



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final City Building Committee

Monday, February 3, 2020

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

For consideration by General Committee on March 9, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Councillor, M. McCann at 5:00 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 6 - Councillor, M. McCann
Councillor, C. Riepma
Mayor, J. Lehman
Councillor, K. Aylwin
Councillor, R. Thomson
Councillor, N. Harris

STAFF:

Acting Deputy City Clerk, T. McArthur
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Committee Support Clerk, N. Walsh
Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter
Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
Director of Transit and Parking Strategy, B. Forsyth
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, A. Miller.

The City Building Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

PRESENTATION BY THE SANDBOX CONCERNING GROWING OUR ECONOMY, BUILDING BUSINESS AND COMMUNITIES WITH THE SANDBOX

Craig Busch, Founder and Danielle Lazarevska, Managing Director from the Sandbox provided a presentation concerning the growing our economy, building business and communities with the Sandbox.

Ms. Lazarevska discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- A video concerning growing our economy, building business and community with the Sandbox;
- A slide outlining areas that the Sandbox is focused on such as, Global Markets, Funding and Investment, Women's Business, Social Innovations, Knowledge Sharing and Networking and Talent Attraction;
- A graphic displaying all the organizations that are currently partnered with the Sandbox; and
- An overview of the Sandbox's highlights during their first ten months of operation.

Mr. Busch then discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- Growing our economy through building business and community with the Sandbox;
- The various ways in which in the Sandbox supports and attracts business to the Barrie area;
- Several quotes that were provided in regards to the successes and need for the Sandbox so far in the Barrie community;
- The physical space that the Sandbox has created to attract members and sponsors in order to operationally fund their programs;
- Figures on the investment the City has contributed and where the rest of their funding has been provided from; and
- Future directions and a request for additional investment to the Sandbox from the City.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions to the presenters and received responses from the presenters and City staff.

PRESENTATION BY ARIF KHAN CONCERNING THE VACANT FIRST FLOOR SPACE LOCATED IN THE MAPLE AVENUE TRANSIT TERMINAL

Arif Khan presented the following proposal associated to the vacant first floor space located in the Maple Avenue Transit Terminal:

- A video displaying images for a proposed year round market in the Downtown Barrie entitled the "Market District";
- A summary of the proposed Market District Project;
- The benefits of a year round market in Downtown Barrie; and
- An outline of the costs and asks to the City associated to the Project;
- A request that the City cease the current procurement process for a realtor to oversee a lease process for Maple Street Transit Terminal.

Mr. Khan requested that Council consider a proof of concept approach and a PPP Canada partnership, similar to the Sandbox. He suggested the City's contribution be free rent and \$250,000 for retrofits to the building and noting timelines for fit and to prove concept.

Mr. Khan also requested that the City cease the current procurement process for a realtor to oversee lease options for the Maple Street Transit Terminal in order to allow them time to provide a presentation on the market concept prior to summer recess.

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

REPORT OF THE HERITAGE BARRIE COMMITTEE DATED JANUARY 8, 2020

That the Report of the Heritage Barrie Committee dated January 8, 2020 was received.

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

SECTION "B"

MUNICIPAL HERITAGE REGISTRAR - CENOTAPH AND THE MILITARY HERITAGE PARK

That the Barrie Cenotaph and the Military Heritage Park be added to the Municipal Heritage Registrar as listed properties.

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-03-09.

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

CHAIRMAN