

## Legislation Text

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### **RECOGNITION OF SHANNON HYNES AS THE WINNER OF THE “I LOVE BARRIE” ESSAY CONTEST.**

Councillor, M. McCann provided details his sponsorship of a competition around Valentine’s Day to have Ward 10 students write an essay related to why they love Barrie. He commented that he introduced this initiative to bring the Ward 10 community closer together by having a fun contest. Councillor McCann advised that Shannon Hynes was the winner of the contest and that he taken Shannon and her family out for dinner as one of the prizes for winning the competition. Councillor McCann remarked that after reading the submissions he felt good about the future of Barrie residents.

Shannon read her essay, as follows:  
“Why I Love Barrie”

Barrie is such a beautiful city, there aren’t enough words in the earth to say how much I love it.

If you aren’t already, please sit down and get some food because you might be here for a while.

I love Barrie because I grew up here, my whole life I have lived in Barrie. Although I travel often I always end up coming home with a smile on my face.

My most precious part of growing up in Barrie is that I can see a lot of the changes that Barrie has, just like the land beside the graveyard on Mapleview Drive. Well that used to be all forests.

I may be young, but I know Barrie has definitely changed in the past few years.

Now before you get bored, I have a couple more things to say.

The actual people that live in Barrie are so nice; have you ever met someone who did something so nice like help drive you somewhere or pay for your order at Tim Hortons or even as little as giving you instructions.

It’s the little things that really matter, and I know it happens a lot to me in Barrie.

If I’m just one person, then I know that you have probably asked for directions from someone and they have gladly answered.

I also know I have many more thoughts of why Barrie is so amazing, so let’s get to it.

So now let’s talk about the activities. Almost every weekend we have a festival. Have you ever been to a festival? If you have, you know how exciting and entertaining it is.

I think only Barrie can have the best and most memorable festivals. I have had great memories of the festivals. When I was really little I went to the cornfield festival and played in the corn maze for a very, very long time.

I actually think that I got lost there.

Personally, I have had a great time at the festivals.

I really hope you enjoyed all the reasons why I love Barrie and I hope you love Barrie as much as I do.”  
Mayor Lehman congratulated Shannon on her great essay and for attending City Council.