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MAYOR

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MAYOR MRAKAS' STATEMENT ON MUNICIPAL BUDGET AND COUNCIL COMPENSATION

"As you would have heard in the media, per Premier Doug Ford's announcement in August 2023, Aurora is one of the 21 additional municipalities to which the Government of Ontario extended the provisions of the "Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act". Those provisions took full effect on October 31st.

One of the key required responsibilities of the Mayor, under the Strong Mayor's Act, is to prepare and present the municipal budget. As was stated at the recent meeting of Aurora Town Council, the Mayor's 2024 - 2026 Town of Aurora budget is complete and will be tabled for council's and the public's consideration next week.

While I will speak more in the coming days about the focus of the Town's budget moving forward, I wanted to be clear about what is not included in the budget.

Residents were clear that their overwhelming opposition to the proposed immediate increase to Council Compensation aligns with mine. As such, I have **not** included an additional increase in the 2024 - 2026 budget that will be presented next week.

To include an additional increase in Council Compensation in the budget, a Council member will need to **request to add the increase in compensation to the budget** through an amendment and then Council will, once again, need to vote on whether to approve an immediate, additional increase in Council compensation.

The entire budget will be available for the public to view on the Town's website [here](#)."

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