



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final General Committee

Monday, January 28, 2019

5:00 PM

Council Chamber

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by Barrie City Council on January 28, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor B. Ward at 5:16 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 9 - Mayor, J. Lehman
Deputy Mayor, B. Ward
Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, K. Aylwin
Councillor, R. Thomson
Councillor, N. Harris
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, M. McCann

Absent: 2 - Councillor, D. Shipley
Councillor, S. Morales

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Deputy City Clerk, J. Carswell
Director of Business Development, S. Schlichter
Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews
Director of Engineering, B. Araniyasundaran
Director of Finance/Treasurer, C. Millar
Director of Planning and Building Services, A. Bourrie
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
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Parkin
Senior Manager of Corporate Finance and Investment, J. Cowles

Service Desk Specialist, D. Archer.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

19-G-018 PRESENTATION REGARDING AN OVERVIEW ON DEVELOPMENT CHARGES LEGISLATION AND RECENT CHANGES TO *DEVELOPMENT CHARGES ACT*.

Craig Millar, Director of Finance and Treasurer introduced Gary Scandlan and Nancy Neale from Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.

Mr. Scandlan provided a presentation regarding an Overview on Development Charges Legislation and recent changes to the *Development Charges Act*. He discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An overview of the presentation;
- The study process and timelines;
- The purpose of Development Charges;
- The history of Development Charges;
- An overview of the *Development Charges Act, 1997*;
- The limitations on forms of capital and services that can be included in the Development Charges;
- The definition of Capital Costs;
- The planning horizon in association with future capital needs;
- The changes to the Service Standard measure in the *Development Charges Act, 1997*;
- A summary of the existing and new services under consideration for Development Charges;
- The relationship between the needs to service growth versus the funding available;
- The Annual Housing Growth Forecast to 2040;
- The Growth Forecast for Net Population Increase, Residential Unit Increase and Non-Residential Gross Floor Area Increase;
- The methodology to determine the Development Charges;
- The cash-flow considerations associated with Development Charges;
- The need for the Development Charges Background Study to include a Local Service Policy;
- An update on Bill 73;
- The impact of Bill 73 on the City of Barrie;
- The requirement to examine area-ratings as per Bill 73;
- The area specific Development Charges currently in place;
- The mandatory and discretionary exemptions provided for in the *Development Charges Act, 1997*;
- The exemptions and discounts currently in place for the City of Barrie;
- Other exemptions and discounts that could be considered;

- The items that Council will need to provide input on, including discretionary exemptions and area-ratings; and
- The proposed timelines of the Development Charges Background Study and By-law being presented to Council.

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

This matter was recommended to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 2019-01-28.

Deputy Mayor, B. Ward left the Chair at 5:26 p.m. and Mayor, J. Lehman assumed the Chair.

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

CHAIRMAN