



# City of Barrie

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## Minutes - Final Finance and Corporate Services Committee

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Wednesday, December 4, 2019

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

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### **For consideration by General Committee on December 16, 2019.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, S. Morales at 7:01 p.m. The following were in attendance at the meeting:

**Present:** 4 - Councillor, Sergio Morales  
Deputy Mayor, B. Ward  
Councillor, G. Harvey  
Councillor, J. Harris

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor, J. Lehman

### **STAFF:**

Acting Deputy City Clerk, T. Maynard  
Acting Director of Environmental Services, C. Marchant  
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse  
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke  
Director of Finance/Treasurer, C. Millar  
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine  
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, A. Miller  
Senior Manager of Accounting and Revenue, C. Smith  
Senior Manager of Corporate Finance and Investments, J. Cowles  
Supervisor of Revenue, F. Ferreira  
Water Billing Analyst, M. Gervais.

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and reports as follows:

**SECTION "A"**

**OPEN DELEGATION BY TIM SALTER, SALTER HOLDINGS INC.  
REGARDING RELIEF OF THE AMOUNT OWING FOR THE WATER AND  
WASTEWATER BILL FOR ADDRESS 118 ATHABASKA ROAD.**

Tim Salter of Salter Holdings Inc. property owner of 118 Athabaska Road provided an open delegation concerning a request for relief of the amount owing for the Water and Wastewater Bill for property located at 118 Athabaska Road.

Mr. Salter advised that the tenants of 118 Athabaska Road had unpaid water and wastewater bills which has now become his responsibility as property owner to pay the outstanding balance on the account. He advised that recourse for property owners is limited under the *Landlord Tenant Act* related to the disconnection of water services.

Mr. Salter felt that the City's process to notify property owners that their tenants are in arrears of their water and wastewater accounts was a lengthy process. He discussed the timelines for the disconnection of water and wastewater services at 118 Athabaska Road. He felt that that this slow response time to disconnect water and wastewater services was unacceptable and contributed to the large amount of balance owing. Mr. Salter noted that he does understand the City's current process as it relates to water and wastewater billing but that he felt the response time for disconnection of services is too long and that disconnection of services should commence at 60 days.

Mr. Salter advised that he has spoken to the tenants of 118 Athabaska Road regarding their outstanding balance on their water and wastewater bill and a small amount was paid towards the amount owing.

M. Gervais, Water Billing Analyst provided an overview of the City's process related to water and wastewater billing. C. Millar, Director of Finance and Treasurer commented that the City's current practice is to focus on water and wastewater accounts with a delinquent balance greater than \$250.00 for owners and tenants.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions of Mr. Salter and City staff and received responses.

## **SECTION "B"**

### **118 ATHABASKA ROAD WATER WASTEWATER BILL**

That the Report to Finance and Corporate Services Committee concerning the 118 Athabaska Road Water Wastewater Bill, dated December 4, 2019, be received. (File: F29)

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2019-12-16.

## **SECTION "C"**

### **OPEN DELEGATION REQUEST BY DOMENIC GUTTA REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A REFUND OF THE DEVELOPMENT CHARGES PAID FOR 11 AND 13 BRENNAN AVENUE**

Carla Tucker and her father Domenic Gutta provided an open delegation concerning a request for a refund of the development charges paid for 11 and 13 Brennan Avenue.

Ms. Tucker advised that the properties located at 11 and 13 Brennan Avenue were purchased in 2010 with the intention of building a home. Ms. Tucker advised that the development charges on both of these properties were approximately \$28,000 each and would have been waived if the redevelopment occurred on or before May 1, 2012 and September 1, 2014. Ms. Tucker advised that the redevelopment of these properties did not occur within the required timeframes to receive a refund of the development charges. Mr. Gutta discussed the actions undertaken to communicate with the City regarding his concerns related to the development charges of 11 and 13 Brennan Avenue. Mr. Gutta discussed the reasons for the delay in building the homes including approvals from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and their inexperience in permit/development processes which resulted in higher costs to develop the lands.

Ms. Tucker and Mr. Gutta requested whether any leniency could be given to provide them with a refund of the development charges for 11 and 13 Brennan Avenue.

Members of Committee asked a numbers of questions of Ms. Tucker. Mr. Gutta and City staff and received responses.

**MEMORANDUM FROM M. VILLENEUVE, SUPERVISOR OF DEVELOPMENT CHARGES AND J. COWLES, SENIOR MANAGER OF CORPORATE FINANCE AND INVESTMENT DATED DECEMBER 4 2019 REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A REFUND OF THE DEVELOPMENT CHARGES PAID FOR 11 AND 13 BRENNAN AVENUE.**

The Memorandum from M. Villeneuve, Supervisor of Development Charges and J. Cowles, Senior Manager of Corporate Finance and Investment dated December 4, 2019 regarding a request for a refund of the development charges paid for 11 and 13 Brennan Avenue was received for information purposes.

**REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE DATED NOVEMBER 5, 2019**

The Report of the International Relations Committee dated November 5, 2019 was received.

**REPORT OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED NOVEMBER 14, 2019**

The Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee dated November 14, 2019 was received.

**REPORT OF THE SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED NOVEMBER 25, 2019**

The Report of the Seniors Advisory Committee dated November 25, 2019 was received.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

CHAIRMAN