

Staff Memorandum



To: Mayor A. Nuttall and Members of Council

Subject and Ward(s): 2024 Cash in Lieu of Parkland Report (All Wards)

Date: May 28, 2025

Department Head Approval: C. Smith, Interim Director of Finance

Executive Management Approval: J. Schmidt, General Manager of Community and Corporate Services

CAO Approval: M. Prowse, Chief Administrative Officer

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide the annual statement of the cash in lieu of parkland reserve and all related activity for the year ending December 31, 2024, as required by the *Planning Act*.

Section 7 of Ontario Regulation 509/20: Community Benefits Charges and Parkland prescribes the requirements for annual reporting of cash in lieu of parkland. In this regard, the following information shall be provided to the public each year in respect of the preceding year:

- a) Statements of the opening and closing balances of the special account and of the transactions relating to the account.
- b) Statements identifying:
 - (i) Land and machinery acquired during the year with funds from the special account;
 - (ii) Buildings erected, improved or repaired during the year with funds from the special account;
 - (iii) Details of the amounts spent; and
 - (iv) For each asset mentioned in subparagraphs (i) and (ii), the manner in which any capital cost not funded from the special account was or will be funded.
- c) The amount of money borrowed from the special account and the purpose for which it was borrowed.

- d) The amount of interest accrued on any money borrowed from the special account.

Analysis

Under Section 42 of the *Planning Act*, a municipality may require, as a condition of development, that land be conveyed to the municipality for park or other public recreational purposes. Alternatively, the council may require a payment in lieu, to the value of the land otherwise required to be conveyed. Those funds must be held in a special account (reserve fund), allocated interest, and spent only for the acquisition of land to be used for park or other public recreational purposes including the erection, improvement or repair of buildings and the acquisition of machinery.

The City of Barrie has been collecting cash in lieu of parkland funds for many years and has been maintaining two dedicated reserve funds, one for residential contributions and one for non-residential contributions, to record and track the use of those funds. For reporting purposes, the two reserve funds are being combined into one account.

The following reports, attached in the appendices of this memorandum, describe the 2024 activity related to the receipt and use of cash in lieu of parkland collected under the *Planning Act*:

- a) Cash in Lieu of Parkland Reserve Fund Statement (Appendix “A”).
- b) Cash in Lieu of Parkland Reserve Fund Project Activity (Appendix “B”).

In some instances, the project costs reported for the current year may not be fully funded or appear to be over funded. This is a result of the cumulative nature of the project extending over multiple years, and the timing of funding sources received or approved. Overall, the total cumulative costs of the project will be matched by the appropriate offsetting revenue source.

In November and December of 2018, the City entered into Master Parkland Agreements with landowner groups in the Salem and Hewitt’s Secondary Plan Areas, in which the City and the Owners agreed to fix the total Parkland Obligations including the size and configuration of lands to be conveyed to the City as well as the cash in lieu of Parkland for the land conveyance shortfalls.

In conformance with the *Planning Act*, this report will be made available to the public on the City’s website and will be provided to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing upon request.

Appendix:

Appendix A – Cash in Lieu of Parkland Reserve Fund Statement

Appendix B – Cash in Lieu of Parkland Reserve Fund Project Activity

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Not applicable

APPENDIX "A"

**CITY OF BARRIE
CASH IN LIEU OF PARKLAND RESERVE FUND STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	Total (\$)
Balance as at January 1, 2024	24,506,414
Add:	
Cash in Lieu Collected during 2024	815,657
Interest Earned	1,326,909
Subtotal	26,648,980
Less:	
Net Funds Returned (Expended) on Projects:	865,399
Balance as of December 31, 2024	25,783,582

APPENDIX "B"

CITY OF BARRIE CASH IN LIEU OF PARKLAND PROJECT ACTIVITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Capital Fund Transactions	Gross Capital Cost	Cash in Lieu of Parkland Reserve Fund Draw	Other Reserve/Reserve Fund Draws	Grants, Subsidies Other Contributions
Annual Playground Revitalization Program	\$ 27,975	\$ (16,515)	\$ (3,472)	-
Heritage Trail Sign Expansion	\$ 517	\$ (258)	\$ (259)	-
Tennis Court Rehabilitation Program	\$ 57,370	\$ (3,251)	\$ (5,831)	\$ (48,288)
Painswick Park Rehabilitation	\$ 577,277	\$ 3,024	\$ (50,907)	-
N Shore Tr Water Access Pts	\$ 29,340	\$ (29,340)	\$ -	-
Summit Pines Subdivision New Park Develo	-	\$ 3,164	\$ (331,524)	-
Park Land Needs Assessment	\$ 166	\$ (166)	\$ -	-
Ferndale, Eastview and St. Vincent Park	-	-	\$ -	-
Annual Playground Program (Active)	\$ 165,254	\$ (165,254)	\$ -	-
Waterfront Park Furnishings Prg (A)	\$ 24,840	\$ (24,840)	\$ -	-
Play Court Constr and Rehab Prg (A)	\$ 886,687	\$ (88,669)	\$ (798,018)	-
Waterfront Artificial Sports Field	\$ 12,165	\$ (6,083)	\$ (6,083)	-
Hewitt's Comm Ctre New Build Development	\$ 190,450	\$ (13,094)	\$ (177,356)	-
ARC Design Substances Survey Abatement	-	\$ (3,639)	\$ -	-
Peggy Hill Team Community Centre Parking	\$ 9,548	\$ (9,548)	\$ -	-
Parks Public Washrooms Rehabilitation	-	\$ (18,528)	\$ -	-
Peggy Hill Community Centre Roof Replace	\$ 63,450	\$ (72,612)	\$ 9,161	-
Allandale Recreation Centre Large Pool	\$ 3,453	\$ (113,670)	\$ (26,926)	-
Allandale Recreation Centre Sidewalk Pav	\$ 66,471	\$ (39,039)	\$ (27,433)	-
East Bayfield Community Centre Air Coole	\$ 7,017	\$ (5,811)	\$ (1,206)	-
East Bayfield Community Centre Flat Roof	\$ 75,505	\$ (72,047)	\$ (3,458)	-
Painswick Library Parking Lot and Landsc	\$ 23,416	\$ (23,416)	\$ -	-
Dorian Parker Exterior Washroom	\$ (8,550)	\$ (3,491)	\$ -	-
Parks Public Washroom Rehabilitation (A)	\$ 85,791	\$ (85,791)	\$ -	-
Stanley Stwtr Pond Footbridge Rehab	\$ 12,965	\$ (12,965)	\$ -	-
Waterfront Park Furnishings Program	\$ 29,540	\$ (29,540)	\$ -	-
Resurfacing	\$ 34,022	\$ (34,022)	\$ -	\$ -
Total	2,374,669	(865,399)	(1,423,312)	(48,288)