



City of Barrie

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Final Finance and Responsible Governance Committee

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

5:30 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

FINANCE AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT For consideration by General Committee on February 7, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Councillor, G. Harvey at 5:33 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 4 - Mayor, A. Nuttall
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, A.M. Kungl

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, C. Nixon
Councillor, A. Courser
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, J. Harris.

STAFF:

Associate Director of Corporate Asset Management, K. Oakley
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
Chief Financial Officer, C. Millar
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Deputy City Clerk, T. McArthur
Deputy Fire Chief and Manager of Communications, Education and Prevention, C. Clark
Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
Director of Internal Audit, S. MacGregor
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
Executive Director of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Araniyasundaran
Internal Auditor, J. Lum
Senior Policy Advisor and Special Projects Coordinator, E. Chappell
Service Desk Generalist, K. Kovacs.

The Finance and Responsible Governance Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

**REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE DATED
DECEMBER 5, 2023**

The Report of the International Relations Committee dated December 5, 2023 was received.

The Finance and Responsible Governance Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

**2023 Q4 INTERNAL AUDIT STATUS REPORT, 2023 FRAUD AND
WRONGDOING PROGRAM ACTIVITY, 2023 SUMMARY OF INTERNAL
AUDIT ACTIVITY AND 2024 INTERNAL AUDIT WORK PLAN**

1. That the 2023 Q4 Internal Audit Status Report be received as information.
2. That the 2023 Fraud and Wrongdoing Program Activity be received as information.
3. That the 2023 Summary of Internal Audit Activity attached as Appendix "C" to the Report to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee dated January 31, 2024 be received as information.
4. That the 2024 Internal Audit Work Plan attached as Appendix "D" to the Report to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee dated January 31, 2024 be approved as amended to add a value for money audit of the Barrie Public Library.

This matter was recommended for consideration of adoption (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2/7/2024.

HERITAGE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

That the following be deferred to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee meeting scheduled to be held on February 7, 2024:

That staff in the Development Services and Finance Departments be directed to develop a Heritage Tax Relief Program under the *Ontario Heritage Act* as outlined in the memorandum from L. Munnoch, planner to Heritage Barrie dated November 28, 2023, and report back to Heritage Barrie. (Item for Discussion, 8.1 January 31, 2024)

This matter was recommended for consideration of adoption (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2/7/2024.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION - FIREWORK RESTRICTIONS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

That the following be deferred to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee meeting scheduled to be held on February 7, 2024:

That staff in Access Barrie in consultation with the Legislative and Court Services Department conduct public consultations to obtain feedback on the restriction of fireworks in residential areas and report back to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee with the results. (Item for Discussion 8.2, January 31, 2024)

This matter was recommended for consideration of adoption (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption/receipt at its meeting to be held on 2/7/2024.

SUPPORT FOR NON-PROFIT ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS

That the following be deferred to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee meeting scheduled to be held on February 7, 2024:

That staff in the Operations and Economic and Creative Development Departments, in consultation with the Finance Department, investigate the feasibility of establishing a funding program, similar to the Recreation and Sport Community Grant Program, to support community environmental groups and not-for-profits and report back to General Committee. (Item for Discussion 8.3, January 31, 2024)

This matter was recommended for consideration of adoption (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption/receipt at its meeting to be held on 2/7/2024.

The Finance and Responsible Governance Committee reports that upon adoption of the required procedural motion it met in closed session in the Sir Robert Barrie Room at 6:19 p.m. to discuss the content of confidential correspondence concerning a confidential potential disposition of property matter - Dunlop Street Area.

Members of Finance and Responsible Governance Committee, Councillor Riepma, Councillor Nixon, Councillor Courser, Councillor Niggusie and Councillor Harris (Councillor Morales arrived at 6:59 pm) , the Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer, City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, Director of Development Services, Director of Legal Services, Executive Director of Access Barrie, General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management and representatives from an external development firm, were in attendance for the portion of the meeting closed to the public. Members of the press and public were not present for this portion of the meeting.

The Finance and Responsible Governance Committee met and reported as follows:

SECTION "C"

REFERRED BY MOTION 23-G-245 AND 23-G-130 - CIRCULATION CORRESPONDENCE - CONFIDENTIAL POTENTIAL LAND DISPOSITION MATTER - DUNLOP STREET AREA

That the confidential notes to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee Report dated January 31, 2024 concerning a confidential potential land disposition matter - Dunlop Street Area be received.

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to General Committee for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 2024-02-07.

Upon adoption of the required procedural motion, the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee moved into open session at 6:59 p.m.

The Chair, Councillor G. Harvey provided a brief overview of the nature of the closed session noting that the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee met and discussed confidential correspondence concerning a confidential land disposition matter - Dunlop Street Area. Councillor Harvey stated that with the exception of voting on the direction to staff and the procedural motion to move into public/open session, votes were not taken during the portion of the meeting closed to the public.

The Finance and Responsible Governance Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "D"

POTENTIAL LAND DISPOSITION MATTER - DUNLOP STREET AREA

That staff undertake the directions identified during the confidential meeting of the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee Report held January 31, 2024, concerning the circulation correspondence for a confidential potential land disposition matter - Dunlop Street Area. (23-G-130) (23-G-245)

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2024-02-07.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN