



City of Barrie

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Final General Committee

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chamber

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by Barrie City Council on April 16, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor A. Nuttall at 6:07 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 10 - Mayor, A. Nuttall
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, C. Nixon
Councillor, A. Courser
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, B. Hamilton

Absent: 1 - Councillor, AM. Kungl

STAFF:

Associate Director of Waste Management and Environmental Sustainability, S. Mack
Business Performance Specialist, A. Rier
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects, T. McArthur
Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews
Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan
Director of Internal Audit, S. MacGregor
Director of Operations, D. Friary
Executive Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
Fire Chief, K. White
General Manager of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Araniyasundaran
Interim Director of Finance, C. Smith
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard

Manager of Taxation and Revenue, K. Jylha
Senior Policy Advisor and Special Projects Coordinator, E. Chappell
Service Desk Specialist, K. Kovacs.

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

SECTION "A"

Councillor, C. Nixon provided an overview of the Affordability Committee meeting held on March 19, 2025.

25-G-056 **REPORT OF THE AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 19, 2025.**

That the Report of the Affordability Committee dated March 19, 2025, be received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 4/9/2025.

Mayor, A. Nuttall provided an overview of the Executive Committee meeting held on March 26, 2025.

25-G-057 **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 26, 2025**

That the Report of the Executive Committee dated March 26, 2025, be received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 4/9/2025.

Councillor, S. Morales provided an overview of the Community Safety Committee meeting held on March 26, 2025.

25-G-058 **REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 26, 2025.**

That the Report of the Community Safety Committee dated March 26, 2025, be received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 4/9/2025.

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

SECTION "B"

25-G-059 **NINE MILE PORTAGE SIGNAGE**

That City staff investigate the most efficient and cost effective process to re-establish Nine Mile Portage signage, which has been retired by the Ontario Heritage Trust Provincial Plaque Program and report back to the Heritage Barrie Committee, whether or not to apply to the Ontario Heritage Trust for a replacement, or to proceed with other options including but not limited to internal City of Barrie departmental options.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/9/2025.

25-G-060 **55+ SENIORS SPACE AT LAMPMAN LANE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

That staff in the Recreation and Culture Department investigate the feasibility of locating a 55+ Seniors Space at the Lampman Lane Community Centre, including potential provincial and federal funding opportunities, and report back to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee. (Item for Discussion 1.1, March 26, 2025) (Sponsor: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/9/2025.

25-G-061 **SHORT-TERM RENTALS REGULATION**

That the Report to the Community Safety Committee dated March 26, 2025, concerning the regulation of short-term rentals be referred back to staff to investigate a complaint-based enforcement model with options related to zoning and Official Plan and report back to the Community Safety Committee.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/9/2025.

25-G-062**TAX RATIOS**

1. That the tax ratios for the 2025 taxation year be established as follows:

a) Residential	1.000000
b) New Multi-residential	1.000000
c) Multi-residential	1.000000
d) Commercial	1.433126
e) Industrial	1.516328
f) Pipelines	1.103939
g) Farmlands	0.250000
h) Managed forest	0.250000
i) Landfills	1.067122
2. That two sub-classes for Farmland Awaiting Development be maintained in each of the multi-residential, commercial, and industrial property classes at the following discounts:

Phase I - 25% discount from the residential tax rate; and

Phase II - 0% discount from the applicable property class tax rate.
3. That the City of Barrie (City) continue with its existing Rebates for Charitable and Non-Profit Organizations Program providing a tax rebate at a rate of 40% of the current year's taxes applicable only to the leased space occupied by the organization and that the eligible organizations continue to submit an annual application and provide evidence of taxes paid satisfactory to the Director of Finance or their designate.
4. That the City Clerk be authorized to prepare all necessary by-laws to establish the 2025 tax ratios. (FIN002-25).

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/9/2025.

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

SECTION "C"

25-G-063 **NEEDLE COLLECTION KIOSKS**

That Staff Report CCS001-25 concerning Needle Collection Bins/Kiosks in the Parks be received for information purposes and the pilot program be discontinued with the exception of continued collection of the bin/kiosk at the H-Block near the downtown library. (CCS001-25)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/9/2025.

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

SECTION "D"

25-G-064 **PERMITTING OF COMMERCIAL MOTORIZED WATERSPORT OPERATORS (WARDS 1, 2, 8 AND 10)**

1. That staff in Corporate Facilities (Marina) implement a Permit System authorized under the Parks Use By-law 2019-059, as amended, to regulate businesses offering Commercial Motorized Watercraft within Kempenfelt Bay and adjacent marina facilities for the 2025 boating season.
2. That the permit criteria detailed in Appendix A to Staff Report FAC001-25 be approved as amended:
 - That staff in the Corporate Facilities Department, in consultation with the PWC operator, determine a location to best operate their business along the waterfront;
 - That live-on-water supervision be provided by the rental company, including being responsible for the trip plan and experience of the renters; and
 - To exempt the supervisor/emergency vessels from permit fees.

3. That the 2025 Fees By-law be amended to include the following fees under Schedule L Marina:
 - Commercial Motorized Watercraft Operator Permit - \$2000; and
 - Individual vessels registered under each permit - \$500 each.
4. That staff report back to General Committee at the end of the 2025 Boating Season with the results of this pilot program and provide recommended changes to the lineup of services or number of vessels permitted by each vendor based on operator and public feedback.
5. That the Supervisor of Marina Services be designated as the Harbour Master for the City of Barrie, with jurisdictional limits outlined in Appendix C of Staff Report FAC001-25. (FAC001-25)

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2025-04-09.

ENQUIRIES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of General Committee did not provide any announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

CHAIRMAN