



City of Barrie

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Final General Committee

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

5:00 PM

Council Chamber

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by Barrie City Council on October 1, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by the City Clerk at 5:02 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 8 - Mayor, A. Nuttall
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, C. Nixon
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, B. Hamilton

Absent: 3 - Councillor, AM. Kungl
Councillor, A. Courser
Councillor, S. Morales

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Deputy City Clerk, T. Macdonald
Director of Boundary Adjustment Team, K. Oakley
Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews
Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
Director of Operations, D. Friary
Executive Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
Fire Chief, K. White
General Manager of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, J. Schmidt
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Araniyasundaran
Interim Chief Financial Officer, C. Smith
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard
Senior Manager of Corporate Finance and Investments, C. Gillespie
Senior Policy Advisor and Legislative Coordinator, E. Chappell

Senior Project Manager Water Wastewater Planning, T. Reeve
Service Desk Specialist, M. Burry
Strategic Projects Coordinator, A. Harrison
Supervisor of Development Charges, M. Villeneuve

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

SECTION "A"

25-G-217

MUNICIPAL RESTRUCTURING PROPOSAL

1. That the draft municipal restructuring framework agreements with the Township of Springwater attached as Appendix A, be endorsed
2. That the draft municipal restructuring framework agreements with the Township of Oro-Medonte, attached as Appendix B, be endorsed
3. That the draft framework agreements and a copy of this Council resolution be provided to the Townships of Springwater and Oro-Medonte and Simcoe County, and that the Councils of those municipalities each be requested to hold public meetings and adopt endorsement resolutions of their own.
4. That the draft framework agreements and a copy of this Council resolution be provided to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, with a request to implement the restructuring proposal through a Minister's Order, in accordance with Sections 171-173 of the Municipal Act.
5. That staff create a new reserve titled "Boundary Adjustment Reserve" for the purpose of funding compensation payments in the amount of \$38,085,000 associated with the restructuring proposal, plus incidentals, and that this new reserve be funded from the Tax Capital Reserve.
6. That the CAO be authorized to negotiate a contribution of up to \$5,000,000 funded from the Boundary Adjustment Reserve to the County of Simcoe, towards a project that will drive economic development, and that the payment be subject to the issuance of a municipal restructuring Order by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

7. That the City's restructuring proposal to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing include a request to implement the proposed Barrie ward boundaries as noted in Schedules D1 of the Springwater and Oro-Medonte agreements, to take effect January 1, 2026.
8. That the City's restructuring proposal to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing include a request to implement the proposed Barrie ward boundaries as noted in Schedules D2 of the Springwater and Oro-Medonte agreements, to take effect on the day the new Council is organized following the 2026 municipal election.
9. That Barrie staff engage with Springwater, Oro-Medonte and County staff to begin transition planning to ensure continuity of service for all residents impacted by the municipal restructuring.
10. That upon request from Springwater Township, staff enter discussions for cross border servicing lands at the north boundary of Barrie on either side of Bayfield Street, and that staff report back to Council for approval of the principles of a Springwater Township servicing agreement.
11. That any identified natural heritage land within the lands annexed from Oro-Medonte and Springwater be conveyed to the planned conservation trust at the time of redevelopment.
12. That a copy of this resolution be shared with all First Nations who have been engaged by the City to date, and that the City continue to engage with First Nations through future land use and infrastructure planning related to the annexed lands.
13. That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to make minor housekeeping changes to the framework agreements prior to execution, for the purpose of providing additional clarity and consistency. (CAO001-25)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/1/2025.

SECTION "B"

25-G-218

POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF LAND MATTER - POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION

That staff undertake the confidential direction identified in Staff Report ECD007-25 concerning the Potential Acquisition of Land Matter - Post Secondary Institution. (ECD007-25)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/1/2025.

25-G-219**PILOT WINTER DOWNTOWN PATIO PROGRAM UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the approved Pilot Winter Downtown Patio Program in Resolution 24-A-118 be included as incorporated as an annual program as part of the Barrie Downtown Patio Program, and referred to as a "Winter Downtown Patio".
2. Business Licensing By-law 2006-266 be amended to include under Schedule A, a "Winter Downtown Patio".
3. That Winter Downtown Patios be subject to all terms and conditions associated with the standard downtown patio program, with the following conditions:
 - a) Right of Way Activity Permits for Winter Downtown Patios will be issued to support breweries and restaurants to maintain their patios from November 16 to the second Thursday of April, with a minimum sidewalk clearance of 1.5 meters for pedestrian access and the understanding that approved patios will not require the relocation of City infrastructure, including but not limited to bollards;
 - b) Adequate snow storage can be demonstrated; and
 - c) That all other provisions within the Business Licensing By-law 2006-266 as amended and the Snow Clearing (Downtown) By-law 2008-212 remain in full effect during this period.
4. That the number of approved Winter Downtown Patios be limited to a maximum of six businesses per year on a first-come-first-served basis.
5. That the Winter Downtown Patio be incorporated into the current "Patio Program" Fees By-law, such that program participants pay one \$400 fee per year to participate in the Downtown Patio Program, and a lease rate of \$0.40 per square foot per month, requiring applicants to only submit amendments to their ROWA permits to move between winter and standard patio permit requirements. (ECD009-25)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/1/2025.

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

SECTION "C"

25-G-220

UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT CHARGE WAIVER (HOLIDAY)

That the original Development Charge Waiver upset limit of \$30M be changed to \$80M and funds be administered on a first come, first serve basis until the limit is reached, provided the applicants meet all eligibility requirements. (DEV039-25)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/1/2025.

ENQUIRIES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of General Committee did not provide any announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

CHAIRMAN