilee Harris, Chair

Thanked the Board for their support and commitment to working in the interest of the Town throughout 2024.

6. Regular Business

6.1 Communications

6.1.1 Town Updates

- Mayor Mrakas
 - Provided an update about events at the Town Square and the Town's Christmas Market
 - Councillor Harold Kim will be joining the AEDC Board as of January 2025
- Doug Nadorozny, CAO
 - As per a report submitted and approved by Council, the BIA will be disbanded as of December 31, 2024
 - The AEDC Board will receive an update on its role going forward

Recommendation: Mae K. & Owen H.

- To have a copy of the Report shared with the Board

6.2 Advocacy

6.2.1. Aurora Chamber Update

Sandra Ferri, President & CEO, Aurora Chamber of Commerce

- The Chamber held/hosted:
 - an educational program for small businesses owners.
 - a Business Summit (Cybersecurity)
 - a holiday event (December 11, 2024)



7. Other Business

7.1. Governance & Recruitment Update

Tim Hammill, Governance & Recruitment Committee, Lead

Recruitment (for 3 positions)

- Nine Applications
- Interviews scheduled for the week of January 6
- Recommendations will be shared with the Board during the January meeting.

Director's Policy

- The Governance and Recruitment Committee is current working on this Policy
- A draft will be shared with the Board's review shortly

Bylaw

- The Bylaw is currently under review by Legal

Onboarding Document

- An Onboarding document is under development

8. Next Meeting(s)

AEDC Board Meeting

January 21, 2025

Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Hybrid

9. Closed Session (if required)

Marilee Harris, Chair

- Not required

10. Adjournment

Recommendation

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

- Motion to approve: Mae K.
- Motion seconded: Nima K.M.
Passed