



City of Barrie

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Final General Committee

Monday, April 4, 2022

7:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual Meeting

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by Barrie City Council on April 11, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor, B. Ward 7:01 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 10 - Deputy Mayor, B. Ward
Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, K. Aylwin
Councillor, A. Kungl
Councillor, R. Thomson
Councillor, N. Harris
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, M. McCann

Absent: 1 - Mayor, J. Lehman

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard
Deputy City Clerk, M. Williams
Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter
Director of Finance/Treasurer, C. Millar
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
Director of Operations, D. Friary
Executive Director of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Araniyasundaran
Service Desk Generalist, K. Kovacs.

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

SECTION "A"

22-G-065

2022 BUSKING PROGRAM PILOT AND EMERGING ARTISTS/MUSICIANS PROGRAM

1. That the Director of Economic and Creative Development be authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with Canadian Musicians Cooperative, Inc. (CMCI) for delivery of the Emerging Musicians Program as a music industry incubator for 2022 and for subsequent years under the same general terms and conditions and in a form that is approved by the Director of Legal Services.
2. That staff in the Economic and Creative Development Department pursue a one-year pilot busking program whereby artists that are ineligible for the Emerging Artists/Musicians Program can apply for a Busking Permit to perform at a designated "busk stop" in downtown Barrie in a form to the satisfaction of the Director of Economic and Creative Development and the Director of Legislative and Court Services. (ECD004-22)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/11/2022.

22-G-066

GATE AT TYNDALE PARK

That staff in the Development Services Department investigate the cost of installing and operating an automated gate at Tyndale Park to limit vehicular access into the park in the later evening hours and report back to General Committee.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/11/2022.

22-G-067

LAKE SIMCOE

WHEREAS Lake Simcoe is one of Ontario's largest watersheds, home to First Nations since time immemorial, and situated in the growing communities of Simcoe County, York Region, Durham Region, and the cities of Barrie and Orillia; and

WHEREAS the watershed faces threats due to eutrophication, largely from phosphorus runoff and other contaminants into the lake and its tributaries; and

WHEREAS the lake is a significant source of drinking water, as well as being integral for local recreation, tourism, agriculture and other key economic drivers; and

WHEREAS the previous federal government funded a “Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund” of \$65 million over 10 years between 2007-2017, but that fund has not been renewed; and

WHEREAS during the 2019 federal election, the Hon. Chrystia Freeland committed \$40 million over 5 years towards Lake Simcoe; and

WHEREAS during the 2021 federal election, the Liberal Party of Canada committed to “Implement a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan, including an historic investment of \$1 billion over 10 years. This plan will provide essential funding to protect and restore large lakes and river systems, starting with the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River System, Lake Simcoe...”; and

WHEREAS the Conservative Party of Canada also committed to re-funding the Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund in the 2019 and 2021 general elections with an investment of \$30 million over five years; and

WHEREAS, further to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change’s mandate letter, which directs the Minister to “...establish a Canada Water Agency and implement a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan, including a historic investment to provide funding to protect and restore large lakes and river systems, starting with the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River System, Lake Simcoe...”.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the City of Barrie:

- 1) Supports federal funding for a Lake Simcoe Restoration Fund that represents a significant percentage of the overall Freshwater Action Plan Fund, with funding in excess of previous commitments, beginning in the 2022 budget; and
- 2) Asks that such funding be used to undertake:
 - Shoreline mitigation, stream restoration and stormwater quality management, including in the tributaries of Sophia Creek, Kidd’s Creek, Bunkers Creek, Dyments Creek, Hotchkiss Creek, Whiskey Creek, Lovers Creek, and Hewitts Creek; and
 - Projects to ameliorate contaminated sites in the watersheds; and
 - Upgrades to help retrofit municipal infrastructure such as wastewater treatment and stormwater management facilities to decrease total current discharges from existing facilities; and
 - The planting of 250,000 trees in the watershed, and purchasing

and conservation of more forests and wetlands under the auspices of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA), to make significant progress towards the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan goal of 40 per cent of the watershed area being protected natural land.

- 3) That a copy of this resolution, along with a letter from the Mayor, be sent to the federal Minister of Finance, the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, the President of the Treasury Board, the Members of Parliament for Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte, Barrie-Innisfil, Simcoe-North, York-Simcoe, Newmarket-Aurora, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock and Durham, and to all the Lake Simcoe Region municipalities and the LSRCA (Item for Discussion, 8.3, April 4, 2022)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/11/2022.

22-G-068

STOPPING HARASSMENT AND ABUSE BY LOCAL LEADERS ACT

1. That the City of Barrie endorse the *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act* that would create a process for municipal councils to remove Councillors who violate workplace violence and harassment policies.
2. That a letter of support be sent to local MPPs, MPP Stephen Blais, the Premier, and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). (Item for Discussion 8.4, April 4, 2022)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/11/2022.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "B"

22-G-069

ESTABLISHING A RENTERS' COMMITTEE

The Committee met and discussed the Item for Discussion concerning establishing a Renters' Committee as follows:

"That staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department include for the 2022-2026 Council's consideration the establishment of a Renters' Committee that would bring forward issues of renters, including but not limited to rental rates and regulations associated with rental units, to be considered by as part of its Council Committee appointments. (Item for Discussion 8.1, April 4, 2022)"

A vote was taken and the motion was **LOST**. The Committee provided no further direction with respect to the Item for Discussion concerning establishing a Renters' Committee.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 4/11/2022.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

22-G-070

POTENTIAL PURCHASE OF BARRIE JAIL

The Committee met and discussed the Item for Discussion concerning the potential purchase of the Barrie Jail as follows:

"That staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of purchasing the Barrie Jail for a nominal cost for the purposes of preservation and affordable housing with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services and/or Infrastructure Ontario as the Province's property manager, and report back to General Committee. (Item for Discussion 8.5, April 4, 2022)"

A vote was taken and the motion was **LOST**. The Committee provided no further direction with respect to the Item for Discussion concerning the potential purchase of Barrie Jail.

A point of order was raised by Councillor, M. McCann. Councillor McCann questioned the response to his question concerning stigmatization surrounding use of the Barrie Jail for affordable housing.

Deputy Mayor, B. Ward ruled that the Councillor may continue with the response.

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 4/11/2022.

ENQUIRIES

Members of General Committee addressed enquiries to City staff and received responses.

. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

CHAIRMAN