



**Minutes - Final
General Committee**

Monday, December 12, 2016

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by the Council of the City of Barrie on December 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lehman at 7:02 p.m. The following were in attendance:

- Present:** 9 - Mayor, J. Lehman; Councillor, B. Ainsworth; Councillor, R. Romita; Councillor, B. Ward; Councillor, P. Silveira; Councillor, A. Prince; Councillor, A. Khan; Councillor, S. Morales; and Councillor, M. McCann
- Absent:** 2 - Councillor, D. Shipley; and Councillor, M. Prowse

STUDENT MAYOR(S):

Keegan Anderson of École élémentaire La Source

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, C. Ladd
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, D. McAlpine
Deputy City Clerk, W. Cooke
Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews
Director of Environmental Services, J. Thompson
Director of Finance/Treasurer, C. Millar
Director of Internal Audit, S. MacGregor
Director of Planning and Building Services, S. Naylor
Director of Roads, Parks and Fleet, D. Friary
Executive Director of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
Executive Director of Invest Barrie, Z. Lifshiz
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, P. Elliott-Spencer
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, R. Forward
Manager of Roads, C. Morton
Manager of Sustainable Development, M. Kalyaniwalla
Risk Management Official, K. Thompson
Service Desk, T. Versteeg
Theatre Technician, A. Gauci.

The General Committee reports that the following matter(s) were dealt with on the consent portion of the agenda:

SECTION "A"

16-G-291 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE DATED NOVEMBER 23, 2016

The Report of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee dated November 23, 2016 was received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 12/19/2016.

The General Committee recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s) which were dealt with on the consent portion of the agenda:

SECTION "B"

16-G-292 PARKING PROHIBITION ON BASSWOOD DRIVE (WARD 7)

That parking not be restricted on Basswood Drive. (RPF013-16) (File: T02-PA) (P24/10) (16-G-285)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/19/2016.

16-G-293 2016 AUDIT SERVICE PLAN

That the 2016 Audit Service Plan presented by Deloitte LLP to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on November 23, 2016, be approved. (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/19/2016.

16-G-294 LIVING WAGE CALCULATION FOR BARRIE

That the Living Wage Information Sheet provided as part of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee Agenda package, be received. (H00)

This matter was recommended (Section “B”) to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/19/2016.

16-G-295 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE TWINNING AGREEMENT WITH ZWÉIBRÜCKEN, GERMANY - MAY, 2017

1. That the Mayor’s Office extend an invitation to The Lord Mayor and nine Council members and/or citizens of Zwéibrücken, Germany from May 4, 2017 to May 10, 2017 for a celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the signing of the Twinning Agreement between the City of Zwéibrücken and the City of Barrie.
2. That an official event be held on May 7, 2017 to commemorate the actual anniversary date of the signing of the Twinning Agreement between the City of Zwéibrücken and the City of Barrie.
3. That other activities and events in celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Twinning Agreement be arranged by the Barrie German Twinning Committee. (File: C06)

This matter was recommended (Section “B”) to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/19/2016.

16-G-296 BUSINESS PLAN STATUS AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

1. That the 2016 Budget and Business Plan Status as of September 30, 2016 be received.
2. That staff be authorized to proceed with existing projects with an expanded scope as identified in Appendix “G” to Staff Report FIN016-16, Capital Projects Requiring Additional Funding and add the funding commitments in the amount of \$245,150. (FIN016-16) (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section “B”) to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/19/2016.

16-G-297 IMPLEMENTATION OF A DIGITAL (PAPERLESS) AGENDA PACKAGE

1. That should a member of Council wish to switch to a paperless agenda package utilizing his/her existing device, the member advise Legislative staff accordingly and the necessary arrangements be made to implement the individual's decision.
2. That staff consider the complete elimination of paper agenda packages for the 2018 to 2022 term of Council. (LCS018-16) (File: C00) (P18/16)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/19/2016.

16-G-298 SHORTAGE OF JUDICIAL RESOURCES FOR PROVINCIAL OFFENCES ACT COURT SERVICES

1. That a letter be sent to the Premier and the Ministry of the Attorney General requesting that the Ministry immediately provide additional Justices of the Peace in the Central East Region, particularly Barrie and Orillia Court Service Areas to ensure timely access to justice with respect to Provincial Offences Act administration.
2. That a copy of the letter be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ann Hoggarth, Member of Provincial Parliament Barrie, Regional Senior Justice of the Peace, Brian Norton and the municipalities within the Barrie and Orillia Court Service Areas. (LCS020-16) (File: J00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/19/2016.

16-G-299 INVESTIGATION OF NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS - CATHERINE DRIVE (WARD 9)

That staff in the Roads, Parks and Fleet Department investigate the feasibility of implementing no parking on the south side of Catherine Drive, in the vicinity of Catherine Drive Park. (Item for Discussion 8.1, December 12, 2016) (File: T00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/19/2016.

16-G-300 INVESTIGATION OF REMOVING NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS - KENNETH AVENUE AND ASHFORD DRIVE (WARD 9)

That staff in the Roads, Parks and Fleet Department investigate the feasibility of removing the no parking signs in the area of Kenneth Avenue and Ashford Drive. (Item for Discussion 8.2, December 12, 2016) (File: T00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/19/2016.

16-G-301 ENFORCEMENT OF OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

1. That the Director of Roads, Parks and Fleet or his designate be authorized to make a determination on December 30, 2016 and request staff in the Enforcement Services Branch and Barrie Police Service not to enforce the overnight parking restrictions from midnight on December 31, 2016 to 7:00 a.m. on January 1, 2017, should the weather forecast for New Year's Eve be suitable.
2. That should the direction be provided not to enforce the overnight parking restrictions on New Year's Eve, the matter be publicly announced through the City's normal communication methods. (Item for Discussion 8.3, December 12, 2016) (File: P00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/19/2016.

16-G-302 CHANGE IN DUTIES OF REFERENCE COMMITTEES RELATED TO PARKING OPERATIONS MATTERS

That Schedule "A" of the Procedural By-law 2013-072 as amended, be further amended as follows:

- a) By deleting the reference to "parking operations" in Section 6 as a duty of the Infrastructure, Investment and Development Services Committee; and
- b) By adding a reference to "parking operations" to Section 4 as a duty of the Community Services Committee. (Item for Discussion 8.4, December 12, 2016) (File: C01)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/19/2016.

The General Committee met for the purpose of a public meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Mayor Lehman advised the public that any concerns or appeals dealing with the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendments as well as a draft plan of subdivision that were the subject of the Public Meeting should be directed to the Legislative and Court Services Department. Any interested persons wishing further notification of the staff report regarding the Planning Act applications were advised to sign the notification form required by the Legislative and Court Services Department. Mayor Lehman confirmed with the Director of Planning and Building Services that notification was conducted in accordance with the Planning Act.

SECTION "C"**16-G-303**

APPLICATION FOR AN OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT AND DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION SUBMITTED BY MACNAUGHTON HERMSEN BRITTON CLARKSON PLANNING LIMITED (MHBC) ON BEHALF OF THE OWNER 3251586 CANADA INC. (BARRIE HERITAGE PHASE IV) - YONGE STREET AND POPLAR DRIVE (WARDS 9 AND 10) (FILES: D12-394/D14-1495/D09-127)

Ms. Kris Menzies of MacNaughton Hersen Britton Clarkson Planning Limited (MHBC) advised that the purpose of Public Meeting was to discuss three planning applications submitted by Barrie Heritage Phase IV for a development on Yonge Street near the GO Station.

Ms. Menzies discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The developer's involvement in building communities in Barrie over last 30 years;
- The uniqueness of the Yonge GO Village, site and proposal;
- A concept plan illustrating the proposed attributes and amenities associated with the development including the location of roads, types of units, number of units and parkland;
- Images of the built form;
- Neighbourhood park and trail system;
- A cross section of the proposed back to back stacked townhomes;
- A summary of the three planning applications;
- The studies completed in support of the application;
- An aerial image illustrating the site and surrounding uses;
- Maps detailing the existing Official Plan designation and proposed Official Plan designation;
- An aerial image identifying the major transit node and corridor intensification area;
- Maps illustrating the existing zoning and proposed zoning for the lands;
- The requested changes to the Zoning By-law uses, standards, general provisions and definitions; and
- An illustration of the Draft Plan of Subdivision.

Merwan Kalyaniwalla, Manager of Sustainable Development for the City of Barrie provided details related to the application, the comments received from the public who attended the neighbourhood meeting on September 27, 2016 and the primary planning and land use items being considered by City staff.

VERBAL COMMENTS

1. **Mr. Andrew Strauss, 211 Walnut Crescent** asked questions of concerning the request to allow for 10-storey buildings, when the developer's representation indicated the developer is only proposing to construct 6-storey buildings. He asked who was responsible for promoting the higher development. Mr. Strauss also requested that Council or the developer provide a commitment that Poplar Drive would not be used for construction access for the stormwater management pond.

Mayor Lehman raised a question related to the comments.

Ms. Menzies provided a response to the questions raised.

2. **Mr. Richard Amos, 212 Walnut Crescent** thanked the developer as he felt that their representatives had listened to some of the concerns related to building height and density. He noted that he was still concerned about the number of units and noted that it would be located next to the proposed Baywood Development. He commented that a lot of people would be located in a small area. Mr. Amos reiterated his concerns associated with the density and building height and also noted concerns associated with area services. Mr. Amos commented that the roadworks on Pine Drive have just been completed and the residents would be disappointed if the road required rebuilding after just being repaired.

Mayor Lehman raised a question related to the comments provided. Staff provided a response to the question raised.

3. **Mario Titus, 2 Toronto Street** questioned if this matter would be coming back at another meeting with more details.

Mayor Lehman explained the Planning Act process.

4. **Mr. Bob Lowery, 7 Ester Drive** commented on his concerns related to the building height and noted that he was pleased to see the reduction to the 6-storeys which is the maximum he felt was appropriate. He stated that he would not want to see 10-storeys.

5. **Ms. Pam McWhirter, 257 Pine Drive** commented that her main concern was associated with the proposed density of the property and noted that the amount of buildings being proposed are far too many for such a small parcels of land. She discussed that she felt that schools and recreation centres in the area over capacity and would not be able to accommodate the families that may move into the subdivision. Ms. McWhirter asked Council members to keep the long term residents in mind when making planning decisions.

6. **Mr. Bryan Doucette, 259 Pine Drive** questioned why the proposed location for the stormwater pond was identified close to houses on Pine Drive when there is a large amount of green space available. He requested that consideration be given to moving the stormwater pond further away from Pine Drive.

Ms. Menzies provided a response to the question raised.

7. **Ms Mindy Amos, 212 Walnut Crescent** discussed the September Neighbourhood Meeting and noted that a number of residents were not able to attend this meeting. She commented regarding the amount of calls and emails that were submitted regarding the application and the high level of attendance at meeting held at St. Peter's Catholic School where the developer indicated that they would lower the building heights to 6-storeys. She commented on her concerns associated with the safety in the area, the building height and residents being crammed on the property. She noted that she has lived in the neighborhood for 17 years and did not move to the area to stare at apartment buildings. Ms. Amos reiterated that her primary concerns associated with the proposed development were height and density. She discussed that not a lot of people had spoken, but there have been a number of residents who have called and emailed to complain and noted that not all received notices of the Public Meeting. In closing, Ms. Amos indicated that she loves the area, and it was a good place to raise family. She requested that the developer not be permitted to build higher than the 6-storeys proposed.
8. **Mr. Andrew Strauss, 211 Walnut Crescent** commented that there was vacant land off of Mapleview Drive and suggested consideration be given to use these lands for construction access to the stormwater management pond.
9. **Mr. Bryan Doucette, 259 Pine Drive** asked questions concerning the permitted uses associated with a parcel of land zoned as open space with a site specific provision that was included in the development plan.

Staff provided a response to the question raised.

Members of General Committee asked a number of questions and received responses from the presenter and City staff.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

1. Correspondence received from Ms. Jen Slykhuis, dated December 2, 2016.
2. Correspondence received from PowerStream, undated.

3. Correspondence from the Ministry of Transportation dated November 23, 2016.
4. Correspondence from Enbridge, dated November 28, 2016.
5. Correspondence from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, dated September 29, 2016.
6. Correspondence from Phil Smith, received September 29, 2016.
7. Correspondence from the Simcoe County District School Board, dated September 28, 2016.
8. Correspondence from Claudia Eselt, dated September 27, 2016.
9. Correspondence from Metrolinx dated November 16, 2016.
10. Correspondence from Genevra Wilcox, dated September 28, 2016.
11. Correspondence from Michael Slinger dated September 28, 2016 to November 12, 2016.
15. Correspondence from Jen Slykhuis, dated September 29, 2016.
16. Correspondence from Mary Lou Staples, dated September 24, 2016.
17. Correspondence from Fran Burton, Paul and Bodil Neilson, dated September 29, 2016.
18. Correspondence from Sandy Ross, dated September 30, 2016.
19. Correspondence from the Simcoe County District School Board, dated December 12, 2016.

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 12/19/2016.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "D"

16-G-304

PRESENTATION REGARDING THE SALT OPTIMIZATION STRATEGY

Ms. Katie Thompson, Risk Management Official and Mr. Craig Morton, Manager of Road Operations provided a presentation concerning Road Salt Management: Strategies and Operations Plan.

Ms. Thompson and Mr. Morton discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The challenges presented by conflicting requirements related to Provincial legislation;
- The vision associated with the Strategy;
- A map illustrating the development of a baseline understanding related to the salt vulnerability index;
- A map illustrating the current levels of winter maintenance service;
- The technology and control techniques used for deployment of services;
- The pilot projects undertaken and recommended for the reduction in salt usage;
- The methods of material tracking and monitoring;
- The importance of education and outreach to the success of the strategy;
- A chart illustrating the preliminary results related to the reduction in salt usage for the 2015 and 2016 season; and
- A chart illustrating the 2016-2017 total lane kilometres and salt reductions.

In closing, Ms. Thompson discussed future initiatives that are being reviewed as part of the Strategy and Operations Plan.

Members of General Committee asked a number of questions of the presenters and received responses.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 12/19/2016.

16-G-305**PRESENTATION REGARDING THE SANDBOX BUSINESS KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE**

Mr. Zvi Lifshiz, Executive Director of Invest Barrie and Mr. Craig Busch of Busch Systems provided a presentation concerning the Sandbox Business Knowledge Exchange. Mr. Lifshiz advised that the purpose of the project was to grow the start-up and entrepreneurial state in the City of Barrie.

Mr. Lifshiz and Mr. Busch discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The current state of entrepreneurship in Barrie;
- The missing piece of the entrepreneurial ecosystem;
- The vision and the mission of the Sandbox Organization;
- The stakeholders associated with the Sandbox Program;
- The governance structure associated with the Sandbox Organization;
- The request from the Sandbox Organization for space to create a Business Knowledge Exchange Centre;
- The value streams related for the Sandbox Organization;
- A diagram illustrating the proposed space utilization;
- The coordinated efforts of the organization;
- The Start-up Ecosystem;
- The components of a Downtown Creative Hub;
- An image from the Ecosystem Engagement Event;
- The results from consultation undertaken at the Ecosystem Engagement Event concerning services that provide the most value and new value from an entrepreneurship centre;
- A scenario illustrating how a new entrepreneur would benefit from a Business Knowledge Exchange Centre;
- Examples of other entrepreneur centres in Ontario;
- Innovation versus entrepreneurship and the role of intrapreneurship; and
- The target operating and capital model for the Centre.

In closing, Mr. Lifshiz discussed the next steps in the process.

Members of General Committee asked a number of questions of the presenters and received responses.

Mayor Lehman left the Chair at 9:40 p.m. and Councillor, B. Ainsworth assumed the Chair. Mayor Lehman returned to the Chair at 9:45 p.m.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 12/19/2016.

General Committee recessed from 9:49 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The General Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "E"

16-G-306 INVESTIGATION - INSTALLATION OF LEVEL II EV CHARGING STATIONS

1. That the General Manager of Community and Corporate Services or designate be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Province of Ontario to accept funding for 100% of the cost to install Electric Vehicle charging stations, should the Province offer a program substantially similar to the Electric Vehicle Chargers Program offered in 2015-2016.
2. That the Planning and Building Services Department recommend to all building permit applicants for single family, townhouses, apartment buildings, condominiums, commercial and industrial buildings that they rough in or install Level II charge stations until Provincial legislation requiring them is established.
3. That new city facilities that provide public uses include Level II charge stations for use by the public.
4. That all Level II Electric Vehicle Charge Stations installed by the City of Barrie offer free charging of vehicles, however the stations must have the ability to charge for the electricity used should Council choose to implement a charge for use in the future.
5. That staff investigate and report back to General Committee on the following matters:
 - a) Possible partnerships or advertising opportunities for Electric Vehicle charging stations to reduce the costs associated with them;
 - b) The feasibility of expanding the number of electric/hybrid vehicles within the City of Barrie's corporate fleet; and
 - c) The use of City owned street light poles as bases for Level II charge stations for curbside charging. (FCT005-16) (File: E00)

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/19/2016.

16-G-307 SALT OPTIMIZATION STRATEGY

That the Salt Optimization Strategy, in Appendix "A" of Staff Report RPF015-16, be approved to support Source Water Protection objectives and current Operational Practices in the Roads, Parks and Fleet Department. (RPF015-16) (File: T00)

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/19/2016.

16-G-308 PRESENTATION INVITATION - SMART MOVE PLAY PLACE AND ELEPHANT THOUGHTS

That a representative(s) from Smart Moves Play Place (Barrie South end) and Elephant Thoughts, a charitable organization be invited to provide a presentation to City Council on December 19, 2016 concerning a Barrie Children's Museum.

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/19/2016.

ENQUIRIES

Members of General Committee did not address any enquiries to City staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Lehman provided announcements concerning a number of matters.

The General Committee reports that upon adoption of the required procedural motion it met in closed session in the Sir Robert Barrie Room at 10:27 p.m. to discuss confidential staff report ENV006-16 regarding a confidential potential acquisition of property matter – Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Members of General Committee (with the exception of Councillor, D. Shipley and Councillor, M. Prowse), the Chief Administrative Officer, City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, and Director of Environmental Services 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 General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "F"

16-G-309 DISCUSSION OF A CONFIDENTIAL ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY MATTER - WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

That motion 16-G-309 contained within the confidential notes to the General Committee report dated December 12, 2016 concerning the discussion of a confidential acquisition of property matter - Wastewater Treatment Facility, be received. (ENV006-16) (FILE: E00)

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 12/19/2016.

The General Committee reports upon adoption of a procedural motion, it met in public/open session at 10:44 p.m.

Mayor Lehman provided a brief overview of the nature of the in-camera/closed session portion of the meeting. Mayor Lehman advised that the Committee received and discussed confidential Staff Report ENV006-16 concerning a potential acquisition of property matter – Wastewater Treatment Facility. He stated that with the exception of the procedural matter to move into public/open session, votes were not taken during the portion of the meeting closed to the public.

The General Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "G"

16-G-310 ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY MATTER - WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

That staff be directed to undertake the actions identified in Appendix "A" to confidential Staff Report ENV006-16 with respect to the property acquisitions identified in Appendix "B" (the "Subject Properties"). (ENV006-16) (File: L07)

This matter was recommended (Section "G") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/19/2016.

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

CHAIRMAN