



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Finance and Corporate Services Committee

Wednesday, May 27, 2015

6:30 PM

Council Chamber

For consideration by General Committee on June 15, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee, Councillor Brassard at 6:38 p.m.

The following Committee members were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 5 - Mayor, J. Lehman
Councillor, Michael Prowse
Councillor, A. Khan
Councillor, M. McCann
Councillor, J. Brassard

ALSO PRESENT:
Councillor, B. Ainsworth

STAFF:
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, D. McAlpine
Deputy Treasurer, M. Jerney
Director of Finance, C. Millar
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, R. Forward
Supervisor of Administrative Support Services, W. Sutherland.

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

SECTION "A"

STREIT MANUFACTURING INC. - DEVELOPMENT CHARGE REQUEST

Mr. D. Hale, General Manager, Canadian Division of STREIT Manufacturing Inc., provided comments regarding STREIT Manufacturing Inc.'s request to spread the Development Charges for its new location on King Street in Barrie, equally over a period of four (4) years.

Mr. Hale provided an overview of STREIT Manufacturing Inc.'s history and operations. He commented that the expansion of the business to the new location is an expensive undertaking which includes construction of the larger facility and hiring additional staff. He advised that STREIT Manufacturing Inc. is not seeking a reduction in the Development Charges but it is requesting that the amount not be fully paid at the time of the building permit application and instead be spread equally over four (4) years.

Councillor M. Prowse joined the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions related to the presentation provided, and received responses from the presenter and City staff. (File: C00)

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

DEVELOPMENT CHARGES DEFERRAL AGREEMENT

That staff develop a Development Charge Deferral policy that aligns with the City's Growth Management Implementation Plans, Affordable Housing Strategy, and strategic Economic Development opportunities, and report back to General Committee before the summer recess with a recommended policy that includes consideration of the nature of the STREIT Manufacturing Inc. request. (File: F00)

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of its adoption at the meeting to be held on 15/6/2015.

Acting Chair, Councillor Brassard left the Chair at 6:58 p.m. and Councillor Prowse, Chair of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee assumed the Chair.

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

SECTION "C"

BUSINESS SERVICES AND INVESTMENT

Mr. A. Nuttall, Relationship Manager - Commercial Services of Meridian Credit Union thanked the Committee for the opportunity to provide a presentation on the service and investment opportunities provided by Credit Unions. He introduced J. Teal, Senior Director & Regional Manager - Commercial Services of Meridian Credit Union.

Mr. J. Teal provided background information on Credit Unions and their operational differences compared to traditional banking institutions.

Mr. A. Nuttall commented that the current City of Barrie's by-laws do not permit the inclusion of Credit Unions as a vendor for reserve management, financial planning, or day-to-day operations for a period in excess of 365 days. He noted the conditions of the City's current investment by-law for terms in excess of one (1) year and requested that the by-law be amended to include Credit Unions as an option for investment banking.

Members of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee asked a number of questions regarding the presentation and received responses from the presenters and City staff. The Committee was advised that a staff report on the changes to the City's investment policies and practices is anticipated to be presented to General Committee in September, 2015. The Committee requested that staff commit to providing the report in September.

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

SECTION "D"

REPORT OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 26, 2015.

The Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee dated March 26, 2015 was received. (File: C00)

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 17, 2015.

The Report of the International Relations Committee dated March 17, 2015 was received. (File C00)

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE DATED APRIL 28, 2015.

The Report of the International Relations Committee dated April 28, 2015 was received. (File: C00)

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE DATED MAY 19, 2015.

Report of the International Relations Committee dated May 19, 2015 was received. (File: C00)

REPORT OF THE TOWN AND GOWN COMMITTEE DATED APRIL 28, 2015.

Report of the Town and Gown Committee dated April 28, 2015 was received. (File: C00)

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "E"

PROPOSED FUTURE TWINNING OPPORTUNITY - ARRAS, FRANCE

1. That the City of Arras, France be invited to join a twinning relationship with the City of Barrie.
2. That, if approved by both cities, the twinning ceremony to officially sign the twinning documents take place in the year 2017.
3. That a delegation from Barrie with a representative from CFB Borden travel to Arras, France in 2017 to participate in the signing of the necessary documents.
4. That the Mayor convey Barrie's invitation to the Mayor of Arras on his visit to Arras, France in June of 2015. (File: C05)

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of its adoption at the meeting to be held on 15/6/2015.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AMENDMENTS

1. That the following changes to the membership of the International Relations Committee, be approved:
 - a) To the Georgian College representative L. Palson adding or their designate;
 - b) To the Base Borden representative by adding Major A.B. Battista or their designate and removing J.M. Pigeon's name;
 - c) To the Japan Twinning, by removing L. LeRoux and replacing with H. Noguchi;
 - d) To the China Program, by adding P. Sachiw as an alternate; and
 - e) To replace P. Sachiw with J. M. Pigeon for the Borough of Harrogate Program.
2. That Schedule 'A' of By-law 2015-018, be amended to reflect these changes. (File: C05)

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of its adoption at the meeting to be held on 15/6/2015.

NAMING OF A SCHOOL - SIR ROBERT BARRIE

That a letter be submitted to the Simcoe County District School Board requesting that the School Board name the new South Barrie Secondary School, Sir Robert Barrie.

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of its adoption at the meeting to be held on 15/6/2015.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

CHAIRMAN