

City of Barrie

70 Collier Street P.O. Box 400 Barrie, ON L4M 4T5

Final General Committee

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

7:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual Meeting

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT For consideration by Barrie City Council on May 3, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, A. Nuttall at 8:26 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 11 - Mayor, A. Nuttall

Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Councillor, C. Riepma Councillor, C. Nixon Councillor, A.M. Kungl Councillor, A. Courser Councillor, N. Nigussie Councillor, G. Harvey Councillor, J. Harris Councillor, S. Morales Councillor, B. Hamilton

STAFF:

Associate Director of Corporate Management, K. Oakley

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse

Chief Building Official, P. Evans

Chief Financial Officer, C. Millar

City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke

Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard

Deputy City Clerk, T. McArthur

Deputy Fire Chief/Manager of Communications, Education and Prevention, C. Clark

Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews

Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter

Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan

Director of Internal Audit, S. MacGregor

Director of Legal Services, I. Peters

Director of Operations, D. Friary

Director of Transit and Parking Strategy, B. Forsyth

Executive Director of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid

Fire Chief, C. Mainprize

General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Araniyasundaran Service Desk Generalist, K. Kovacs Senior Project Manager, B. Gratrix Senior Manager of Corporate and Finance Investments, C. Gillespie.

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

SECTION "A"

Councillor, G. Harvey provided an overview of the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee meeting held on March 29, 2023.

Councillor, C. Nixon provided an overview of the Affordability Committee meeting held on April 5, 2023.

23-G-083 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 29, 2023

That the Report of the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee dated March 29, 2023, be received. (File: C05)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 2023-05-03.

23-G-084 REPORT OF THE AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE DATED APRIL 5, 2023

That the Report of the Affordability Committee dated April 5, 2023, be received. (File: C05)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 2023-05-03.

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

SECTION "B"

23-G-085 2022 YEAR TO DATE INTERNAL AUDIT STATUS REPORT, 2022 FRAUD AND WRONGDOING PROGRAM ACTIVITY, 2022 SUMMARY OF INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIVITY AND 2023 INTERNAL AUDIT WORK PLAN

1. That the 2022 Year To Date Internal Audit Status Report be received as information.

- 2. That the 2022 Fraud and Wrongdoing Program Activity be received as information.
- That the 2022 Summary of Internal Audit Activity attached as Appendix "C" to the Report of Finance and Responsible Governance Committee dated March 29, 2023, be received as information.
- 4. That the 2023 Internal Audit Work Plan attached as Appendix "D" to the Report of the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee dated March 29, 2023, be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2023-05-03.

23-G-086 2022 INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT

That the Report to the Investment Board dated February 27, 2023, concerning the 2022 Investment Management Annual Report, and approved by the Investment Board on February 27, 2023, be received for information.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2023-05-03.

23-G-087 REFERRED BY MOTION 23-G-006 - CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE CIRCULATION LIST DATED JANUARY 11, 2023 REGARDING THE BARRIE FARMER'S MARKET

That further to the correspondence from J. Grant, Marketing and Operations Manager on behalf of the Barrie Farmer's Market dated January 3, 2023 concerning winter operations and summer mobility, City staff be directed to meet with the Barrie Farmers' Market staff regarding its summer mobility activities and funding requirements and report back by the end of April 2023. (C3 Circulation List dated January 11, 2023)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2023-05-03.

23-G-088 REFERRED BY MOTION 23-G-016 - MEMORANDUM FROM CIRCULATION LIST DATED JANUARY 25, 2023 CONCERNING AN UPDATE ON THE PERMANENT MARKET

That the Memorandum from S. Schlichter, Director of Economic and Creative Development dated January 25, 2023, concerning an update on the Permanent Market action and response to the request for proposals be deferred to the next Finance and Responsible Governance Committee meeting. (A3, Circulation List dated January 25, 2023)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2023-05-03.

23-G-089 REFERRED BY MOTION 23-G-047 - CORRESPONDENCE FROM CIRCULATION LIST DATED FEBRUARY 15, 2023 CONCERNING THE FRESHWATER ACTION PLAN FUND

- 1. That The Corporation of the City of Barrie supports federal funding for Lake Simcoe which represents a significant percentage of the overall Freshwater Action Plan Fund, with funding and details beginning in 2023.
- 2. That the City of Barrie requests that such federal funding be used to undertake the following:
 - restoration, a) Shoreline mitigation, stormwater stream and quality management, including in the tributaries Sophia Kidd's Creek, **Bunkers** Creek, **Dyments** Creek, Hotchkiss Creek, Whiskey Creek, Lovers Creek, and Hewitts Creek; and;
 - b) 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
 - d) 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 Deputy Prime Minster/Minister of Finance, the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, the President of the Treasury Board, the MP's for Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte, Barrie-Innisfil, Simcoe-North, York-Simcoe, Newmarket-Aurora, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock and Durham, and the LSRCA (C2, Circulation List dated February 15, 2023)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2023-05-03.

23-G-090 FREE TRANSIT FOR SENIORS

- 1. That staff in the Transit and Parking Strategy Department implement a second day per week of free transit for seniors.
- That the Director of Transit and Parking Strategy or designate have delegated authority to determine the day of the week following consultation with the Senior and Accessibility Advisory Committee, with the goal to launch by June 1, 2023, in recognition of Seniors Month.
- 3. That the reduction in revenue of up to \$30,000 be funded from the Ontario Gas Tax Reserve for 2023.
- 4. That staff in the Transit and Parking Strategy Department include an annualized financial impact, estimated at \$50,000, in their base budget as part of the 2024 Operating Budget (Item for Discussion 8.1, March 29, 2023) (Sponsor: Councillor, G. Harvey)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2023-05-03.

23-G-091 2022 BUDGET AND BUSINESS PLAN YEAR-END REPORT

1. That Staff Report EMT002-23 concerning the 2022 Budget and Business Plan Year-End Report be received.

Safe Restart

2. That \$1,199,442 of Safe Restart Funding (Transit) be used in 2022 to offset COVID-19 pressures related to expenses and lost revenues associated with Transit services, and that the equivalent draw from the Provincial Gas Tax Reserve be eliminated in 2022 in order to support the reserve balance for ongoing Transit pressures into and beyond 2023.

Reserve Transfers

- 3. That after the following list of adjustments, the remaining Tax Rate surplus of \$2,076,650 be allocated 70% to the Tax Capital Reserve and 30% to the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve in accordance with the City's Financial Policies:
 - a) \$718,502 be transferred to the County of Simcoe Capital Reserve to support future capital requirements;
 - b) \$1,800,000 be transferred to the WSIB Reserve to fund the existing reserve deficit at the end of 2022 as well as anticipated 2023 WSIB expenses;

- c) \$101,015 be transferred to the Fleet Management Reserve related to capital gains on sale of fleet vehicles; and
- d) \$200,000 be transferred from the DC Discounts Reserve to offset the impact of DC Discounts in 2022.
- 4. That the Water Rate surplus of \$171,306 be allocated 70% to the Water Capital Reserve and 30% to the Water Rate Stabilization Reserve in accordance with the City's Financial Policies.
- 5. That the Wastewater Rate surplus of \$324,202 be allocated 70% to the Wastewater Capital Reserve and 30% to the Wastewater Rate Stabilization Reserve in accordance with the City's Financial Policies.
- 6. That the Parking Rate surplus of \$826,487 be allocated to the Parking Capital Reserve.

Discretional Development Charge Discounts Funded by Tax Payers

- 7. That \$2,690,958 in discretional Development Charge discounts and exemptions granted during the year be recovered from the related rates as follows:
 - a) \$1,872,874 from the 2022 year-end Tax supported operating results;
 - b) \$277,696 from the 2022 year-end Water Rate operating results; and
 - c) \$540,387 from the 2022 year-end Wastewater Rate operating results.

Financing Lease Disclosure

8. That pursuant to Ontario Reg. 653/05 and the City's Capital Financing and Debt Management Policy, Staff Report EMT002-23 serve as the method for disclosing outstanding financing leases.

2023 Capital Budget Changes

- 9. That 2023 capital project budgets be amended as follows:
 - a) That EN1278 Bryne Drive (North) New Road Construction be reduced by \$2,100,000 and EN1277 Bryne Drive (South) New Road Construction be increased by \$2,100,000; and
 - b) That ES1055 Automatic Transfer Switch be reduced by \$400,000 and EN1294 - Watermain Renewal Program be increased by \$400,000.

2023 User Fee By-law Update

10. That the 2023 user fee changes in Appendix "E" attached to Staff Report EMT002-23 be approved and that the 2023 User Fee By-law 2023-023 be updated to reflect the changes. (EMT002-23) (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2023-05-03.

23-G-092 2023 TAX RATES

- 1. That the tax rates for the 2023 taxation year be established as identified in Appendix "A" to Staff Report FIN003-23.
- 2. That the City Clerk be authorized to prepare all necessary by-laws to establish the 2023 tax rates as described within Staff Report FIN003-23. (FIN003-23) (File: F22)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2023-05-03.

23-G-093 INVITATION TO PRESENT TO COUNCIL - SIMCOE COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT (SMDHU)

That the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) be invited to provide a presentation to City Council concerning an update on the SMDHU activities. (Item for Discussion 8.1, April 26, 2023) (Sponsor: Councillor, A.M. Kungl)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2023-05-03.

23-G-094 INVITATION TO PRESENT TO COUNCIL - BARRIE SPORTS HALL OF FAME

That the Barrie Sports Hall of Fame be invited to provide a presentation to City Council concerning the Barrie Sports Hall of Fame mandate and activities. (Item for Discussion 8.2, April 26, 2023) (Sponsor: Councillor, N. Nigussie)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2023-05-03.

SECTION "C"

23-G-095 CONFIDENTIAL PERSONAL INFORMATION MATTER - APPOINTMENTS TO THE INVESTMENT BOARD

That the four citizen representatives as identified in Appendix "A" to Confidential Staff Report FIN012-23 be reappointed to the Investment Board of the City of Barrie, for a term to expire on November 14, 2026, or until a successor(s) is appointed unless otherwise noted. (FIN012-23) (File: C06)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2023-05-03.

SECTION "D"

23-G-096 MOTION 23-G-066 REFERRED BY CITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 29, 2023 - REQUEST FOR CIVIC ADDRESS CHANGE: 67 OWEN STREET (WARD 2)

- 1. That a single street address be assigned to the Traditions Seniors Housing Limited development at 67 Owen Street unless the following condition is met:
 - a) The entire structure shall meet all requirements established in the Ontario Building Code.
- 2. That upon the condition in paragraph 1 being met, Traditions Seniors Housing Limited shall be permitted to be assigned two street addresses to the single building being developed at 67 Owen Street, notwithstanding the Council approved Street Addressing Policy and Private Street Naming Policy." (DEV015-23) (File: D11-016-2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2023-05-03.

SECTION "E"

23-G-097 CYCLING LANE IMPLEMENTATION - GROVE STREET AND DUNLOP STREET/BLAKE STREET (WARD 1 AND 2)

Grove Street East - Bayfield Street to Johnson Street

- That cycling lanes be implemented on Grove Street from Bayfield Street to St. Vincent Street via road right-sizing.
- 2. That Traffic By-law 2020-107 Schedule "1" "No Parking Anytime" be amended by deleting the following:

3. That Traffic By-law 2020-107 Schedule "2" "No Parking in Specified Places Where Sign on Display at Stated Times" be amended by deleting the following:

"Grove Street East Both Sides 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except Saturdays Sundays District North and Statutory Holidays" Collegiate grounds

Grove Street East
from Nelson StreetBoth sides8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.except Saturdays Sundays
to Fletcher Driveexcept Saturdays Holidays

4. That Traffic By-law 2020-107 Schedule "3" "Restricted Parking Between the Hours as Specified Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays for a Limited Time During Stated Hours Except on Statutory Holidays" be amended by deleting the following:

Blue Mound

Except on Statutory Holidays" be amended by deleting the following:

"Grove Street North side from Blue Two (2) hours from Mound Drive to a point 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 90 metres west of Monday to Friday

excluding Saturdays, Sunday and Statutory Holidays from September to June

Grove Street North side 162 metres

west of Blue Mound
Drive to a point 50
metres west thereof

Two (2) hours from. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday excluding Saturdays, and Sunday Statutory Holidays from September to June"

5. That Traffic By-law 2020-107 Schedule "1" "No Parking Anytime" be amended by adding the following:

"Grove Street East Both sides from Bayfield Street to Johnson Street"

Dunlop Street / Blake Street - Berczy Street to Steel Street

- 6. That bicycle lanes be implemented on Dunlop Street from Berczy Street to Collier Street and Blake Street from Collier Street to Steel Street via road right-sizing.
- 7. That Traffic By-law 2020-107 Schedule "1" "No Parking Anytime" be amended by deleting the following:

<u>"Blake Street</u> Both sides from Steel Street to Johnson Street

Blake Street from 35 metres west

of the entrance to 291 Blake Street easterly to

the Simcoe Plaza"

8. That Traffic By-law 2020-107 Schedule "2" "No Parking in Specified Places Where Sign on Display at Stated Times" be amended by deleting the following:

"Blake Street in front of Parkview

Centre

Both Sides

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. except Saturdays

Sundays and Statutory

Holidays"

9. That Traffic By-law 2020-107 Schedule "1" "No Parking Anytime" be amended by adding the following:

"Blake Street" Both sides from Dunlop Street to Steel Street"

- 10. That staff in the Development Services Department report back to General Committee concerning the feasibility to accelerate the implementation of separated cycling facilities, including separated cycling facilities on Grove Street from Johnson Street to Bayfield Street and on Duckworth Street from Grove to St. Vincent Street.
 - a) That if the report finds there is no additional cost to implement separated bike lanes, separated bike lanes be implemented as part of Grove Street and Duckworth Street.

- b) That if the cost to provide separated bike lanes comes at an additional cost, that staff propose to General Committee costed safety measures to provide additional protection to painted bike lanes on Duckworth Street and Grove Street.
- 11. That staff in the Development Services Department report back to General Committee with a costing analysis of separated bike lanes on existing collector, arterial, and higher-order roads. (DEV019-23)

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2023-05-03.

SECTION "F"

23-G-098 CONFIDENTIAL LITIGATION MATTER - ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL APPEAL - ESSA ROAD

That Staff Report DEV021-23 concerning a confidential litigation matter regarding an Ontario Land Tribunal matter - Essa Road, be deferred to a General Committee meeting to be scheduled for May 3, 2023, to allow for further discussions with the proponents on this matter. (DEV021-23) (File: D30-011-2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2023-05-03.

SECTION "G"

23-G-099 2023 DOWNTOWN BARRIE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION LEVY

- 1. That the City of Barrie (City) establish a special charge of 0.391222% for 2023 to levy an amount of \$684,387 upon commercial and industrial properties in the Downtown Improvement Area.
- That the Downtown Barrie Business Improvement Area (BIA) 2023
 Operating and Capital budgets be approved, as presented in Staff Report FIN004-23.
- That for the 2024 budget and beyond, the BIA provide a full budget to the City that includes all expected revenues and expenses for the year.
- 4. That the City Clerk be authorized to prepare the appropriate by-law authorizing this 2023 special charge rate and levy requirement. (FIN004-23)

This matter was recommended (Section "G") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2023-05-03.

SECTION "H"

23-G-100 CAPITAL PLAN FORECAST ADJUSTMENTS

That the approved forecast of the 2023 Capital Plan be adjusted to reflect the deferral of projects highlighted in Appendix "A" to Staff Report FIN005-23. (FIN005-23) (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "H") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2023-05-03.

SECTION "I"

23-G-101 ESTABLISHING A LOBBYIST REGISTRY AND APPOINTMENT OF A LOBBYIST REGISTRAR

- 1. That the By-law attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report LCS007-23 concerning the establishment of a Lobbyist Register be adopted to take effect January 1, 2024, including the following amendment to Appendix "A", paragraph 6.1:
 - a) That the time identified in paragraph 6.1 for a former public office holder to be able to lobby the City be amended from one year to six months.
- 2. That Procedural By-law 2019-100 as amended be further amended to provide for the reporting of Lobbyist Registrar to City Council in a similar manner to that of the Integrity Commissioner.
- 3. That Suzanne Craig, City of Barrie Integrity Commissioner be appointed as the interim Lobbyist Registrar for the City of Barrie and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement for provision of this service.
- 4. That the City Clerk undertake a procurement process to retain a permanent Lobbyist Registrar and appoint the Lobbyist Registrar, with the selection process being undertaken by the Chief Administrative Officer, the General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, and City Clerk.
- 5. That the retainer for the Lobbyist Registrar be added as a line item to the Council budget administered through the Legislative and Court Services Department for 2024 and beyond.
- 6. That the City Clerk investigate the feasibility of adding special interest groups to those groups required to register as a lobbyist and their lobbying activities and report back to General Committee before November 2023. (LCS007-23) (File C00)

This matter was recommended (Section "I") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2023-05-03.

The General Committee reports that upon adoption of the required procedural motion it met in a closed session in the Sir Robert Barrie Room at 10:36 p.m. to receive and discuss one staff report concerning a confidential personal information matter - Appointments to International Relations Committee.

Members of General Committee, the Chief Administrative Officer, City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, Deputy City Clerk, and the General Manager of Community and Corporate Services were in attendance for the portion of the meeting closed to the public. Members of the media and public were not present for this portion of the meeting.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "J"

23-G-102 CONFIDENTIAL PERSONAL INFORMATION MATTER - APPOINTMENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

That motion 23-G-102 contained within the confidential notes to the General Committee Report dated April 26, 2023, concerning the discussion of Staff Report LCS009-23, confidential personal information matter - Appointments to International Relations Committee, be received. (LCS009-23) (File: C06)

This matter was recommended (Section "J") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 2023-05-03.

The General Committee reports upon adoption of a procedural motion, it met in public/open session at 10:54 p.m.

Mayor Nuttall provided a brief overview on the nature of the in-camera/closed portion of the meeting. He advised that the Committee discussed a staff report concerning a confidential personal information matter - Appointments to International Relations Committee. Mayor Nuttall stated that votes were not taken during the portion of the meeting closed to the public, except for the procedural matter to move into open session.

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

SECTION "K"

23-G-103 APPOINTMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

1. That a representative of the Global Perspective Program be added to the composition of the International Relations Committee.

- 2. That the following representatives identified in Appendix "A" to Staff Report LCS009-23, be appointed to the International Relations Committee for a term of office to expire on November 14, 2026, unless otherwise noted:
 - Partnership Representatives:
 - Tina Gardner, Murayama
 - Jean-Maurice Pigeon, Zweibrucken
 - Mark Sachkiw, Arras
 - Bill Sergeant, Harrogate
 - · Business Representatives:
 - Colin Hassey
 - Wayne Hay
 - Alvin (Al) Jones
 - James Massie
 - Jamie Babcock, Global Perspective Program Representative; and
 - Shannon Scully-Pratt, Youth Ambassadors Representative. (LCS009-23) (File: C06)

This matter was recommended (Section "H") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2023-05-03.

ENQUIRIES

Members of General Committee did not address any enquires to City staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

CHAIRMAN