



City of Barrie

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Meeting Agenda General Committee

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

Notice

This meeting will be held ELECTRONICALLY AND IN-PERSON in accordance with Section 238 of the Municipal Act, 2001.

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**

2. **PUBLIC MEETING(S)**

Nil.

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

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CORPORATE NET-ZERO STRATEGY 2025-2050 PRESENTATION

Attachments: [Corporate Net-Zero Strategy Presentation](#)

4. **DEFERRED BUSINESS**

Nil.

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

AFF 250319

REPORT OF THE AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 19, 2025.

Attachments: [Affordability Report 250319](#)

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NINE MILE PORTAGE SIGNAGE

That City staff investigate the most efficient and cost effective process to re-establish Nine Mile Portage signage, which has been retired by the Ontario Heritage Trust Provincial Plaque Program and report back to the Heritage Barrie Committee, whether or not to apply to the Ontario Heritage Trust for a replacement, or to proceed with other options including but not limited to internal City of Barrie departmental options.

EXC 250326

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 26, 2025.

Attachments: [Executive Committee 250326](#)

CSC 250326 REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 26, 2025.

Attachments: [CSC Report 250326](#)

CSC 1 SHORT-TERM RENTALS REGULATION

That the Report to the Community Safety Committee dated March 26, 2025, concerning the regulation of short-term rentals be referred back to staff to investigate a complaint-based enforcement model with options related to zoning and Official Plan and report back to the Community Safety Committee.

Attachments: [Short Term Rental Regulations](#)

6. STAFF REPORT(S)

CCS001-25 NEEDLE COLLECTION KIOSKS

That Staff Report CCS001-25 concerning Needle Collection Bins/Kiosks in the Parks be received for information purposes and the pilot program be discontinued with the exception of continued collection of the bin/kiosk at the H-Block near the downtown library. (CCS001-25)

Attachments: [CCS001-25](#)

[Needle Bin Location Review - July 2024](#)

FAC001-25 PERMITTING OF COMMERCIAL MOTORIZED WATERSPORT OPERATORS (WARDS 1, 2, 8 AND 10)

1. That staff in Corporate Facilities (Marina) implement a Permit System authorized under the Parks Use By-law 2019-059, as amended, to regulate businesses offering Commercial Motorized Watercraft within Kempenfelt Bay and adjacent marina facilities for the 2025 boating season.
2. That the permit criteria detailed in Appendix A to Staff Report FAC001-25, be approved.
3. That the 2025 Fees By-law be amended to include the following fees under Schedule L Marina:
 - Commercial Motorized Watercraft Operator Permit - \$2000
 - Individual vessels registered under each permit - \$500 each.
4. That staff report back to General Committee at the end of the 2025 Boating Season with the results of this pilot program and provide recommended changes to the lineup of services or number of vessels permitted by each vendor based on operator and public feedback.
5. That the Supervisor of Marina Services be designated as the Harbour Master for the City of Barrie, with jurisdictional limits outlined in Appendix

C of Staff Report FAC001-25. (FAC001-25)

Attachments: [FAC001-25](#)

FAC003-25 CORPORATE NET-ZERO STRATEGY 2025-2050

1. That the Corporate Net Zero Strategy attached as Appendix A to Staff Report FAC003-25, be endorsed in principle.
2. That low-carbon alternatives be evaluated as part of the standard capital planning process for all assets.
3. That low-carbon options be recommended when renewing energy-consuming corporate assets in capital planning and budgeting, when lifecycle payback offsets the incremental cost.
4. That all new facilities be designed and constructed to meet a net-zero energy standard, aiming to generate as much renewable energy as they consume from low-carbon sources, where the incremental cost is offset by lifecycle payback as part of the annual capital planning and budgeting process.
5. That all internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles be replaced with electric vehicle (EV) equivalents, typically at end of life, and when feasible, considering the availability of suitable EV models, operational requirements, and the infrastructure needed to support electric vehicles.
6. That renewable energy assets be deployed when they provide a positive return on investment, and that authority be delegated to the Director of Corporate Facilities or their designate to execute or modify agreements related to regulatory approvals for these assets.
7. That the prioritization of low-carbon options be approved in situations where equipment failure necessitates immediate replacement under the City's emergency procurement provisions, whenever technically feasible.
8. That staff in the Corporate Facilities Department present a progress report annually to General Committee concerning the Corporate Net Zero Strategy. (FAC003-25)

Attachments: [FAC003- 25](#)

[Appendix A - Corporate Net Zero Strategy 2025](#)

FIN002-25 TAX RATIOS

1. That the tax ratios for the 2025 taxation year be established as follows:
 - a) Residential 1.000000
 - b) New Multi-residential 1.000000
 - c) Multi-residential 1.000000

d) Commercial	1.433126
e) Industrial	1.516328
f) Pipelines	1.103939
g) Farmlands	0.250000
h) Managed forest	0.250000
i) Landfills	1.067122

2. That two sub-classes for Farmland Awaiting Development be maintained in each of the multi- residential, commercial, and industrial property classes at the following discounts:

Phase I - 25% discount from the residential tax rate; and,

Phase II - 0% discount from the applicable property class tax rate.

3. That the City of Barrie (City) continue with its existing Rebates for Charitable and Non-Profit Organizations Program providing a tax rebate at a rate of 40% of the current year's taxes applicable only to the leased space occupied by the organization and that the eligible organizations continue to submit an annual application and provide evidence of taxes paid satisfactory to the Director of Finance or their designate.
4. That the City Clerk be authorized to prepare all necessary by-laws to establish the 2025 tax ratios. (FIN002-25).

Attachments: [FIN002-25](#)

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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