

**Minutes - Final
General Committee**

Monday, April 23, 2012

5:00 PM

Council Chamber

**GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by the Council
of the City of Barrie on April 30 , 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lehman at 5:01 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

- Present:** 10 - Mayor J. Lehman; Councillor B. Ainsworth; Councillor L. Strachan; Councillor D. Shipley; Councillor B. Ward; Councillor P. Silveira; Councillor M. Prowse; Councillor J. Brassard; Councillor B. Jackson; and Councillor A. Nuttall
- Absent:** 1 - Councillor J. Robinson

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, C. Ladd

City Clerk, D. McAlpine

Deputy City Clerk, C. deGorter

Director of Corporate Asset Management, B. Parkin

Director of Engineering, W. McArthur

Director of Environmental Services, J. Thompson

Director of Finance (Acting), C. Millar

Director of Leisure, Transit and Facilities, B. Roth

Director of Roads, Parks and Fleet, D. Friary

General Manager of Community Operations, J. Sales

General Manager of Corporate Services, E. Archer

General Manager of Infrastructure, Development and Culture, R. Forward

Manager of Policy and Planning (LTF), R. Watson.

Upon a vote of General Committee, the order of business for the meeting was altered to permit the Information Item to proceed as the first item of business.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

12-G-092 Carla Ladd, Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Barrie introduced the Information Item concerning non-tax revenue explaining the strategic session will provide the opportunity for members of Council to offer feedback regarding non-tax revenues. She noted that she felt the presentation is timely as a number of significant decisions are forthcoming. Ms. Ladd indicated that the presentation would review past policy decisions and provide the context for discussions.

Ed Archer, General Manager of Corporate Services outlined the presentation objectives and provided a summary of the policy decisions that Council has made to date regarding non-tax revenues. He reviewed the policy direction that has been provided by Council related to non-tax revenues and reviewed the financial policies framework. Mr. Archer discussed in detail the purpose of non-tax revenues and explained the differences between different service types and different approaches to fees. He examined the various types of factors that influence decisions concerning fees including substitutes, market competitiveness, participation rates and affordability. He commented that he believes the challenge is to find a balance with the public in mind. In conclusion, Mr. Archer explained that in order to achieve the expected results, Council needs to be able to say yes to several questions concerning social behaviours.

Members of General Committee asked a number of questions concerning the information provided and received responses from City staff.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 30/04/2012.

Councillor, J. Brassard joined the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

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

SECTION "B"

12-G-093 2011 BUSINESS PLAN - YEAR END REPORT

1. That the 2011 year end tax rate supported deficit of \$320,996 be funded by the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve (13-04-0461).
2. That 2011 carry forward purchase orders or contract commitments with a total value of \$96,539 that remained incomplete or undelivered at December 31, 2011 be funded by the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve (13-04-0461).
3. That the 2011 wastewater rate surplus of \$4,595,287 be distributed as follows:
 - a) \$636,820 carried forward to 2012 to fund items that were committed in 2011 by purchase order or contract but remained incomplete or undelivered at December 31, 2011;
 - b) \$2,770,927 to the Wastewater Rate Capital Reserve 12-05-0575; and
 - c) \$1,187,540 to the Wastewater Rate Stabilization Reserve.
4. That the 2011 water rate surplus of \$6,179,186 be distributed as follows:
 - a) \$106,979 carried forward to 2012 to fund items that were committed in 2011 by purchase order or contract but remained incomplete or undelivered at December 31, 2011;
 - b) \$4,250,545 to the Water Rate Reserve 12-05-0580; and
 - c) \$1,821,662 to the Water Rate Stabilization Reserve.

5. That the transfer of the net assets and operations of the Allandale Community Development Corporation (ACDC) as at December 31, 2011 to the City of Barrie be approved and that:
 - a) The Director of Legal Services or delegate be authorized to execute any documents necessary to effect the transfer of real property to the City of Barrie in the Ontario Land Registry System; and
 - b) The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign all other documents required for the transfer of net assets and operations. (FIN001-12) (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 30/04/2012.

12-G-094 WATER AND WASTEWATER FINANCIAL PLAN UPDATE

1. That Staff Report FIN005-12, "Water and Wastewater Financial Plan Update" be received for information.
2. That staff include the proceeds of the 2011 water and wastewater surplus to potentially reduce previously planned rate increases as part of the new 10 year affordable rate strategy. (FIN005-12) (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 30/04/2012.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

CHAIRMAN