



City of Barrie

70 Collier Street
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Meeting Agenda General Committee

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

7:00 PM

Council Chamber/Virtual Meeting

Notice

This meeting will be held ELECTRONICALLY and IN-PERSON in accordance with Section 238 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**

2. **PUBLIC MEETING(S)**

Nil.

3. **PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF/OFFICERS/AGENTS OF THE CORPORATION**

Nil.

4. **DEFERRED BUSINESS**

REF 4.1

**MOTION 23-G-194 REFERRED BY CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2023
- EXTENSION TO TEMPORARY USE BY-LAW TO PERMIT AGRICULTURE
USE - 15 HARVIE ROAD (BARRIE-BRYNE DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED)
(WARD 7)**

1. That the application submitted by SmartCentres REIT on behalf of Barrie-Bryne Developments Inc. to extend a Temporary Use By-law to permit agriculture activity for lands legally described as Part Lots 5, 6, 7, Plan 67 and Part Lot 7, Concession 12, Innisfil, now in the City of Barrie, designated as Parts 1 to 8, Plan 51R34356, save and except Part 1, Plan 51R32351, known municipally as 15 Harvie Road, be approved for a period of 3 years from the date of passage of the implementing Temporary Use By-law as illustrated in Appendix "A" Draft Zoning By-law attached to Staff Report DEV042-23.
2. That the temporary use be subject to the following special provisions:
 - a) Agricultural activities are limited to field crops in an open field;
 - b) A 30 metre naturalized buffer must be provided around Lover's Creek and Whiskey Creek;
 - c) Access to the site for farming purposes is restricted to the entrance at Harvie Road;

- d) Best management practices must be applied respecting the use of fertilizer and pesticides; and
 - e) Activities related to the Bryne Drive South Extension will take precedent over the permission for agriculture use on that portion of the lands identified for the construction of the roadway.
3. That pursuant to Section 34 (17) of the *Planning Act*, no further public notification is required prior to the passing of the by-law. (DEV042-23) (File: D30-026-2023)

Attachments: [DEV042-230913](#)

5. REPORTS OF REFERENCE, ADVISORY OR SPECIAL COMMITTEES

AF 231115 REPORT OF THE AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE DATED NOVEMBER 15, 2023

Attachments: [Affordability Committee Report 231115](#)

Recommendation(s):

AF 1 REFERRED BY MOTION 23-G-257 - SUBMISSION FROM INNOVATIVE PLANNING SOLUTIONS ON BEHALF OF GREENWORLD CONSTRUCTION INC. - REPORT AND MASTER PLAN IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING ACCELERATOR ORDER - 175 AND 199 ESSA ROAD AND 50 WOOD STREET

Whereas the properties at 175 and 199 Essa Road and 50 Wood Street are in close proximity to Highway 400 making it a prime location for high-density residential development.

Whereas the Simcoe District School Board and Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board have collectively requested approximately 4.8 ha (12 acres) of developable lands for future school development and the developer has identified 2.4 ha (6 acres) in their CHIA submission.

Therefore, be it resolved that:

1. That staff in Development Services initiate a Community Infrastructure Housing Accelerator (CIHA) application in accordance with the process outlined in the staff memo dated August 16, 2023, to facilitate the approval for construction of 4054 residential units, school block(s), park(s) and the curling club for the property located at 175 and 199 Essa Road and 50 Wood Street, and report back to Council in February 2024.
2. That if neither of the school boards do not exercise the option to construct a school in this development that the land be conveyed at no cost to the city for the purposes of a park.

Attachments: [Greenworld - CIHA Submission IPS 231031](#)
[ADDITIONS - Correspondence Barrie Curling Cl 175 & 199 Essa Rd 50 Wood St](#)
[ADDITIONS - Correspondence SCDSB 175 & 199 Essa Rd 50 Wood St](#)
[ADDITIONS - Correspondence SMDSCB 175 & 199 Essa Rd 50 Wood St](#)
[ADDITIONS - Correspondence Cathy Colebatch 175 199 Essa Rd 50 Wood St](#)

FRG 231122 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE DATED NOVEMBER 22, 2023

Attachments: [Finance and Responsible Governance Committee Report 231122](#)

Recommendation(s):

FRG 1 REFERRED BY MOTION 23-G-256 AT GENERAL COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023 - CIRCULATION MEMORANDUM CONCERNING THIS WEEK IN BARRIE/LEGISLATIVE ADS IN BARRIE TODAY

That the following be deferred to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee meeting in February 2024:

“Memorandum from C. Harris, Associate Director of Communications and Customer Service, dated October 25, 2023, concerning This Week in Barrie/Legislative Ads in Barrie Today. (A1, Circulation List dated October 25, 2023) (23-G-256)”

Attachments: [Memo - This Week in Barrie-Legislative Ads in Barrie Today](#)

FRG 2 REFERRED BY MOTION 23-G-269 AT GENERAL COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 15, 2023 - INVESTIGATION - DESIGN AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE MAIN PARKING LOT IN PAINSWICK PARK

That the following be deferred to a future Finance and Responsible Governance Committee meeting:

“That staff in the Development Services Department be directed to investigate the feasibility of designing and reconstructing the main parking lot in Painswick Park to a fully accessible asphalt parking lot and that the project be considered in the ten-year capital budget for completion in 2024 subject to available funding. (23-G-269)”

FRG 3 2024 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET - CITY OPERATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT FUNDING

Operating Budget Approvals

1. That the 2024 tax-supported base operating budget for City operations and the Infrastructure Investment Fund, with gross expenditures of \$325.5 million and a net property tax levy requirement of \$191.9 million, be approved with the following amendments to reflect changes since the 2024 Business Plan's publication on November 15, 2023:

- a) That the temporary position of Project Coordinator (CCI) be extended to the end of 2024 with a budget of \$94,828, to be recovered from capital project IT1016 (CMMS Improvement Project - Cityworks), as described in the intake form in Appendix "F" of Report to Finance and Responsible Government Committee dated November 22, 2023;
 - b) That the temporary position of Project Coordinator (CCI) be extended to the end of 2024 with a budget of \$94,828, to be recovered from capital project IT1016 (CMMS Improvement Project - Cityworks), as described in the intake form in Appendix "F" of Report to Finance and Responsible Government Committee dated November 22, 2023;
 - c) That budget reductions totaling \$154,000 for the CAO and Mayor's Division, as outlined in Appendix "E" of Report to Finance and Responsible Governance Committee dated November 22, 2023, be included in the 2024 budget, with an equivalent decrease in the 2024 Tax Levy;
 - d) That budget reductions totaling \$407,742 for the Access Barrie Division, as outlined in Appendix "E" (with the exception of \$44,000 for reducing This Week In Barrie re: Barrie Advance no printed paper) of Report to Finance and Responsible Governance Committee dated November 22, 2023, be included in the 2024 budget, with an equivalent decrease in the 2024 Tax Levy;
 - e) That budget reductions totaling \$430,331 for the Infrastructure and Growth Management Division, as outlined in Appendix "E" of Report to Finance and Responsible Governance Committee dated November 22, 2023 be included in the 2024 budget, with an equivalent decrease in the 2024 Tax Levy;
 - f) That budget reductions totaling \$2,348,040 for the Community and Corporate Services Division, as outlined in Appendix "E" of Report to Finance and Responsible Governance Committee dated November 22, 2023 be included in the 2024 budget, with an equivalent decrease in the 2024 Tax Levy;
 - g) That the Chief Financial Officer be allowed to adjust the budget reductions in Appendix "E" of Report to Finance and Responsible Governance Committee dated November 22, 2023 as necessary to achieve a 0% tax rate increase on City Operations, excluding the Infrastructure Investment Funding and Service Partners; and
 - h) That New Investment and Service Recommendation Form 2864 - Carbon Management Software be deferred to 2024, resulting in a reduction to the net tax levy of \$20,000.
2. That \$150,000 be transferred from the Municipal Accommodation Tax Reserve to the Tax Capital Reserve for the 2023 and 2024 budget years.

City Operations and Infrastructure Investment Funding

3. That the 2024 budget request for City Operations, with a net tax supported municipal funding requirement of \$191.9 million (for the average assessed residential property this represents a 1.06% tax rate increase for City operations and a 2% increase associated with Infrastructure Investment Funding), be approved.
4. That the New Investment and Service Recommendations as outlined on page 20 of the 2024 Business Plan with a net cost of \$1.6 million (operating) and \$228 thousand (capital) and a net property tax levy requirement of \$925 thousand with additional funding of \$237 thousand from the water rate, \$28 thousand from the wastewater rate, \$460 thousand from capital projects, offset by \$21 thousand going towards reserves, be approved.
5. That the Water base Operating Budget, with gross expenditures of \$34.0 million and revenues of \$34.0 million, and the proposed 2024 Water Rates as outlined in Schedule "N" of the "Proposed Fee Changes" section of the 2024 Business Plan be approved.
6. That the Wastewater base Operating Budget, with gross expenditures of \$43.6 million and revenues of \$43.6 million, and the proposed 2024 Wastewater Rates as outlined in Schedule "N" of the "Proposed Fee Changes" section of the 2024 Business Plan be approved.
7. That the Parking Operations base budget, with gross expenditures of \$2.4 million and gross revenues of \$2.4 million, and the proposed 2024 Parking Rates as outlined in Schedule "O" of the "Proposed Fee Changes" section of the 2024 Business Plan be approved.
8. That pursuant to Ontario Regulation 284/09, Staff Report EMT005-23 serve as the method for communicating the exclusion of the following estimated expenses from the 2024 Business Plan:
 - a) Amortization expense - \$ 65.5 million;
 - b) Post-employment benefit expenses - \$ 1.8 million; and
 - c) Solid waste landfill closure and post-closure expenses - \$ 200 thousand.

Capital Budget Approvals

9. That, consistent with the Capital Project Control Policy, the 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028 Capital Budget relating to new capital spending requests of \$41.0 million, \$78.3 million, \$71.2 million, \$37.4 million, and \$24.9 million respectively be approved with the following amendments to reflect changes since the 2024 Business Plan's publication on November 15, 2023, and the 2024-2028 Capital Budget items not requiring spending approval, be received as forecast information:

- a) That the approved funding for IT1056 - Fleet Management System be increased by \$115,000, to be funded from the Fleet Management Reserve;
 - b) That the approved funding for EN1346 - Brownfield Redevelopment Readiness (Contaminated Lands Management Framework), be increased by \$130,000 to be funded from the Canada Community Building Reserve (formerly Federal Gas Tax);
 - c) That the budget of project EN1097 - Mapleview Drive East Improvements, be reduced by \$120,000 funded from Development Charge Reserves (\$96,061.18), Wastewater Capital Reserve (\$14,226.90), Tax Capital Reserve (\$5,859.45), Local Improvements Revenue (\$3,799.34) and Water Capital Reserve (\$53.12), and the budget of project EN1467 - Lovers Creek Mapleview LSRCA Compensation be increased by \$120,000 funded from Development Charge Reserves (\$54,000) and Tax Capital Reserve (\$66,000); and
 - d) That a new capital project called "Waterfront 1000 Tree Planting Program" be added to the 2024 Capital Plan with a budget request of \$50,000 for 2024 and forecasts of \$50,000 per year for the next 9 years to be funded from the Ecological Offsetting Reserve.
10. That any Industrial Development Charge Discounts in 2024 be funded by any year-end surplus, with any remaining balance funded from the appropriate capital reserve.

By-law updates and forecasts received for information

11. That effective May 1, 2024, By-law 2022-013, as amended, be repealed, and replaced with a by-law incorporating the fees and charges presented in the 2024 Business Plan.
12. That operating forecast information for 2025, 2026, and 2027 presented in the 2024 Business Plan be received for information.

Council and Staff authorization requests

13. That the Executive Management Team (EMT) be authorized to add temporary non-complement positions to the end of the budget year utilizing existing approved funds to deal with any unforeseen circumstances that impact the delivery of City operations.
14. That the Executive Management Team (EMT) be authorized to implement the economic adjustment for the Non-Union Group (NUG) of employees (including full time, part time and students), effective January 1, 2024.
15. That staff be authorized to submit applications for grants that would reduce expenditures associated with projects, programs and services approved as part of the Operating and Capital Budget.

16. That two of the following officers; either the Mayor, Clerk, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer or their designates, be authorized to execute any agreements that may be required to accept grant funding from other levels of government or other partners, to reduce expenditures associated with programs, services, and/or capital projects.
17. That staff be authorized to submit applications for grants that would reduce future capital expenditures, fund service enhancements, or enable capital projects to be advanced, and a report or memo be presented, as appropriate, prior to the execution of any agreement associated with the acceptance of such grant.
18. That the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be authorized to make the necessary alterations to the transfer to and/or from reserves to reflect changes since the 2024 Business Plan's publication on November 15, 2023.
19. That the City Clerk be authorized to prepare all necessary by-laws to implement the above recommendations.

Attachments: [2024 Business Plan Budget City Operations Infrastructure Invest Funding](#)

6. STAFF REPORT(S)

Nil.

7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION

Nil.

8. ITEM(S) FOR DISCUSSION

Nil.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

Nil.

10. ENQUIRIES
11. ANNOUNCEMENTS
12. ADJOURNMENT

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