



City of Barrie

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Final General Committee

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

7:00 PM

Council Chamber/Virtual

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT For consideration by Barrie City Council on February 28, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, A. Nuttall at 8:08 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 11 - Mayor, A. Nuttall
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, C. Nixon
Councillor, A.M. Kungl
Councillor, A. Courser
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, B. Hamilton

STAFF:

Assistant Deputy Chief, Fire Communications and Technology, J. Gilbert
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, C. Clark
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 Legal Services, I. Peters
Director of Recreation and Culture Services, D. Bell
Director of Transit and Parking Strategy, B. Forsyth
Executive Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
General Manager of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine

General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Araniyasundaran
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard
Senior Policy Advisor and Special Projects Coordinator, E. Chappell
Service Desk Generalist, K. Kovacs.

Pursuant to Procedural By-law 2019-100, as amended, the order of business was altered such that General Committee received the comments from the outgoing Student Mayor listed on the City Council agenda dated February 7, 2024 before the Consent Agenda.

STUDENT MAYOR

SM 240207 COMMENTS FROM OUTGOING STUDENT MAYOR

Mackenzie Bentley-Isaacs, Innisdale Secondary School, thanked Mayor Nuttall for coming into his class and recommending him to the Student Mayor Program and his teacher, Mr. Babcock, for singing his praises.

Mackenzie commented on the learning he obtained from this experience, including attending the City's budget meetings and gaining more perspective on the work that goes into city projects, big and small. He expressed that this experience has furthered his interest in politics and thanked members of Council for taking the time to make sure all communities in Barrie get their needs met.

Mayor Nuttall presented a certificate of recognition to Mackenzie on behalf of the City of Barrie and congratulated him on completing his term of office as Student Mayor.

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

SECTION "A"

24-G-011 REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COMMITTEE DATED JANUARY 24, 2024

That the Report of the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee dated January 24, 2024, be received. (File: C05)

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

24-G-012 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE DATED JANUARY 31, 2024

That the Report of the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee dated January 31, 2024, was received. (File: C05)

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

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

SECTION "B"

24-G-013 STUDY - SUSTAINABILITY AND FUTURE OF KEMPENFEST

That staff be directed to work with the Board and organizers of Kempenfest, along with Tourism Barrie, on ways to address the potential event changes outlined during the presentation of the Kempenfest 2023 Sponsorship Report as well as the potential to conduct a study related to financial performance, tourism, general perception of individuals visiting Kempenfest, and report back on opportunities to address the potential event changes and the study, including funding options.

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

24-G-014 BARRIE ALLANDALE TRANSIT TERMINAL PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

1. That the artwork, Exhale, by Studio F Minus, as shown in Appendix "A" to the Report to the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee dated January 24, 2024, concerning the Barrie Allandale Transit Terminal Public Art Commission for the public art commission, be approved as the selected artwork for the proposed Barrie Allandale Transit Terminal (Corporate Project #FC1206).
2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute agreements relevant to the installation satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services, the Director of Economic and Creative Development and the Director of Corporate Facilities.

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

24-G-015 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 (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2024-02-07.

24-G-016 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 (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2024-02-07.

24-G-017 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 (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2024-02-07.

24-G-018**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 (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2024-02-07.

24-G-019**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 "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2024-02-07.

24-G-020**CONFIDENTIAL SOLICITOR-CLIENT PRIVILEGE MATTER - LEGAL OPINION**

That confidential Staff Report CAO001-24 concerning legal advice regarding Council resolution 23-A-052 be received and no further action be taken. (CAO001-24) (File: S00) (P14/23)

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

24-G-021**CONFIDENTIAL POTENTIAL DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY MATTER - COUNTY OF SIMCOE CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

That staff be directed to undertake the actions identified in Confidential Appendix "A" to Confidential Staff Report CCS001-24 concerning the County of Simcoe Call for Proposals and the potential disposition of City of Barrie properties. (CCS001-24) (File: S00)

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

24-G-022**ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE RECOGNITION FEATURES (WARD 8)**

1. That the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) Floral Roundel Project Concept, shown in Appendix "A" to Staff Report DEV001-24 and the Paverstone Roundel Project Concept shown in Appendix "B" to Staff Report DEV001-24, be approved for implementation prior to the RCAF 100th Anniversary Commemorative Event in June 2024.
2. That staff be granted the authority to spend up to \$61,000.00 from the Strategic Priority Reserve for the implementation of the RCAF 100th Anniversary Floral and Paverstone Roundel Projects shown in Appendices "A" and "B" to Staff Report DEV001-24.
3. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Trees For Life substantially in the form as attached in Appendix "C" to Staff Report DEV001-24 and to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services.
4. That an application under the Municipal Naming Policy be submitted for consideration to the Municipal Naming Committee to name the paverstone roundel as the Major-General Richard Rohmer Roundel.
5. That \$8,250.00 be included for consideration in the 2025 Business Plan Operating Budget for the ongoing installation and maintenance of the plant material for the RCAF Floral Roundel shown in Appendix "A" Staff Report DEV001-24 in future years. (DEV001-24) (File: R04 -MI) (P23/23)

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

24-G-023**CONFIDENTIAL POTENTIAL DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY MATTER - EMPLOYMENT LANDS**

That the Mayor and CAO or their designates be authorized to undertake the actions identified in Appendix "A" to Confidential Staff Report ECD003-24 concerning potential employment opportunities. (ECD003-24)

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

24-G-024**NEXT GENERATION 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) GRANT RECEIPT AND COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH (CAD) REPLACEMENT**

1. That the budget for project IT1050 BFES Next Generation 9-1-1 Phone System be increased by \$1,392,359, funded by provincial grant funding for Next Generation 9-1-1 Transition Funding.
2. That the scope of the approved IT1050 BFES Next Generation 9-1-1 Phones System include replacing the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system with an additional \$1,085,000 budget request, to be funded by the Tax Capital Reserve, as this system is not eligible for provincial grant funding. (IT001-24)

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

ENQUIRIES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of General Committee provided announcements concerning a number of matters.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

CHAIRMAN