

**City of Barrie**

**REPORT NO. 2 OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**For consideration by the General Committee  
of the City of Barrie on April 26, 2010.**

The Community Services Committee met at 7:03 p.m. in the Sir Robert Barrie Room on April 20, 2010.

**PRESENT:** Councillor J. Brassard, Chair  
Councillor R. Jackson  
Councillor M. Prowse.

**STAFF:** Capital Project Supervisor, Dan Buttineau (left the meeting at 8:39 p.m.)  
City Clerk, D. McAlpine  
Deputy Fire Chief, D. Forfar (left the meeting at 8:39 p.m.)  
Deputy Fire Chief, R. Monkman (left the meeting at 8:39 p.m.)  
Director of Leisure, Transit and Facilities, B. Roth  
Manager of Facilities, K. Bradley (left the meeting at 8:39 p.m.)  
Manager of Recreation, R. Watson (left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.)  
Manager of Transit, G. Kaveckas  
Platoon Chief, Mick Caldwell (left the meeting at 8:39 p.m.)  
Supervisor of Vital Statistics, Corporate Mail and Print Services, L. Pearson.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Todd Brown, Monteith-Brown Planning Consultants (left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.)  
Paul Macintosh, Thomas Brown Architects (left the meeting at 8:39 p.m.).

**Community Services Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):**

**SECTION "A"**

**10-CMSC-016 PETITION RELATED TO EAST HANMER TRANSIT ROUTE**

That the RVH/Livingstone transit route be modified to operate in both directions on Collier Street and not on Dunlop Street, effective May 10, 2010 and that B. Bouse of Collier Place be so notified. (10-G-050) (10-CMSC-002) (10-G-024) (File: T00)

**The Community Service Committee met and reports as follows:**

**SECTION "B"**

**10-CMSC-017 PRESENTATION BY T. BROWN, MONTEITH-BROWN PLANNING CONSULTANTS REGARDING THE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

T. Brown of Monteith-Brown Planning Consultants provided a presentation regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. He explained that the purpose of the presentation is to provide an update to the Community Services Committee on the progress of the Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan. He commented that while the current plan has been well implemented, it is 20 years old. He noted that the Strategic Master Plan is based upon community needs and will provide a comprehensive strategy to address parks and recreation needs for the next 10 years.

Mr. Brown indicated that the plan will identify new trends and assess the recreational needs of a diverse, growing and aging community. He commented that people are moving away from organized activities and towards more spontaneous activities. He stated that there is a need to manage aging infrastructure, strengthen partnerships and have many activities available at one location. He noted that parks are becoming an outdoor community centre for the public and the development of high quality parks continue to be a requirement.

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**10-CMSC-017 Continued ...**

Mr. Brown commented that the key findings of the plan is related to proposed facility service level targets for arenas, fitness centres, outdoor facilities, soccer fields, skateboard parks, splash pads and basketball courts as the population grows. He noted that the Allandale Recreation Centre is in need of modernization and improvement. He commented that a multi-use community centre in the future (approximately 2016 to 2021) would be an ideal way to address indoor facility needs. He noted that a multi-use complex would require a large parcel of land, a comprehensive feasibility study and a business plan. He stated that the preferred location for a multi-use complex would be in the south end along a major arterial corridor.

Mr. Brown indicated that opportunities for the public to access and enjoy open spaces for unstructured, spontaneous activities and gatherings are important. He commented that a trail system with enhanced connectivity between parks and trails, and including elements of comfort and accessibility will promote Active Transportation. He noted that parkland provision targets over the next 10 years will need to be satisfied by acquiring parkland through dedications and alternative methods such as purchasing and leasing. He stated the provision of parkland at 4.7 hectares per 1,000 people is a good ratio.

Mr. Brown commented that Barrie's waterfront makes it a unique community and is very important to the public. He stated that Kempenfelt Bay and Little Lake could be enhanced by adding more beach areas, trail connectivity, active and unique recreation, additional boatslips and activities that would draw tourists to the downtown. He further noted that strategies for alternative facility and park developments could be accomplished through creative partnerships with developers, provision of multi-use plazas and combining uses within outdoor facilities.

Mr. Brown indicated that the next step in the process is to hold a Public Information Centre which has been scheduled for April 28th. He stated that once the information centre has taken place, the comments will be assessed and integrated into the plan. He further noted that a presentation and a staff report will be presented to General Committee for final approval of the Master Plan.

In closing Mr. Brown commented that the Strategic Master Plan is a document which guides the future provision of services, facilities and parks. He feels that a funding strategy and prioritization for implementation will need to be developed.

The Committee asked T. Brown and staff a number of questions related to the information provided concerning facility service level targets, partnership opportunities, additional land required and the Communications Plan for the public information centre.

**Community Services Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):**

**SECTION "C"**

**10-CMSC-018 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

That a presentation of approximately 30 minutes in length regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan be scheduled at General Committee subsequent to the Public Information Centre. (10-CMSC-018) (File: R00)

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**The Community Service Committee met and reports as follows:**

**SECTION "D"**

**10-CMSC-019 PRESENTATION BY PAUL MACINTOSH, THOMAS BROWN ARCHITECTS REGARDING THE FIRE TRAINING FACILITY REPORT**

M. Caldwell, Fire Platoon Chief, explained that a Training Facility Committee was formed in 2003. He commented that the Committee gathered information on the necessary requirements of a training facility to compile a report on the possibility of developing a Fire Training Facility in Barrie.

P. Macintosh of Thomas Brown Architects provided a presentation regarding the Fire Training Facility Report. He explained that after the Training Facility Committee determined the requirements of the facility, he calculated the amount of land and costs associated with constructing a Fire Training Facility.

Mr. Macintosh noted that two options were developed to accommodate a Fire Training Facility. He commented that the site plan for Option One would contain a standalone Fire Training Centre which would require 10.3 acres plus 1.7 acres for future expansion. He noted that Option Two requires 13.2 acres of land and 1.9 acres for future expansion. He stated that Option Two includes a Fire Training Facility in combination with Fire Station No. 5 and located on the same property.

Mr. Macintosh commented that the Fire Training Facility should consist of:

- Driver training course
- Fire Tower
- Residential Burn House
- Auto Extrication Area
- Storage and Ancillary Shelter plus parking facilities
- Stretched fabric covered structure
- Fire Station No. 5 (Option 2)
- Drafting pond
- Trench rescue prop
- Structural collapse prop
- Confined space prop
- Tanker/Railcar prop
- Spill containment prop
- Ring Road and Fire Hydrant Loop
- Teaching and Administrative Loop

He noted that construction of the facility would likely be completed in three phases. He commented that there is a lack of training facilities in the Province of Ontario. He noted that there has been a large amount of interest from neighbouring communities for use of this facility.

The Committee asked P. Macintosh a number of questions in relation to the information provided concerning the timing, location and potential to offset costs by renting out the facility to other users.

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Community Services Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

**SECTION "E"**

**10-CMSC-020 FIRE TRAINING FACILITY REPORT**

That staff in the Barrie Fire and Emergency Services in conjunction with staff in the Leisure, Transit and Facilities Department prepare a staff report and presentation to General Committee with respect to the Fire Training Facility Report. (10-CMSC-020) (File: E00)

**10-CMSC-021 GO TRAIN SHUTTLE BUSES**

That the No. 61 GO Train Shuttle bus route cease to operate after May 30, 2010 due to poor ridership and that the No. 60 GO Train Shuttle bus route continued to operate at a cost of \$76,500 for 2010 and this be funded from the Ontario Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program. (10-CMSC-021) (File: T00)

**The Community Service Committee met and reports as follows:**

**SECTION "F"**

**10-CMSC-022 REPORT NO. 1 OF THE COMMUNITY ENERGY STEERING COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 4, 2010**

Report No. 1 of the Community Energy Steering Committee dated March 4, 2010 was received.

**10-CMSC-023 REPORT NO. 2 OF THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 23, 2010**

Report No. 2 of the Communities in Bloom Advisory Committee dated March 23, 2010 was received.

**10-CMSC-024 REPORT NO. 3 OF THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED APRIL 7, 2010**

Report No. 3 of the Communities in Bloom Advisory Committee dated April 7, 2010 was received.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

**CHAIRMAN**