



# City of Barrie

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## Minutes - Final City Building Committee

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Tuesday, March 2, 2021

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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### **For consideration by the General Committee on March 8, 2021.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, C. Riepma at 6:02 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

- Present:** 3 - Councillor, C. Riepma  
Councillor, K. Aylwin  
Councillor, A. Kungl
- Absent:** 2 - Mayor, J. Lehman  
Councillor, N. Harris

#### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Deputy Mayor, B. Ward  
Councillor, M. McCann  
Councillor, S. Morales.

#### **STAFF:**

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse  
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke  
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard  
Deputy City Clerk, C. Swan  
Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter  
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan  
Director of Operations, D. Friary  
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine  
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, A. Miller  
Manager of Business Performance and Environmental Sustainability, S. Brunet.

The City Building Committee met and reports as follows:

## **SECTION "A"**

### **PRESENTATION CONCERNING THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY: A NEW APPROACH TO WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Sandra Brunet, Manager of Business Performance and Environmental Sustainability Committee provided a presentation concerning the Circular Economy: A New Approach to Waste Management that would support a more resilient and sustainable Barrie.

Ms. Brunet discussed slides concerning the following topic:

- The alignment of the changed approach to waste management with Council's Strategic Priorities;
- The rationale associated with implementing a new approach to waste management;
- A description and definition of what a circular economy is;
- The Circular Economy (CE) vision;
- A chart illustrating the pillars of Barrie's approach to Waste Management;
- The alignment of this approach with Federal and Provincial legislations, policies and strategies;
- The key challenges and opportunities related to the circular economy concept; and
- The next steps in implementing the circular economy framework.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions of City staff and received responses.

### **REPORT OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE DATED FEBRUARY 2, 2021**

The Report of the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee dated February 2, 2021 was received.

### **REPORT OF THE HERITAGE BARRIE COMMITTEE DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2021**

The Report of the Heritage Barrie Committee dated February 10, 2021 was received.

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

**SECTION "B"**

**CLEAN AIR ALLIANCE - PHASE-OUT OF GAS FIRED POWER PLANTS IN ONTARIO**

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario is planning to increase electricity generation and greenhouse gas pollution from Ontario's gas-fired power plants by more than 300% by 2030 and by more than 400% by 2040, reversing more than a third of the greenhouse gas pollution reductions achieved by phasing out our coal-fired power plants; and

WHEREAS Greenhouse gas pollution is causing temperatures in Canada to rise at more than double the rate of the rest of the world, causing impacts to the operations and citizens of the City of Barrie; and

WHEREAS one of the City of Barrie's strategic priorities is fostering a safe and healthy City by building a greener Barrie and adapting and mitigating climate change; and

WHEREAS the City of Barrie is taking measures to mitigate and adapt to the climate impacts caused by increasing greenhouse gas pollution; and

WHEREAS the planned increase in electricity-related greenhouse gas pollution will reduce the effectiveness of the City of Barrie's greenhouse gas reduction efforts; and

WHEREAS there are feasible, cost-effective alternatives to increasing gas-fired electricity generation without increasing greenhouse gas pollution at costs well below the current price for Ontario's nuclear energy (9.6 cents/kWh), including:

- Energy efficiency investments;
- Low-cost, distributed, renewable energy, providing employment in Ontario communities and restoring our leadership in this industry;
- The purchase of low-cost power offered by the Province of Quebec from its existing hydroelectric generating stations; and
- Using Quebec's system of reservoirs like a giant battery to back-up made in Ontario renewable power and eliminating the need to use gas-fired power plants for this purpose.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the City of Barrie requests the Government of Ontario to place an interim cap of 2.5 megatonnes per year on the greenhouse gas pollution from Ontario's gas-fired power plants and develop and implement a plan to phase-out all gas-fired electricity generation by 2030 to help the City of Barrie, the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to meet their climate targets.
  
2. That a copy of the resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Health, all local MPPs and MPs, the Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus (OBCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the President of Hydro Quebec and the Premier of Quebec.

This matter was recommended to General Committee for adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/8/2021.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

CHAIRMAN