

# INSIDE AURORA: 'Twas Two Weeks Until Christmas 2018

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'Twas two weeks until Christmas, and far north of here  
Santa's workshop prepped for the big night of cheer.  
The old elf for a moment was taking a break  
And catching up on all those decisions to make

Aurora, for example, was always a task  
Frequently requesting some impossible ask  
Funds, buildings, traffic calming, tried Santa's powers  
They even once asked he remove some cell towers

Their likely expectations, filled him with dread  
And explained the sudden dull ache in his head  
He had best be prepared, so taking a seat  
He skimmed some Aurorans and put up his feet

But 'stead of needing more things, St Nick would soon find  
That the Town was working to make up its own mind  
Rather than asking for things, of every stead  
They were now taking control, and moving ahead

MPPs and the mayor, Santa Claus found  
Had been shuffled resulting in new ones in Town  
E'en a Federal riding had changed direction  
And this in a year when there was no election!

Another action that caught St Nick by surprise  
Council had volunteered to reduce its size  
He mused why this year this had prompted a 'go'  
When for years Council's viewpoint had always been 'no'

This sudden new direction left Santa vexed  
In 2022 could a ward system be next?  
But whatever the reason for this new change in tack  
The reindeer would be happy fewer gifts he'd need pack

But the news that made Santa jump out of his chair  
Was the Town moving forward on Library Square  
For 20 years that one had been argued each way  
To see it built Santa felt he'd not see the day

Reading on further Santa was visibly stunned  
To see the cost would come from the Town's Hydro Funds  
The Town was long reluctant to access this stash  
And this scheme would swallow up most of the cash

As Santa read with great awe about all of this  
He marveled at all the things he had missed  
Arenas were now serving much healthier fare  
At Hallmark the call "play ball" would be in the air

Aurora United was planning its venue  
Food and wine would be on the Armoury menu  
Neighbourhoods were stabilizing more than in past  
Williams High School was bound, for Bayview at last

Santa put down the papers and pondered a lot  
With the Town making decisions, they now needed naught  
This year no infrastructure, they'd be requiring  
At this rate Santa Claus could think of retiring!

Aurorans were confident, and their future clear  
So Santa's team could bypass their Town Hall this year  
He'd instead wish them good luck, if they would heed it  
?Cause based on experience, they'd probably need it.

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