

Message from the Mayor



Mayor Geoffrey Dawe

Dear Aurora Chamber of Commerce members,

Welcome to spring! With the landscapes and greenery starting to bloom, the Town will soon be infused with any array of colours and fresh new scenery.

Nominations are now open for the 2017 Business Excellence Awards proudly presented by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce. I encourage everyone to nominate a local business that has demonstrated a passion for excellence, commitment to our community and a strong entrepreneurial spirit.

Recognizing and encouraging each other is a huge part of creating success and helping others to achieve their goals. Let's empower our local businesses to continue growing, succeeding and accomplishing amazing achievements. It's with your input and support that our business community will continue to be strong and unified. The nomination deadline for the awards is on Friday, May 19 at 5 p.m. For more information, please visit the Aurora Chamber of Commerce website.

Are you looking to find out more information about Town programs and services? Visit the Town of Aurora's booths at the 2017 Aurora Chamber Home Show from Friday, April 21 to Sunday, April 23. Find out more information about recreation programs, waste and recycling, community programming, eco initiatives and more. The Town booths are located in the Aurora Toyota Arena in spots 111 and 112.

I'm also pleased to announce a new initiative that will alleviate parking constraints at the GO Station in Aurora and help build Aurora's connections to and from the Greater Toronto Area. Metrolinx has started construction of a new GO Station at Bloomington Road. The new station will extend the Richmond Hill GO rail line north from Gormley GO Station offering commuters living in Aurora and Whitchurch-Stouffville convenient, local access to GO Transit service.

The new station will be fully-accessible, and will include a 765-space parking structure, charging stations for electric vehicles, heated shelters, platform snowmelt system, kiss & ride area, covered six-bay bus loop and surface parking with an additional 253 spaces. The station is scheduled to open by 2019.

If you have a suggestion on how the Town can continue to or enhance its support for local businesses, please send me an email anytime at mayor@aurora.ca or call my office at 905-726-4741.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Geoffrey Dawe'.

Mayor Geoffrey Dawe
Town of Aurora