



Meeting Agenda
General Committee

Monday, January 20, 2014

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

2014 Business Plan Deliberations

1. CONSENT AGENDA.

2. PUBLIC MEETING(S).

Nil.

3. PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF/OFFICERS/AGENTS OF THE CORPORATION.

2014 BUSINESS PLAN PRESENTATION

Attachments: [140120 PRES - 2014 Business Plan.pdf](#)

4. DEFERRED BUSINESS.

Nil.

5. REPORTS OF REFERENCE, ADVISORY OR SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT
DATED JANUARY 14, 2014

Attachments: [140114 Transportation and Economic Development Committee.pdf](#)

PARKING RATE REVIEW - PARKING ALONG THE WATERFRONT AND
EVENING PARKING

1. That visitor parking charges on the waterfront be implemented as soon as practical in 2014.
2. That staff develop a proposed approach to providing additional funding in the parking budget from the proceeds of the sale or improvement of parking lots including the Collier Street Parkade, to ensure sustainability.
3. That the BIA's proposed 24/7, 2 hours free model be referred to staff in the Finance and Engineering Departments for evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses, and revenue and cost estimates, and a report back to the Transportation and Economic Development Committee.

4. That the hours of paid parking be extended to 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, to be preceded by a one month warning/grace period that would start in April 2014. (13-G-327) (13-G-328) (RPF003-13) (File: T02-A)

Attachments: [RPF003-13 131209.pdf](#)
[Parking Services Rate Review Report](#)
[Presentation - Parking Strategy.pdf](#)

6. STAFF REPORT(S).

2014 BUSINESS PLAN

1. That the 2014 tax-supported base operating budget for municipal operations, with total gross expenditures of \$179.2 million and a net property tax levy requirement of \$113.0 million be approved with the following amendments to reflect changes since the Business Plan's publication on December 19, 2013:
 - a) That the net levy requirement be decreased by \$236,000 to reflect an increase in the Investment Income of the same amount derived from the PowerStream promissory note receivable;
 - b) That expenditures associated with waste collection be increased by \$20,000 to fund the additional equipment costs related to the temporary provision of single family residential weekly garbage collection on a 5 day collection cycle from April 7, 2014 to January 11, 2015;
 - c) That the net budget allocation associated with Corporate postage be increased by \$40,000 to fund the increase to postage rates announced by Canada Post;
 - d) That the 2014 operating budget be increased by \$30,000 to fund a feasibility study for a self-sustainable year-round market in the Downtown in accordance with motion 13-G-323;
 - e) That the 2014 International Relations Committee gross operating budget be increased by \$17,000 to a total of \$37,500 in accordance with motion 13-G-314;
 - f) That expenditures associated with employee insurance & benefits be increased by \$319,000;
 - g) That the transfer to the parking rate reserve from tax supported operating budget (subsidy of parking operations) be reduced by \$200,000 to a total of \$614,000;
 - h) That the alterations to the 2014 fees and charges identified in paragraph 13 be incorporated into the net levy requirement.

2. That the 2014 tax supported base operating budget for Barrie's Service Partners presented on pg. 73 of the 2014 Business Plan with total gross expenditures of \$81.6 million and a net property tax levy requirement of \$78.6 million, be approved with the following amendments to reflect changes since the Business Plan's publication on December 19, 2013:
 - a) That the 2014 budget request submitted by the Police Services Board be increased by \$390,000 for employee insurance and benefits costs to be funded from the tax levy;
 - b) That the preliminary 2014 Library Services Board gross operating grant be increased by:
 - i) \$192,557 to match the Library Board's Operating Grant Request of \$6,600,581 and that the gross operating grant be funded as follows: \$6,191,421 from tax levy, \$237,160 from Library Ramp-up Reserve, and \$172,000 from Development Charges; and
 - ii) \$4,000 for employee insurance and benefits costs to be funded from the tax levy; and
 - c) That the 2014 Nottawasaga Conservation Authority gross operating grant request be reduced by \$7,864 to a total of \$318,137 to match grant request received from the Conservation Authority on December 10, 2013 and that gross operating grant be funded as follows: \$272,536 from tax levy and \$45,600 from water rate.
3. That tax-supported Service Level Changes, with a gross 2014 cost of \$358K and a net savings of \$359K as detailed on pages 338-375 of the 2014 Business Plan, be approved.
4. That an economic adjustment for non-union staff salaries, equivalent to a 1.5% adjustment to salary levels and consistent with the CUPE negotiated increase, be approved.
5. That the Wastewater base operating budget, with gross expenditures of \$33.7 million and revenues of \$33.7 million, be approved with the following amendments to reflect changes since the Business Plan's publication on December 19, 2013:
 - a) That the 2014 operating budget be increased by \$23,000 to fund the increase to postage rates announced by Canada Post; and
 - b) That the 2014 budget for employee insurance and benefits be increased by \$17,000.

6. That the Water base operating budget, with gross expenditures of \$29.1 million and revenues of \$29.1 million, be approved with the following amendments to reflect changes since the Business Plan's publication on December 19, 2013:
 - a) That the 2014 operating budget be increased by \$23,000 to fund the increase to postage rates announced by Canada Post; and
 - b) That the 2014 budget for employee insurance and benefits be increased by \$27,000.
7. That the Parking Operations base budget, with gross expenditures of \$2.1 million and gross revenues of \$2.1 million, be approved with the following amendments to reflect changes since the Business Plan's publication on December 19, 2013;
 - a) That permit and meter revenue be increased by a combined total of \$200,000.
8. That User-rate supported Service Level Changes, with a gross 2014 cost of \$238.2K and a net 2014 cost of \$57.2K, be approved as follows:
 - a) Net savings of \$88.5K for wastewater operations, as described on page 93 of the 2014 Business Plan; and
 - b) Net cost of \$145.7K for water operations, as described on page 98 of the 2014 Business Plan.
9. That the 2014 capital budget of \$151.9 million, comprised of \$25.6 million in new funding and \$126.3 million in funding approved in prior periods, be approved with the following amendments to reflect changes since the Business Plan's publication on December 19, 2013:
 - a) That the following previously approved projects be deferred and undertaken in 2015:

Project:
56 Mulcaster - Structural Remediation design & construction phases) (page 447 of the 2014 Business Plan/page 176 of the 2014 Capital Plan)

Financial Impact:
Gross = \$105,000
Tax Capital Res. = \$105,000

Project:
Allandale Recreation Centre - Blue Arena - Low E Ceiling (page 447 of the 2014 Business Plan/page 178 of the 2014 Capital Plan)

Financial Impact:
Gross = \$49,000 (new estimate)
Tax Capital Res (2014) = (\$225,000)
Tax Capital Res (2015) = \$49,000

Project:

Allandale Recreation Centre - Blue Arena - Flooring Upgrades
(page 447 of the 2014 Business Plan/page 180 of the 2014 Capital Plan)

Financial Impact:

Gross = \$125,000
Tax Capital Res (2014) = (\$125,000)
Tax Capital Res (2015) = \$25,000

- b) That the budget for the following project(s) be increased by the amounts indicated:

Project

Dunlop Street - Anne to Eccles (design phase)

Financial Impact

Gross = \$30,000
Wastewater Res. = \$30,000

Project:

Dunlop Street - Anne to Eccles (construction phase)

Financial Impact:

Gross = \$335,000
Wastewater Res. = \$335,000

- c) That the following project(s) identified in the 2014 Capital Plan be deleted:

Project:

Advanced Nutrient Removal at the Wastewater Treatment Facility
- Interim Solution (page 447 of the 2014 Business Plan/page 11 of the 2014 Capital Plan)

Financial Impact:

Gross = \$160,000
Wastewater Res. = (\$160,000)

Project:

Ardagh Ferndale Water Quality Sampling Station construction year 2
(page 441 of the 2014 Business Plan/page 16 of the 2014 Capital Plan)

Financial Impact:

Gross = \$20,000
Wastewater Res. = \$20,000

10. That no expenditure of funds occur for the following capital project and/or operating plan related initiatives, if they are approved as part of the capital budget, until a separate staff report has been presented and approved for implementation:
 - a) Artificial Turf Sports Facility (design phase) (page 441 of the 2014 Business Plan/page 169 of the 2014 Capital Plan).
11. That, consistent with the Capital Project Control Policy, the 2015 and 2016 capital budget relating to new 2014 capital projects of \$28.2 million in 2015 and \$5.5 million in 2016 be approved.
12. That the 2015 and 2016 preliminary operating budgets be approved as forecasts.
13. That effective March 1, 2014, By-law 2013-031, as amended, be repealed and replaced with a by-law incorporating the fees and charges presented in the 2014 Business Plan, published December 19, 2013, pages 376-439 with the following amendments:
 - a) That the current hourly rates for parking be increased by \$0.25 per hour effective April 30, 2014; and
 - b) That the Parkade Monthly Pass rate be raised by \$5.00 from \$80 to \$85 effective April 30, 2014.
14. That pursuant to Ontario Regulation 284/09, this report serve as the method for communicating the exclusion of the following estimated expenses from the 2014 Business Plan:
 - a) Amortization expense - \$49.7 million
 - b) Post-employment benefit expenses - \$1.6 million; and
 - c) Solid waste landfill closure and post-closure expenses - \$1.0 million.
15. That staff be authorized to submit applications for grants that would reduce expenditures associated with projects, programs and services approved as part of the operating and capital budgets.
16. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute any agreements that may be required to accept grant funding from other levels of governments or other partners to reduce expenditures associated with programs, services and/or capital projects.
17. That the Mayor and Treasurer be authorized to execute a Letter of Agreement with the Province of Ontario as represented by the Ministry of Transportation related to the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program to allow for the alignment of the program year with the Provincial fiscal year.

18. That in response to a request from the Province of Ontario as represented by the Ministry of Transportation related to the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program, the City of Barrie reconfirm its commitment to continue to act as the host for the provision of public transit service to the Township of Essa.
19. That staff be authorized to submit applications for grants that would reduce future capital expenditures, fund service enhancements or enable capital projects to be advanced and a report be presented prior to the execution of any agreement associated with the acceptance of such grant.
20. That the City Clerk be authorized to prepare all necessary By-laws to implement the above recommendations. (EMT001-14) (File: F05)

Attachments: [EMT001-140120.pdf](#)

7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

Nil.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

POTENTIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF RED LIGHT CAMERAS

That the Barrie Police Services Board, in conjunction with City departments, as required, be requested to provide a memorandum to Council concerning the potential implementation of red light cameras including, but not limited to, the cost associated with installation, process used for red light camera enforcement, effectiveness of its use in other jurisdictions and the merits of implementing the cameras. (File: T00)

Sponsors: Councillor M. Prowse

9. INFORMATION ITEMS.

Nil.

10. ENQUIRIES.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

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