

New approach to revitalization signals Council is 'serious' about Downtown

Councillor Abel has put into motion a different approach to downtown revitalization.

He has made a motion that the Town buy properties and later sell them back to private interests to have more influence on what can and should happen downtown.

It can result in the public interest gaining the upper hand in the re-development of downtown Aurora.

It will also signal that Aurora Council is serious about wanting the downtown to regain a life.

Your recent cartoon about the role that the Hydro funds can play in financing such initiatives was very apropos.

It is with the help of such nest eggs that we can make a real difference in providing overall downtown planning that incorporates public open spaces.

We have to get away from piecemeal redevelopment and intensification, where the public interest plays second fiddle.

With John Abel's lead, and some healthy public input, Aurorans will not only have a chance at an enjoyable downtown, but business will climb on the bandwagon.

Because, in the end, that visionary approach will very much result in increased business, as well, as has been shown in cities across the globe.

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