



City of Barrie

70 Collier Street
P.O. Box 400
Barrie, ON L4M 4T5

Minutes - Final City Council

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

6:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room / Virtual Meeting

CALLING TO ORDER BY THE CITY CLERK, WENDY COOKE

The meeting was called to order by the City Clerk at 7:00 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, A. Kungl
Councillor, R. Thomson
Councillor, N. Harris
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, M. McCann

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Director of Finance/Treasurer, C. Millar
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
Executive Director of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
Fire Chief, C. Mainprize
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, A. Miller.

PLAYING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was played.

READING OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mayor J. Lehman read the Land Acknowledgement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

20-A-039 General Committee Report dated April 15, 2020, Section A, B and C (APPENDIX "A").

SECTION "A" - TO BE RECEIVED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward

Seconded by: Councillor, K. Aylwin

That Section "A" of the General Committee Report dated April 15, 2020, now circulated, be received.

20-G-058 PRESENTATION CONCERNING A COVID-19 UPDATE

CARRIED**SECTION "B" - TO BE ADOPTED**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward

Seconded by: Councillor, K. Aylwin

That Section "B" of the General Committee Report dated April 15, 2020, now circulated, be adopted.

20-G-059 PROPERTY TAX AND WATER AND WASTEWATER CONSIDERATIONS - COVID-19

CARRIED**SECTION "C" - TO BE ADOPTED**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward

Seconded by: Councillor, K. Aylwin

That Section "C" of the General Committee Report dated April 15, 2020, now circulated, be adopted.

20-G-060 PROPERTY TAX AND WATER AND WASTEWATER CONSIDERATIONS - COVID-19

CARRIED

ENQUIRIES

Members of Council addressed enquires to City staff and received responses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of Council provided announcements concerning a number of matters.

BY-LAWS

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward

Seconded by: Councillor, K. Aylwin

That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill and this Bill be read a first, second and third time this day and finally passed:

BY-LAW
2020-035**Bill #036**

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 15th day of April, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Councillor, S. Morales

Seconded by: Councillor, A. Kungl

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor, J. Lehman

Wendy Cooke, City Clerk

APPENDIX “A”

**General Committee Report
dated April 15, 2020**



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5:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room / Virtual Meeting

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT For consideration by Barrie City Council on April 27, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lehman at 5:00 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, A. Kungl
Councillor, R. Thomson
Councillor, N. Harris
Councillor, G. Harvey
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General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, A. Miller.

Mayor Lehman welcomed members of the public to the City's virtual General Committee meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic physical distancing measures and the Order of Council restricting public gatherings to five people or less. He advised that members of General Committee are practicing physical distancing and that all of the Councillors and the Executive Management are participating via video conference. Mayor Lehman noted that the members of Executive Management Team and Chief Mainprize are not visible, but are available to answer any questions.

Mayor Lehman reviewed the protocol for the members of General Committee participating via video conference.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

20-G-058

PRESENTATION CONCERNING A COVID-19 UPDATE

M. Prowse, Chief Administrative Officer provided a presentation concerning a COVID-19 update. He noted that the community needs to be vigilant in following the Emergency Orders as the COVID-19 curve begins to flatten.

Mr. Prowse discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An overview of the current status on the number of COVID-19 cases, the occurrence of community transmission, the Provincial Emergency Order extended to May 12, 2020 and the critically low inventory of safety masks at Royal Victoria Health Centre (RVH);
- An update on City Services including the cancellation of special events and the continued closure of Community centres and theatres until June 30, 2020, all City Beaches closed until further notice, the banning of Yard sales and the status of summer day camps;
- A summary of Enforcement Services activities from April 6 to April 13, 2020;
- Information associated to financial impacts, including deficit verses debt;
- The City staffing changes during the COVID-19 crisis;
- A summary of new communication initiatives;
- Positive news for Barrie and County of Simcoe residents; and
- Potential matters emerging.

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

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 2020-04-15.

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

SECTION "B"

20-G-059 PROPERTY TAX AND WATER AND WASTEWATER CONSIDERATIONS - COVID-19

That staff implement the following:

- a) An extension of the payment periods for water and wastewater bills from 35 to 65 days for residential properties and from 30 to 60 days for commercial properties for the next two billing periods. (FIN003-20) (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-04-15.

SECTION "C"

20-G-060 PROPERTY TAX AND WATER AND WASTEWATER CONSIDERATIONS - COVID-19

- a) That staff implement a needs-based program for residential customers that eliminates the fixed charge for water and wastewater on their next bi-monthly bill through an online application form that requires customers to attest to financial hardship caused by COVID-19;
- b) That staff include a requirement in the attestation that landlords pass the water bill relief onto tenants if water charges are included in rent paid by tenants;
- c) That the revenue loss resulting from the program be funded equally from the Water and Wastewater Rate Stabilization Reserves up to a cap of \$500,000 and this amount be transferred at the conclusion of the program to the Water and Wastewater Capital Reserves and that staff in the Finance Department report back to General Committee on the utilization of the program in May, 2020; and
- d) That staff work with business organizations such as the Downtown Barrie Business Association (BIA) and the Barrie Chamber of Commerce to investigate potential mechanisms for water bill relief for small businesses closed by the Ontario non-essential business Emergency Order. (FIN003-20) (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-04-15.

ENQUIRIES

Members of General Committee did not address any enquires to City staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of General Committee did not provide any announcements.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

CHAIRMAN