



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final General Committee

Monday, September 14, 2009

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by the Council of the City of Barrie on September 21, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Aspden at 8:15 p.m. and the following were recorded as being present:

COUNCIL:

Mayor D. Aspden
Councillor, M. Ramsay
Councillor, J. Lehman
Councillor, R. Jackson
Councillor, B. Ward (left the meeting at 8:58 p.m.)
Councillor, L. Strachan
Councillor M. Prowse
Councillor J. Brassard
Councillor, J. Moore
Councillor, A. Prince
Councillor, A. Nuttall (joined the meeting at 8:17 p.m.).

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, J. Babulic
City Clerk, D. McAlpine
Director of Communications and Intergovernmental Affairs, R. James-Reid
Director of Engineering, W. McArthur
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
General Manager of Community Operations, J. Sales
General Manager of Corporate Services, E. Archer
General Manager of Infrastructure, Development and Culture, R. Forward
Supervisor, Council Secretariat, N. Brancaccio.

OTHER:

City Centre Facilitator, C. Magwood.

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

SECTION "A"

09-G-381

Bill 196, Proposed Barrie-Innisfil Boundary Adjustment Act, 2009

1. That staff monitor the progress of Bill 196 through the legislative approval process and be authorized to make representation and retain outside legal counsel as required, within existing 2009 approved budget allocations, at any committee hearings scheduled following the second reading of Bill 196.
2. That the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be requested to amend Schedule 1 to Bill 196 as follows:
 - a) change the references to County Road 27 from the centre line of the road to the easterly limit of the road allowance;
 - b) change the references to Sideroad 10 (Huron Road) from the Centre line of the road allowance to the easterly limit of the road allowance;
 - c) change the references to Lockhart Road from the centre line of the road allowance to the southerly limit of the road allowance;
 - d) change the references to Sideroad 20 from the centre line of the road allowance of the westerly limit of the road allowance; and
 - e) change the references to Big Bay Point Road from the centre line of the road allowance to the northerly limit of the road allowance.
3. That the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be requested to make a Regulation under Bill 196, the Barrie-Innisfil Boundary Adjustment Act, 2009 to establish revised ward boundaries that would result in the addition of the lands to the southernmost portion of the respective existing Barrie wards effective January 1, 2010 as shown on Appendix "C" to Staff Report CIA002-09.
4. That staff be authorized to coordinate the terms of transition agreements and report back to General Committee as required with the goal of ensuring a seamless transition of the affected area.

(CIA002-09) (File: L00)

This matter was recommended for consideration of adoption (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 9/14/2009.

..09-G-382 COMMENTS ON THE DISCUSSION PAPER ON REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONTENT AND PREPARATION OF SOURCE PROTECTION PLANS

1. That comments regarding the Discussion Paper, Requirements for the Content and Preparation of Source Protection Plans in response to the Environmental Bill of Rights posting 010-6726, and as outlined in Staff Report ENG047-09 be endorsed in principle.
2. That a letter be forwarded to the Ministry of the Environment of Ontario prior to the September 23, 2009, deadline. (ENG047-09) (File: F11-SO)

This matter was recommended for consideration of adoption (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 9/14/2009.

09-G-383 INVESTIGATION OF PARKING PROHIBITION ON GORE DRIVE

That in light of the safety concerns expressed by area residents, staff in the Engineering Department investigate the feasibility of prohibiting parking on both sides of Gore Drive between the southern end of Nicholson Drive and Ferndale Drive, and report back to General Committee. (Item for Discussion, 6.1, September 14, 2009) (File: T00)

This matter was recommended for consideration of adoption (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 9/14/2009.

09-G-384 PHYSICIAN SHORTAGES IN BARRIE AND SURROUNDING AREAS

WHEREAS the City of Barrie has thousands of residents without a family doctor and a hospital with doctor staff that is facing chronic shortages in manpower;

AND WHEREAS one only has to have experience the long wait times at Royal Victoria Hospital or walk-in clinics to know that there is a shortage of physicians in Barrie and area;

AND WHEREAS the challenges that families in Barrie and area face by not having a physician will only become greater as our population allocation increases as expected by the Ontario Government;

AND WHEREAS Physician Recruitment and the investment made in it this recruitment is an important method of attracting physicians as evidenced by past results;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government is conducting a review of the province's Underserved Area Program (UAP) that may result in Barrie and area losing financial incentives to recruit and retain much-needed physicians;

AND WHEREAS the financial incentives to attract and keep physicians are

essential to providing quality front-line health care services in Barrie and area;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the City of Barrie is opposed to any plan by the Ontario Government to designate Barrie and area as a fully serviced physician area.
2. That a letter be sent by the Mayor of the City of Barrie to the Premier of Ontario and Minister of Health expressing the City's opposition to such a plan and that a copy of the letter be sent to M.P.P. Aileen Carroll and M.P. Patrick Brown and area municipalities potentially affected by this review. (Item for Discussion, 6.3, September 14, 2009) (File: S00)

This matter was recommended for consideration of adoption (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 9/14/2009.

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

SECTION "B"

09-G-385 ADDITIONAL LIGHTING - BERCZY AND PEEL STREETS

That notwithstanding the Parks Lighting Policy, due to concerns over personal safety and security, staff in the Engineering Department (Parks Planning and Development) contact the Barrie Police Services regarding whether additional lighting and other CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) efforts can improve personal safety along the walkway between Berczy and Peel Streets through Berczy Park and Pringle Park, and report back by memo to General Committee. (Item for Discussion, 6.2, September 14, 2009) (File: F00)

This matter was recommended for consideration of adoption (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 9/14/2009.

The General Committee reports that upon adoption of the required procedural motion, it met In-Camera at 8:14 p.m. to discuss a Confidential Disposition of Property Matter – Bradford Street. Members of the press and public were not present for this portion of the meeting.

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

SECTION "C"

09-G-386 CONFIDENTIAL DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY MATTER - BRADFORD STREET

That confidential motion 09-G-386 contained within the Confidential Notes of General Committee Report No. 37 concerning a confidential disposition of property matter - Bradford Street, be adopted. (IDC011-09) (File: D00)

This matter was recommended for adoption (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 9/14/2009.

The General Committee reports that upon adoption of the required procedural motion, it met In-Camera at 8:58 p.m. to discuss a Confidential Disposition of Property Matter – Bayfield Street. Councillor Ward, members of the press and public were not present for this portion of the meeting.

SECTION "D"

09-G-387 CONFIDENTIAL DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY MATTER - BAYFIELD STREET

That confidential motion 09-G-387 contained within the Confidential Notes of General Committee Report No. 37 concerning a confidential disposition of property matter - Bayfield Street, be adopted. (IDC010-09) (File: L00)

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

The General Committee Report No. 37 was adopted by Council on September 21, 2009.

CHAIRMAN