



City of Barrie

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Meeting Agenda General Committee

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

Or immediately following the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**

2. **PUBLIC MEETING(S)**

Nil.

3. **PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF/OFFICERS/AGENTS OF THE CORPORATION**

Nil.

4. **DEFERRED BUSINESS**

Nil.

5. **REPORTS OF REFERENCE, ADVISORY OR SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

[AC 251126](#) REPORT OF THE AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE DATED OCTOBER 29, 2025

Attachments: [Affordability Committee 251029.pdf](#)

[AC 251112](#) REPORT OF THE AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE DATED NOVEMBER 12, 2025

Attachments: [Affordability Committee 251112.pdf](#)

[ICIC 251126](#) REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COMMITTEE DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2025

Attachments: [ICIC Report 251119](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS:**ICIC 1****REPORT BACK - CULTURE PLAN UPDATE**

1. That the City of Barrie Culture Plan Update attached as Appendix A to the Report to the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee dated November 19, 2025, concerning the Report Back - Culture Plan Update, be received and approved in principle to guide the future planning and development of the cultural sector.
2. That the overall 65 recommendations identified in this Report Back - Culture Plan Update be used to guide the development of the 2026 - 2035 Cultural Development operating budgets and future Capital Plans for Council consideration as part of the Business Plan approval process.
3. That the following implementation items be included as part of the 2026 Budget, with a net-zero impact on tax base:
 - a) Allocate unspent funds from Capital Project EC1000 Culture Plan and Public Art Master Plan in the amount of \$50,000 to create a new capital project to update the Arts and Culture Investment Program to align with the new Culture Plan and Performing Arts Centre, including exploring alternate funding models to grow the program; and
 - b) Re-allocate summer student salaries in the amount of \$32,000 within the Economic and Creative Development budget to provide additional resource capacity within the Small Business Centre in the form of programming, and/or conversion of a part-time resource, to temporary full-time, to deliver consultation services, professional development programs to support culture organizations' in building capacity in preparation for a new Performing Arts Centre.
4. That an intake form be included in the 2027 Budget for the development of an In-Kind Tourism and Culture Event Grant Program to offset hard costs for municipal provided services (i.e. transit shuttles, waste removal, etc.) for significant tourism-driving and culture supportive events with cost recovery to be supported by the Tourism Reserve of up to \$100,000, and with the following program goals:
 - a) Boost Tourism: Support events that attract visitors, generating economic activity for local businesses (e.g., accommodations, restaurants, retail);
 - b) Enhance Cultural Vibrancy: Encourage the development of tourism-focused events that develop the profile of local artists and art forms and promote the City of Barrie as a cultural destination;
 - c) Increase Capacity: Provide resources to local non-profits delivering arts and culture events with a tourism impact, reducing their event infrastructure expenses and allowing them to focus funds on programming; and

- d) Promote Civic Pride: Utilize municipal assets to strengthen community connection and celebration.
- 5. That staff in the Recreation and Culture Services Department in consultation with Economic and Creative Development Department report back to General Committee on the progress of the plan's implementation as part of the Department's Performance and Budget Reporting. (File: R09)

Attachments: [Report Back - Culture Plan Update.pdf](#)
[Appendix A Culture Plan Update Report.pdf](#)

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ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT UPDATE

- 1. That the Director of Corporate Facilities issue a request for proposals and be authorized to enter into an agreement with the successful third-party turnkey service provider for the replacement and upgrade of the current downtown Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) under the following general parameters, and with terms subject to approval by the Director of Legal Services and the Director of Transit and Parking Strategy:
 - a) The third-party turnkey service provider would be responsible for the provision and installation of replacement and/or upgraded existing EVSE in the downtown with universal charging stations, at no cost to the City;
 - b) The third-party turnkey service provider would be responsible for management of operational aspects related to the EVSE including maintenance, client services, as well as setting, collecting, and overseeing fee and charging services;
 - c) The third-party turnkey service provider would be responsible for maintenance and other operating costs associated with the equipment;
 - d) The third-party turnkey service provider would be responsible for decisions related to the number and location of EVSE, in consultation with the City; and
 - e) The agreement would, where appropriate, align with the provisions of the City's existing EVSE contracts, and confirm that:
 - i. The City retains the right to expand, add, or remove EVSE, utilizing grant funding where available;
 - ii. The service provider has first right of refusal for integrating any new charging stations at covered locations;
 - iii. The City retains ownership of all auxiliary EVSE infrastructure, excluding the charging stations; and

- iv. An annual cap on price increases will be established for the contract term.
2. That should the procurement be unsuccessful, staff include alternative services options for consideration within the 2027 Business Plan.
3. That the Director of Corporate Facilities be authorized to amend the agreement with the turnkey service provider and the existing agreement with Alectra Services Inc., as necessary, to support the evolving needs of the electric vehicle infrastructure program. This may include, but is not limited to, the addition or removal of electric vehicle supply equipment, and adjustments to the scope, terms, or conditions of the agreements to ensure continued alignment with operational requirements and strategic objectives. (P14/24)

Attachments: [Report Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Update.pdf](#)

ICIC 3

KEMPENFEST CONSULTATION

1. That the Report to the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee dated November 19, 2025 regarding the Kempenfest Consultation and the attached Appendix A concerning the Kempenfest Festival Review Final Report, be received for information purposes.
2. That future municipal support for larger-scale festivals and events such as Kempenfest, be administered through the creation of a granting program, as recommended in the Report Back - Culture Plan Update report for the creation of an In-Kind Tourism and Culture Event Grant to be proposed as part of the 2027 budget process.
3. That for 2026, City of Barrie support for Kempenfest be as follows:
 - a) Up to \$5,000 of in-kind staff support for site services (ie. waste removal) to assist Kempenfest in 2026;
 - b) Cost recovery of up to \$17,000 for shuttle bus service supplied by Barrie Transit to be funded from the Tourism Reserve; and
 - c) Up to \$10,000 to support rental and equipment costs for the Family Side Stage to serve as a showcase for local talent and artist development, to be funded from the Tourism Reserve.
4. That the Kempenfest Board be requested to seek fundraising sponsorship to support the City's fiscal contribution of up to \$27,000 and should they be unsuccessful, that Kempenfest advise Council in writing prior to Council's 2026 summer recess.
5. That the recommendations from Bannikin for the City related medium and long-term infrastructure and environmental sustainability support of events be considered as part of the future development of a Waterfront Festivals and Events Strategy. (P13/24)

Attachments: [REC Report - Kempenfest Consultation.pdf](#)
 [Appendix A Kempenfest Festival Review Final Report](#)
 [Appendix B Kempenfest Metrics and Methodology for Measuring Economic Imp](#)

6. **STAFF REPORT(S)**

BFES003-25 ESTABLISHING AND REGULATING (E&R) BARRIE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES BY-LAW UPDATE

That By-law 2012-200 concerning the establishing and regulating of Barrie Fire and Emergency Services be repealed and replaced with the draft by-law attached as Appendix A to Staff Report BFES003-25. (BFES003-25)

Attachments: [BFES003-25.pdf](#)
 [Appendix A - E&R By-law.pdf](#)
 [Appendix B - Summary of Changes.pdf](#)

DEV041-25 STREET NAMES - HEWITT'S CENTRAL DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION (WARD 10)

1. That the following names from the Municipal Naming Registry, identified in Appendix A - Street Name Schema to Staff Report DEV041-25, be approved as the street names in Hewitt's Central Draft Plan of Subdivision (D30-012-2024):
 - a) Street D - Crosswinds Road
 - b) Street E - Wheatland Road
 - c) Street F - Brookland Street
 - d) Street G - Still Water Way
 - e) Street I - Wildfield Way
2. That the following municipal street names, identified in Appendix A - Street Name Schema to Staff Report DEV041-25, be confirmed as prolongations of existing municipal streets into Hewitt's Central Draft Plan of Subdivision (D30-012-2024):
 - a) Street A - Prince William Way
 - b) Street B - Terry Fox Drive
 - c) Street C - Lally Terrace
 - d) Street H - Giovanni Crescent (DEV041-25)

Attachments: [DEV041-25.pdf](#)

DEV042-25 STREET NAMES - HEWITT'S GATE PHASE 5 DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION (WARD 10)

1. That the following names from the Municipal Naming Registry, identified in Appendix A - Street Name Schema to Staff Report DEV042-25, be approved as the street names in Hewitt's Gate Phase 5 Draft Plan of Subdivision (D12-426):

- a) Street Z - Ridgehill Way
2. That the following municipal street names, identified in Appendix A - Street Name Schema to Staff Report DEV042-25, be confirmed as prolongations of existing municipal streets into Hewitt's Gate Phase 5 Draft Plan of Subdivision (D12-426):
- a) Street A - Lally Terrace
 b) Street C - Prince William Way
 c) Street O - Chardonnay Heights
 d) Street Q - Ginseng Trail

(DEV042-25) (Files: D19-GIN/D19-LAL/D19-PRI/D19-RID, D12-426)

Attachments: [DEV042-25 - Street Naming for Hewitt's Gate PH 5 Draft Plan of Subdivision FI](#)

DEV044-25

SPEED LIMIT REVIEW - ESSA ROAD (WARD 7)

1. That Rates of Speed By-law 2002-191, Schedule "C" "Authorized Rates of Maximum Speed - 60 Kilometres Per Hour" be amended by removing the following:

<u>Street</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Essa Road	Coughlin Road	A point 254 metres south of Maplevue Drive West
Essa Road	A point 43 metres south of Athabaska Road	South City Limit

2. That Rates of Speed By-law 2002-191, Schedule "A" "Authorized Rates of Maximum Speed - 40 Kilometres Per Hour" be amended by removing the following:

<u>Street</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Essa Road on both sides	A point 254 metres South to Maplevue Drive West	A point 43 metres South of Athabaska Road

3. That Rates of Speed By-law 2002-191, Schedule "C" "Authorized Rates of Maximum Speed - 60 Kilometres Per Hour" be amended by adding the following:

<u>Street</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Essa Road	Coughlin Road	South City Limit" (DEV044-25)

Attachments: [DEV044-25.pdf](#)

ECD010-25**PROPOSED EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP)**

1. That Staff Report ECD010-25 regarding Financial Incentives and Implementation Process in the Employment Development Community Improvement Plan (CIP) be approved and the following actions be undertaken:
 - a) That the new Employment Development Community Improvement Project Area By-law, being By-law No. 2025-XXX contained in Appendix "A" to Staff Report ECD010-25 be approved;
 - b) That the new Employment Development CIP By-law, being By-law No. 2025-XXX, to approve the proposed new Employment Development Community Improvement Plan (CIP) contained in Appendix "B" to Staff Report ECD010-25, be approved;
 - c) That at the time of writing Staff Report ECD010-25, the Industrial/Commercial Land Reserve Fund had a total of approximately \$856,000 which shall be reallocated for Employment Development CIP use to the end of 2026, and any remaining funds will be carried forward for the following year; and
 - d) That commencing by the end of the first quarter of 2026, staff will launch a continuous application intake for the Employment Development CIP to be implemented as per the eligibility criteria outlined in the Employment Development CIP contained in Appendix "C" to Staff Report ECD010-25.
2. That pursuant to Sections 17(22) and 28(5) of the *Planning Act*, no further public notification is required prior to the passing of the by-laws. (ECD010-25)

Attachments:[ECD010-25.pdf](#)[Appendix A - Draft Community Improvement Project Area By-law](#)[Appendix B - Draft Employment Development Community Improvement Plan By](#)[Appendix C - Draft Employment Lands Development CIP](#)[Appendix D - Employment Development CIP Scorecard](#)[Appendix E - Summary of proposed changes to draft employment development](#)

FAC007-25**2025 WATERSPORT PILOT PROJECT RESULTS (WARDS 1, 2, 8 AND 10)**

1. That staff in Corporate Facilities (Marina) complete a request for proposal (RFP) to implement a permanent watersport vendors process with a structured permitting system authorized under the Parks Use By-law 2019 -059 in line with the permit criteria in Appendix A to Staff Report FAC007-25.
2. That the 2026 Fees By-law be amended to include the following fees under Schedule L Marina:
 - Motorized Watercraft Operator RFQ minimum bid - \$3,500
 - Individual vessels registered under each permit - \$500 each.
3. That the change in lineup of services or number of vessels permitted by each vendor be updated based on operator and staff feedback identified in Staff Report FAC007-25.
4. That staff in the Corporate Facilities Department request through Transport Canada that the Legislative and Court Services Department personnel be delegated authority to conduct enforcement measures by way of ticketing under the Canada Shipping Act (2001) as a support function to Marina staff.
5. That the Director of Corporate Facilities be granted authority to modify permit categories and vessel permit quantities based on factors such as safety, risk, and the feasibility of the various users to safely and effectively operate together within Kempenfelt Bay. (FAC007-25) (P17/25)

Attachments: [FAC007-25.pdf](#)

FIN014-25**2025 CAPITAL PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

1. That staff be authorized to close projects and project phases as described in Appendix B, Capital Project Closures, to Staff Report FIN014-25.
2. That staff be authorized to decrease the Capital Plan approved budget in the amount of \$2,389,420 and adjust funding plans as described in Appendix B, Capital Project Closures to Staff Report FIN014-25. (FIN014-25)

Attachments: [FIN014-25.pdf](#)
[Appendix A - Capital Plan Project Status](#)
[Appendix B - Capital Project Closures](#)

LCS007-25**REVIEW OF SIGN BY-LAW 2018-029**

1. That City of Barrie By-law 2018-029 (Sign By-law) be amended by adding the following sections to section 12.3.0.0.0. - Ground Signs:

Section 12.3.6.0.0. - Third Party Advertising - Ground Signs

Section 12.3.6.1.0. - Third Party Advertising is not permitted on a ground sign unless one or more of the following provisions are established.

Section 12.3.6.1.1. - The third party advertising is for a business, goods, products, services or facilities on an adjacent property to the location the ground sign is situated and the properties are designed to operate as a singular development and linked as to allow vehicular traffic to transition from one parcel to another to access the businesses without having to leave the private property.

Section 12.3.6.1.2. - The third party advertising is a for a registered charitable or not-for-profit organization to promote their specific goods, products, services or facilities and/or fundraising initiatives.

2. That City of Barrie By-law 2018-029 (Sign By-law) be amended by deleting section 2.1.6.0.0. and replacing it with the following:

Section 2.1.6.0.0. - Ground Sign: means a permanent sign in a fixed location, wholly supported by one or more uprights, poles, braces and located on a structural base placed in the ground, and shall include soft landscape treatment at the base of the sign or supporting structure. For the purposes of this by-law, a pylon sign is a ground sign.

3. That City of Barrie By-law 2018-029 (Sign By-law) be amended by deleting section 2.1.12.0.0. and replacing it with the following:

Section 2.1.12.0.0. - Poster Panel Sign: means a permanent sign that advertises goods, products, services or facilities that are not available at the location where the sign is situated or that directs persons to a location different from that where the sign is located, and shall include free standing structures and signs attached in any manner to the wall of a building or structure and includes a standardized sign structure erected and maintained by a business engaged in the sale or rental of space upon which advertising copy is displayed advertising goods or services that are not necessarily conducted within or upon the lot upon which the sign is located. For the purposes of this by-law, a billboard sign is considered a poster panel sign.

4. That City of Barrie By-law 2018-029 (Sign By-law) be amended by deleting section 11.1.11.0.0. and replacing it with the following:

Section 11.1.11.0.0. - signs erected, placed, painted on or attached to a wall of a building or structure that advertises, identifies or provides information on goods, products, service or facilities that are not available at the location where the sign is situated, commonly referred to as third party advertising.

5. That City of Barrie By-law 2018-029 (Sign By-law) be amended by deleting section 12.3.5.1.7. and replacing it with the following:

Section 12.3.5.1.7. - Notwithstanding section 12.3.5.1.6., where a lot abuts two or more streets, one (1) ground sign containing a digital display/electronic message board may be erected on each street frontage provided that the said street frontage is greater than 15.0m.

6. That staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department (Enforcement Services Branch) be directed to apply for set fines for offences as set out in the City of Barrie By-law 2018-029 (Sign By-law). (LSC007-25) (File: P00) (P7/24)

Attachments: [LCS007-25.pdf](#)

LCS009-25

Note: Confidential Appendix B to Staff Report LCS009-25, regarding the red-light camera program, was circulated separately due to financial information supplied in confidence to the municipality

RED-LIGHT CAMERA PROGRAM

1. That correspondence be sent to the Minister of Transportation requesting that the City of Barrie be approved to install and operate approved Red-Light Camera (RLC) systems within the city limits where data shows a high level of red-light running.
2. That the City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services and Executive Director of Development Services or their designates be authorized to execute any agreements, amending agreements or documents requisite to the Red-Light Camera program.
3. That red-light cameras be installed at locations experiencing high levels of red-light running being experienced, with initial funding to come from the ASE Reserve based on costs included in confidential Appendix A to Staff Report LCS009-25.
4. That two Red-Light Camera Provincial Offences Officers be added as complement utilizing approved funding for the Administrative Penalties Clerk position from the 2026 Business Plan and revenues received through the Red-Light Camera Program.
5. That any net revenues from the Red-Light Camera Program be allocated to the ASE Reserve (to be renamed as the Red-Light Camera Reserve) to be utilized for traffic calming/safety measures.

6. That staff be authorized to contact and enter into agreements with other municipalities who may be interested in having Barrie process RLC violations on their behalf and share operating costs and report back to Council by memorandum if other municipalities are added. (LCS009-25)

Attachments: [LCS009-25.pdf](#)

7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION

Nil.

8. ITEM(S) FOR DISCUSSION

Nil.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

Nil.

10. ENQUIRIES

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

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