



# City of Barrie

70 Collier Street  
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## Minutes - Final General Committee

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Monday, June 8, 2020

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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### GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT For consideration by Barrie City Council on June 15, 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  
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  
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine  
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, A. Miller  
Manager of Business Planning and Budgets, J. Kuehl  
Manager of Legal Services, A. Mills  
Manager of Revenue (Acting), G. Marsh  
Portfolio Manager, T. Rayaisse  
Senior Manager of Corporate Finance and Investment, J. Cowles

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

## **SECTION "A"**

### **20-G-088**

#### **2020 TAX RATES**

1. That the tax rates for the 2020 taxation year be established as identified in Appendix "A" to Staff Report FIN009-20.
2. That the final billing instalment due dates be extended to August 31 and October 30 for 2020 only.
3. That the instalment due dates for the pre-authorized monthly payment plan be extended to July 31, August 31, September 30, October 30, November 30, and December 31 for 2020 only.
4. That the City Clerk be authorized to prepare all necessary by-laws to establish the 2020 tax rates as described within Staff Report FIN009-20. (FIN009-20) (File: F22)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-15.

### **20-G-089**

#### **2020 DOWNTOWN BARRIE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION LEVY (WARD 2)**

1. That the City of Barrie (the "City") establish a special charge of 0.307777% for 2020 to levy an amount of \$556,000 upon commercial and industrial properties in the Downtown Improvement Area.
2. That the Downtown Barrie Business Association (the "BIA") 2020 Operating and Capital budgets identified in Staff Report FIN010-20, be approved.
3. That the City Clerk be authorized to prepare the appropriate by-law authorizing the 2020 special charge rate and levy requirement. (FIN010-20) (File: F22)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-15.

### **20-G-090**

#### **2020 PROPERTY TAX CLAWBACK RATES**

1. That the 2020 property tax clawback percentages for affected properties in the commercial and industrial classes be established as follows:

- a) Commercial 3.042530%
  - b) Industrial 0.000000%
2. That the City Clerk be authorized to prepare the necessary Tax Capping By-law to establish the 2020 property tax clawback percentages as described in Staff Report FIN011-20. (FIN011-20) (File: F22)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-15.

#### **20-G-091**

#### **2019 INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT**

1. That Staff Report FIN012-20 concerning the 2019 Investment Management Annual Report be received for information.
2. That the previous Investment Policy Statement adopted under By-law 2015-131 be repealed and the new Investment Policy Statement identified in Appendix "B" to Staff Report FIN012-20 be approved. (FIN012-20) (File: F12)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-15.

#### **20-G-092**

#### **SURPLUSING OF VETERAN'S LANE (WARD 6)**

1. That the property known municipally as Veteran's Lane, Barrie, outlined in Appendix "A" to Staff Report LGL003-20 (the "Subject Property") be declared surplus to the needs of The Corporation of the City of Barrie (the "City").
2. That the Subject Property be offered for sale to Sean Mason Homes (Vet Lane) Inc. (the "Purchaser") to facilitate development in conjunction with the adjacent properties owned by the Purchaser.
3. That the Purchaser be permitted to submit an Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment application for the Subject Property and include it in development applications.
4. That the City Clerk be authorized to execute an Agreement of Purchase and Sale ("APS") conditional upon a future Council approval and in a form approved by the Director of Legal Services. (LGL003-20) (L17-111)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-15.

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

## **SECTION "B"**

### **20-G-093**

#### **COVID-19 FINANCIAL UPDATE, IMPLICATIONS AND PROJECTIONS**

1. That Staff Report FIN007-20 concerning a COVID-19 Financial Update, Implications and Projections be received for information.
2. That the collection of fees associated with sign infractions for Barrie based businesses be deferred until January 29, 2021 and that the Notice to the Owner be amended to reflect this change. (FIN007-20) (File: F05)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-15.

## **SECTION "C"**

### **20-G-094**

#### **RANKED BALLOTS**

1. That Staff Report LCS002-20 concerning Ranked Ballots be received for information purposes.
2. That the City Clerk report back to General Committee in September, 2020 to provide additional information concerning ranked ballot elections, including whether or not Simply Voting used by the City of Barrie can facilitate a ranked ballot election and if there is an added expense to do so and to provide a more fulsome report that includes social and democratic considerations to changing the ballot type and address discrepancies noted in the Engage Barrie review of Staff Report LCS002-20 concerning Ranked Ballots. (LCS002-20) (File: C07) (P29/19)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-15.

The General Committee reports that upon adoption of the required procedural motion it met in closed session electronically at 6:24 p.m. to discuss an Item for Discussion concerning a confidential acquisition of property matter - Anne Street.

Members of General Committee, the Chief Administrative Officer, the Executive-Director of Access Barrie, the General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, the General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, the City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, the Director of Finance/Treasurer, the Director of Legal Services, and the Director of Information Technology were in attendance for the portion of the meeting closed to the public. Members of the press and public were not present for this portion of the meeting.

### **SECTION "D"**

#### **20-G-095      CONFIDENTIAL ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY MATTER - ANNE STREET**

This matter was withdrawn.

### **ENQUIRIES**

Members of General Committee addressed enquires to City staff.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

General Committee provided announcements concerning a number of matters.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

CHAIRMAN