



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final General Committee

Monday, April 15, 2019

5:00 PM

Council Chamber

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT **For consideration by Barrie City Council on April 29, 2019.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lehman at 5:03 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 11 - Mayor, J. Lehman
Deputy Mayor, B. Ward
Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, K. Aylwin
Councillor, D. Shipley
Councillor, R. Thomson
Councillor, N. Harris
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, M. McCann

STAFF:

Acting General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, A. Bourrie
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur
Deputy City Clerk, J. Carswell
Director of Business Development, S. Schlichter
Director of Engineering, B. Araniyasundaran
Director of Finance/Treasurer, C. Millar
Director of Transit and Parking Strategy, B. Forsyth
Executive Director of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
Executive Director of Innovate Barrie, R. Bunn
Executive Director of Invest Barrie, Z. Lifshiz
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine
Senior Manager of Corporate Finance and Investments, J. Cowles.

The General Committee reports that the following matter(s) were dealt with on the consent portion of the agenda:

SECTION "A"

19-G-082 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE DATED APRIL 3, 2019

The Report of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee dated April 3, 2019 was received. (File: C05)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 4/29/2019.

The General Committee recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s) which were dealt with on the consent portion of the agenda:

SECTION "B"

19-G-083 CITY OF BARRIE ACT CHARGES FOR 685 YONGE STREET

That the Report to Finance and Corporate Services Committee dated April 3, 2019 concerning the City of Barrie Act Charges for 685 Yonge Street, be received.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption its meeting to be held on 4/29/2019.

19-G-084 FACILITY/EVENT OPPORTUNITIES - BARRIE TROJAN SWIM CLUB

That staff work in collaboration with the Barrie Trojan Swim Club and Isaacs Sports Group (ISG) to investigate the feasibility of locating a 50 metre Aquatic Facility within the City of Barrie and report back to the Sport Events/Facilities Advisory Committee.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/29/2019.

19-G-085**PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SPORT EVENTS/FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

That staff in Access Barrie investigate opportunities to promote the Sport Events/Facilities Advisory Committee and report back to the Sport Events/Facilities Advisory Committee.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/29/2019.

19-G-086**2019 TAX RATIOS AND CAPPING POLICIES**

1. That the tax ratios for the 2019 taxation year be established as follows:
 - a) Residential/farm property class 1.000000;
 - b) New Multi-residential 1.000000;
 - c) Multi-residential 1.000000;
 - d) Commercial Occupied 1.433126;
 - e) Industrial Occupied 1.516328;
 - f) Pipelines 1.103939;
 - g) Farmlands 0.250000; and
 - h) Managed forest 0.250000.
2. That the capping program be funded by clawing back decreases from within the affected property tax classes.
3. That the recommended capping parameters for commercial and industrial properties be maintained, as follows:
 - a) The property tax cap be set at an amount representing 10% of the previous year's annualized taxes;
 - b) Any property within +/- \$500 of the Current Value Assessment (CVA) taxes be moved directly to CVA taxation;
 - c) Any property that reaches the CVA level of taxation be removed from the capping program;
 - d) Exclude any property whose classification changes from capped to clawed back, or vice versa;
 - e) A minimum cap of 10% of the previous year's CVA taxes; and

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- f) Reassessment related increases for 2019 be excluded from the capping calculations.
- 4. That the capping phase-out option for the industrial class be adopted, resulting in the reduction from CVA taxes to annualized taxes based on the following schedule:
 - a) 1/3 in 2019;
 - b) 1/2 in 2020; and
 - c) Full CVA in 2021.
 - 5. That the discounts for the commercial and industrial sub-classes for vacant land and excess land be maintained at 30% and 35% respectively.
 - 6. That two sub-classes for Farmland Awaiting Development be maintained in each of the multi-residential, commercial, and industrial property classes at the following discounts:
 - a) Phase I - 25% discount off of the residential tax rate; and
 - b) Phase II - 0% discount off of the applicable property class tax rate.
 - 7. That the City of Barrie (City) continue with its existing Rebates for Charitable Organizations Program providing a tax rebate for Registered Charitable Organizations, as defined in Section 248(1) of the *Income Tax Act*, R.S.C. 1985, Chapter 1, at a rate of 40% of the current year's taxes applicable to the space occupied.
 - 8. That the Registered Charities eligible for the tax rebate program continue to submit an annual application and provide evidence of taxes paid satisfactory to the Treasurer or his/her designate.
 - 9. That the City Clerk be authorized to prepare all necessary by-laws to establish the 2019 taxation and capping policies as described herein. (FIN004-19) (File: F22)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/29/2019.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"**19-G-087 PRESENTATION CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT CHARGES (DC) BACKGROUND STUDY DISCOUNTS AND EXEMPTIONS**

Craig Millar, Director of Finance/Treasurer provided a presentation concerning the Development Charges (DC) Background Study, Discounts and Exemptions.

Mr. Millar discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The review of the DC Background Study that commenced in June, 2018;
- The requirement to pass a new DC By-law before August 26, 2019;
- The timeline leading to the passage of the DC By-law;
- The authority and purpose of DC By-law;
- A chart illustrating the DC cash flow;
- The mandatory and discretionary DC, discounts and exemptions;
- The discretionary exemptions and discounts provided in accordance with DC By-law 2014-108;
- The types of incentives provided; and
- The staff recommendations for DC discounts and the use of the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) for providing grants.

Members of General Committee asked a number of questions to City staff and received responses.

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 4/29/2019.

The General Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "D"**19-G-088 DEVELOPMENT CHARGE DISCOUNTS AND EXEMPTIONS**

1. That a Citywide Development Charge By-law be prepared that includes the following discretionary discounts and exemptions:
 - a) College and University buildings used for teaching;
 - b) 50% discount for development of lands owned by a non-profit institution; and
 - c) Discounted rate for an accessory building to an existing industrial building.

2. That in conjunction with providing further discretionary discounts and exemptions, staff report back to General Committee with respect to options for providing incentive programs within a Community Improvement Plan including objectives, eligibility requirements, identifying sustainable funding source(s) and other pertinent information to support the Growing Our Economy goal in the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan.
3. That effective with the passing of the 2019 Development Charge By-law, a Community Improvement reserve be established with \$2.5 million in initial funding from the Commercial/Industrial Land Reserve to be used toward the initiatives identified within Staff Report FIN007-19. (FIN007-19) (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/29/2019.

SECTION "E"

19-G-089

MUNICIPAL NAMES REGISTRY

1. That the list of proposed names for the Municipal Names Registry, as identified in Appendix "A" to Staff Report PLN007-19, be approved.
2. That staff report back to General Committee with additional names for the Municipal Names Registry including Canadian Artists and ethnic, indigenous and gender diverse names. (PLN007-19) (File: D19-STR)

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/29/2019.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

CHAIRMAN