



City of Barrie

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Final - Final General Committee

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by Barrie City Council on March 26, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Mayor A. Nuttall at 7:05 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 11 - Mayor, A. Nuttall
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, C. Nixon
Councillor, AM. Kungl
Councillor, A. Courser
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, B. Hamilton

STAFF:

Associate Director of Corporate Asset Management, K. Oakley
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Deputy City Clerk, T. Macdonald
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
Director of Operations, D. Friary
Director of Recreation and Culture Services, K. Datema
Executive Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
General Manager of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Araniyasundaran
Interim Chief Financial Officer, C. Smith
Legislative Coordinator, D. Glenn
Manager of Planning, C. McLaren
Manager Strategic Initiatives, Policy and Analysis, J. Roberts
Senior Policy Advisor and Special Projects Coordinator, E. Chappell
Senior Project Manager - Transportation, B. Gratrix

Service Desk Specialist, K. Kovacs.
Supervisor of Growth Management, C. Kitsemetry

The General Committee reports that the following matter(s) were dealt with on the consent portion of the agenda:

SECTION "A"

25-G-032 REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DATED FEBRUARY 26, 2025.

The Report of the Executive Committee dated February 26, 2025, was received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 3/26/2025.

25-G-033 REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE DATED FEBRUARY 26, 2025.

The Report of the Community Safety Committee dated February 26, 2025, was received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 3/26/2025.

25-G-034 REPORT OF THE AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE DATED FEBRUARY 26, 2025.

The Report of the Affordability Committee dated February 26, 2025, was received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 3/26/2025.

25-G-035 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 5, 2025.

The Report of the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee dated March 5, 2025, was received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 3/26/2025.

25-G-036**REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 5, 2025.**

The Report of the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee dated March 5, 2025, was received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 3/26/2025.

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

SECTION "B"**25-G-037****WALKWAY WINTER MAINTENANCE PILOT 2026 BUDGET**

That the Walkway Winter Maintenance Pilot locations outlined on Page 21 of the Walkway Winter Maintenance presentation to the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee meeting on December 7, 2023, be considered in the 2026 City Budget. (Item for Discussion 1.1 February 26, 2025) (Sponsor: Councillor, S. Morales)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/26/2025.

25-G-038**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

That Procedural By-law 2019-100 as amended be further amended to add the Executive Committee as a Reference Committee with the following mandate and objectives.

1. Mandate

The Executive Committee's primary focus is to provide strategic oversight of City matters, focuses on the implementation and monitoring of strategic initiatives, and international and intergovernmental relations.

2. Objectives

The objectives of Executive Committee for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Term of Council are as follows:

To make recommendations on:

- a) Items for Discussion to whether they align with Council priorities;
- b) Council's strategic plan and priorities;
- c) Governance policy and structure;

- d) Financial planning and budgeting - Quarterly Updates; and
- e) Strategic Project Updates:
 - Performing Arts Centre
 - Sports Field
 - Lakehead University
 - Recreation Centre
 - Cadets/Southshore
- f) Any other business deemed necessary by Council.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/26/2025.

25-G-039 MOTION 24-G-142 REFERRED BY GENERAL COMMITTEE ON MAY 29, 2024 - ADULT SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD PROGRAM

That Staff Report DEV021-24 concerning the Adult School Crossing Guard Program be received for information purposes (DEV021-24).

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/26/2025.

25-G-040 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY - DUCKWORTH AND NAPIER

That staff in Development Services provide alternatives to improve pedestrian safety at Napier and Duckworth. (Item for Discussion 8.1, February 26, 2025) (Sponsor: Councillor, C. Riepma)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/26/2025.

25-G-041 INVESTIGATION STOPLIGHT AT JOHNSON STREET AND GROVE STREET INTERSECTION

That staff in the Development Services Department investigate the feasibility of installing a stoplight at the intersection of Johnson Street and Grove Street and report back to the Community Safety Committee. (Item for Discussion 8.2, February 26, 2025) (Sponsor: Councillor, C. Riepma)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/26/2025.

25-G-042 RED LIGHT CAMERAS

1. That staff in Legislative and Court Services investigate the feasibility of installing red light cameras in the City; and
2. That staff identify the characteristics of an intersection that best support red light cameras and identify the top locations for red light cameras in the City. (Item for Discussion 8.3, February 26, 2025) (Sponsor: Councillor, S. Morales)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/26/2025.

25-G-043**MUNICIPAL HERITAGE REGISTER LISTED PROPERTY - 64 MARY STREET**

That the property located at 64 Mary Street be added to the Municipal Heritage Registry as a listed property.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/26/2025.

25-G-044**REQUEST OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - ATTRACTING A NEW TOWN CRIER**

That staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department undertake a Request of Expression of Interest (RFEI) to seek a new Town Crier and report back to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/26/2025.

25-G-045**2024 FRAUD AND WRONGDOING PROGRAM ACTIVITY 2024 SUMMARY OF INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIVITY AND 2025 INTERNAL AUDIT WORK PLAN**

1. That the 2024 Fraud and Wrongdoing Program Activity, be received as information.
2. That the 2024 Summary of Internal Audit Activity attached as Appendix "A" to the Report to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee dated March 5, 2025, be received as information.
3. That the 2025 Internal Audit Work Plan attached as Appendix "B" to the Report to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee dated March 5, 2025, be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/26/2025.

25-G-046**BARRIE COMMUNITY TENNIS CLUB FEE INCREASE**

1. That staff in Recreation and Culture Services are directed to assist the Barrie Community Tennis Club with fee by-law compliance over a three-year period as described within the Report to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee dated March 5, 2025.
2. That staff in Recreation and Culture Services be directed to assist the Barrie Community Tennis Club by allowing the rental of the fifth tennis court at Queens Park from Monday to Thursday as described within the Report to Finance and Responsible Governance Committee dated March 5, 2025

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/26/2025.

25-G-047**COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION - COUNCILLOR, B. HAMILTON - BENCH WILKINS WALK**

That the Community Project submitted by Councillor, B. Hamilton regarding the purchase and installation of a bench for Wilkins Walk at an estimated cost of \$1518.25 plus installation/labour (Ward 10) attached to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee agenda dated March 5, 2025, be approved

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/26/2025.

25-G-048**COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION - COUNCILLOR, B. HAMILTON - BIKE RACKS**

That the Community Project submitted by Councillor, B. Hamilton regarding the purchase and installation of three bike racks at a cost of \$675.00 per bike rack, to be placed in three different parks in Ward 10 attached to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee agenda dated March 5, 2025, be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/26/2025.

25-G-049**COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION FROM COUNCILLOR, B. HAMILTON - SOLAR LIGHTS GOLDEN MEADOW PARK**

That the Community Project submitted by Councillor, B. Hamilton regarding the purchase and installation of two solar light fixtures at Golden Meadow Park at a cost not to exceed \$6800 plus HST including installation, and not including staff/administrative associated costs (Ward 10) attached to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee agenda dated March 5, 2025, be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/26/2025.

25-G-050**COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION - COUNCILLOR, G. HARVEY - BARRIE SPORTS HALL OF FAME**

That the Community Project submitted by Councillor, G. Harvey regarding \$10,600 for the Barrie Sports Hall of Fame for new displays at Peggy Hill Team Community Centre (Ward 7) attached to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee agenda dated March, 5 2025, be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/26/2025.

25-G-051**ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT - 282 KING STREET (WARD 7)**

1. That the Zoning By-law Amendment Application submitted by Baldwin Planning and Development Consultants, on behalf of Rosewood Auto Plus Limited, to rezone the land municipally known

as 282 King Street from 'Light Industrial' (LI) to 'Light Industrial with Special Provisions' (LI) (SP-XXX), attached as Appendix A to Staff Report DEV010-25, be approved.

2. That the following Special Provisions be referenced in the implementing Zoning By-law for the subject lands:
 - a) That notwithstanding the list of permitted uses, an Automotive Sales Establishment and Automotive Leasing Establishment shall also be permitted on lands zoned 'Light Industrial with Special Provisions' (LI) (SP-XXX), up to a maximum of 25 percent of the total gross floor area of the building.
3. That the written and oral submissions received relating to this application have been, on balance, taken into consideration as part of the deliberations and final decision related to the approval of the application as amended, including matters raised in those submissions and identified within Staff Report DEV010-25.
4. That pursuant to Section 34 (17) of the *Planning Act*, no further public notification is required prior to the passing of this By-law. (DEV010-25) (File: D30-022-2024).

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/26/2025.

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

SECTION "C"

25-G-052

CAPITAL GRANTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

That the 2025 capital plan be amended by advancing and adjusting the funding for projects shown in the Financial Implications section of CAM001-25, resulting in the following:

- a) Net increase in Grant funding of \$53,536,937
- b) Net decrease in Tax Capital Reserve funding of \$552,687
- c) Net decrease in Tax Debt funding of \$3,292,422
- d) Net decrease in Wastewater Capital Reserve funding of \$329,418
- e) Net increase in Water Capital Reserve funding of \$300,036

- f) Net decrease in DC Reserve funding of \$48,702,847
- g) Net increase in Canada Community Building Fund funding of \$220,501
- h) Net decrease in Province of Ontario Cost Sharing of \$3,419,798 (CAM001-25).

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/26/2025.

SECTION "D"

25-G-053 2025 HOUSING COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) PROGRAMS AND BUDGET

1. That \$340,871.34 be transferred from the former Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Reserve (i.e. CIP Reserve for the previously repealed City-Wide CIP) to the Housing CIP Reserve.
2. That staff be directed to allocate up to \$5,000,000 of the second Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) payment to the Housing CIP Reserve, when received.
3. That all the Housing Non-Reserve Fund CIP programs continue to be offered on an ongoing basis, until otherwise directed by Council, which include the Approval to Defer Development Charges (DCs) to Occupancy Permit program, the Tax Increment Equivalent Grant (TIEG) program, and the Exemption from Planning Application Fees program.
4. That the Barrie Bonus for Additional Residential Units (ARUs) program be implemented with an initial budget of \$195,000 from the Housing CIP Reserve create new affordable ARUs within the City of Barrie.
5. That the Housing CIP Homeownership Forgivable Loan program be implemented with an initial budget of \$281,160 from the Housing CIP Reserve to provide forgivable downpayment loans to qualifying Barrie residents for downpayment assistance when purchasing a qualifying home within the City of Barrie.
6. That staff be authorized to run at least one Per Door Grant intake period in 2025 after the 2025 Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) installment has been received.
7. That the Development Charges (DC) Equivalent Grant for Fourplexes be put on hold. (DEV007-25)

Councillor, S. Morales declared a potential pecuniary interest in the

matter as provisions in the proposed terms of reference could apply to a development, he is associated with potentially resulting in financial gains. He pushed his chair away from the Council table.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/26/2025.

SECTION "E"

25-G-054

CITY INITIATED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVINCIAL PLANNING STATEMENT (2024)

That staff report DEV009-25 concerning City Initiated Official Plan Amendment to be consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement (2024) be referred back to staff to consult with affected stakeholders related to changes concerning employment areas and report back to General Committee.

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/26/2025.

SECTION "F"

25-G-055

DESIGN PRINCIPLES TO SUPPORT LIVABILITY, MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS AND ROAD SAFETY

That staff report DEV011-25 concerning Design Principles to Support Livability be referred back to staff to:

- undertake further consultation on the principles, including the Parking Committee
- investigate standards to support livability, municipal operations and road safety on one-way streets and other items that may arise from the consultation; and
- report back to General Committee.

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/26/2025.

ENQUIRIES

Members of General Committee addressed enquires to City staff and received responses

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of General Committee provided announcements concerning a number of matters.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

CHAIRMAN