



City of Barrie

70 Collier Street
P.O. Box 400
Barrie, ON L4M 4T5

Final City Council

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

CALLING TO ORDER BY THE CITY CLERK, WENDY COOKE

The meeting was called to order by the City Clerk at 7:03 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 9 - Mayor, A. Nuttall
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, C. Nixon
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, B. Hamilton

Absent: 2 - Councillor, AM. Kungl
Councillor, A. Courser

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Deputy City Clerk, T. Macdonald
Director of Boundary Adjustment Team, K. Oakley
Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
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 Community and Corporate Services, J. Schmidt
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Araniyasundaran
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard
Senior Policy Advisor and Legislative Coordinator, E. Chappell
Senior Project Manager Water Wastewater Planning, T. Reeve
Service Desk Specialist, M. Burry
Strategic Projects Coordinator, A. Harrison

PLAYING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was played.

READING OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mayor, A. Nuttall read the Land Acknowledgement.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**25-A-091 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2025**

The Minutes of the City Council meeting held on September 17, 2025., were adopted as printed and circulated.

25-A-092 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

The Minutes of the City Council meeting dated September 24, 2025, were adopted as printed and circulated.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**25-A-093 RECOGNITION OF THE 2012 BOYS IModel BARRIE SOCCER CLUB TEAM ON QUALIFYING FOR THE IModel C1 DIVISION AND THEIR SUCCESSFUL SEASON**

Mayor Nuttall recognized and congratulated the 2012 Boys IModel Barrie Soccer Club Team on qualifying for the IModel C1 Division, playing in seven tournaments and bringing home six championships and one finalist second place result.

Fabio Novaes, Head Coach for the 2012 Boys IModel Barrie Soccer Club Team spoke about the integrity, character, and hard work of the players, coaches, and families.

Mayor Nuttall presented certificates on behalf of the City of Barrie to the 2012 IModel Barrie Soccer Club Team.

25-A-094**HELMHOLTZ GYMNASIUM DELEGATION FROM ZWEIBRUCKEN GERMANY**

Mayor Nuttall, on behalf of members of Council welcomed Kerstin Keihm, Director, Alex Mueller, Vice Principal and Mareike Schuller, teacher of Helmholtz Gymnasium and the student delegation from Zweibrucken, Germany

Jeff Toole, Teacher and Program Coordinator for the Global Perspective Program, discussed the history, activities and work being undertaken by the program and the past and future initiatives and visits of the groups.

Mr. Alex Mueller, Vice Principal of Helmholtz Gymnasium, spoke on behalf of the German delegation discussing the success and value of the exchange program and their experiences visiting the City of Barrie.

Mayor Nuttall highlighted the Program's success and thanked the members of the International Relations Committee, the Global Perspective Program organizers, and the families of the students for their participation in the program.

Mayor Nuttall accepted a gift from the German delegation on behalf of the City of Barrie.

Council recessed from 7:28 p.m. to 7:32 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**25-A-095**

General Committee Report dated September 24, 2025, Sections A and B (APPENDIX "A").

SECTION "A" - TO BE RECEIVED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Seconded by: Councillor, N. Nigussie

That Section "A" of the General Committee Report dated September 24, 2025 as circulated, be received.

25-G-209 REPORT OF THE AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

25-G-210 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

CARRIED

SECTION "B" - TO BE ADOPTED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Seconded by: Councillor, N. Nigussie

That Section "B" of the General Committee Report dated September 24, 2025 as circulated, be adopted.

25-G-211 BARRIE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE/ YOUTH AMBASSADORS PROGRAM - DONOR DIRECTED INVESTMENT FLOWTHROUGH FUND

25-G-212 LIBRARY BUDGET REQUIREMENTS POLICY

25-G-213 DUCKWORTH STREET PARKING RESTRICTIONS (WARDS 1 AND 2)

25-G-214 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS - KEMPENFELT KELLY TRADEMARK

25-G-215 2025 BUSINESS PLAN STATUS AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

CARRIED

25-A-096 General Committee Report dated September 29, 2025 (APPENDIX "B").

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Seconded by: Councillor, N. Nigussie

That General Committee Report dated September 29, 2025 as circulated, be received.

25-G-216 PROPOSED MUNICIPAL RESTRUCTURING

CARRIED

25-A-097 General Committee Report dated October 1, 2025, Sections A, B and C (APPENDIX "C").

SECTION "A" - TO BE ADOPTED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Seconded by: Councillor, N. Nigussie

That Section "A" of the General Committee Report dated October 1, 2025, be adopted.

25-G-217 MUNICIPAL RESTRUCTURING PROPOSAL

CARRIED

SECTION "B" - TO BE ADOPTED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Seconded by: Councillor, N. Nigussie

That Section "B" of the General Committee Report dated October 1, 2025, be adopted.

25-G-218 POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF LAND MATTER - POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION

25-G-219 PILOT WINTER DOWNTOWN PATIO PROGRAM UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CARRIED

SECTION "C" - TO BE ADOPTED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Seconded by: Councillor, N. Nigussie

That Section "C" of the General Committee Report dated October 1, 2025, be adopted.

25-G-220 UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT CHARGE WAIVER (HOLIDAY)

The recorded vote was taken as follows:

Yes: 9 Mayor, A. Nuttall
Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, C. Nixon
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, B. Hamilton

Absent: Councillor, AM. Kungl
Councillor, A. Courser

CARRIED

DIRECT MOTIONS**25-A-098** OPERATING AND CAPITAL COSTS - 2025 ICE STORM

Moved by: Councillor, C. Nixon
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Whereas the municipality of the City of Barrie has eligible costs directly linked to the March 2025 ice storm, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Barrie hereby requests assistance under the Municipal Ice Storm Assistance Program with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to allow for the City of Barrie to submit a claim for costs associated with the ice storm; and

Further that Colleen Smith, Interim Director of Finance, be given delegated authority to verify and attest to the accuracy of the claim.

CARRIED

25-A-099**UPDATE TO THE USE OF CITY PROPERTY BY-LAW**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Seconded by: Councillor, C. Nixon

1. That under the current State of Emergency, staff have the authority to bring forward updates to existing by-laws to ensure that they reflect current processes and practices related to encampment response and are presenting Bill 110 an update to the Use of City Property By-law for consideration by Council.
2. That staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department (Enforcement Services) be authorized to make application to the Ministry of the Attorney General for set fines related to the Use of City Property By-law, with fine amounts ranging from \$100.00 to \$1000.00 based on the nature of the offence.

The recorded vote was taken as follows:

Yes: 9 Mayor, A. Nuttall
Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, C. Nixon
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, B. Hamilton

Absent: Councillor, AM. Kungl
Councillor, A. Courser

CARRIED**25-A-100****MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE - LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR MATCHPOINT TENNIS CLUB FOR CONCEPT OF A TENNIS DOME TO BE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF BARRIE**

Moved by: Councillor, C. Riepma
Seconded by: Councillor, C. Nixon

That pursuant to Section 7.1 of Procedural By-law 2019-100 as amended, permission be granted to introduce a motion without notice concerning a letter of support for MatchPoint Tennis Club for their concept of a tennis dome to be located in the City of Barrie.

CARRIED BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE

25-A-101**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR MATCHPOINT TENNIS CLUB FOR
CONCEPT OF A TENNIS DOME TO BE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF
BARRIE**

Moved by: Councillor, C. Riepma

Seconded by: Councillor, C. Nixon

That a letter of support be provided to MatchPoint Tennis Club for their concept of a tennis dome to be located in the City of Barrie and that staff work with representatives of Matchpoint Tennis Club on potential locations and report back to the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee.

CARRIED**ENQUIRIES**

Members of Council did not address any enquires to City staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of Council provided announcements concerning a number of matters.

BY-LAWS

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by: Councillor, N. Nigussie

That leave be granted to introduce the following Bills and these Bills be read a first, second and third time this day and finally passed:

**BY-LAW
2025-109****Bill #109**

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to further amend By-law 2020-107, as amended, being a By-law to regulate traffic on highways. (25-G-187) (Grove Street East and Johnson Street Signalization, Ward 1)

**BY-LAW
2025-110****Bill #110**

A By-law of the Corporation of the City of Barrie to regulate and govern the use of and activities permitted upon City property, environmentally protected land, and open space and to repeal Use of City Property (Nuisance) By-law 2004-142.

**BY-LAW
2025-111****Bill #111**

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to adopt a restructuring proposal concerning the municipal boundaries of the City of Barrie.

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by: Councillor, N. Nigussie

That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill and this Bill be read a first, second and third time this day and finally passed:

BY-LAW
2025-112**Bill #112**

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 1st day of October, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor, G. Harvey

Seconded by: Councillor, N. Nigussie

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor, A. Nuttall

Wendy Cooke, City Clerk

APPENDIX “A”

**General Committee Report dated
September 24, 2025**



City of Barrie

70 Collier Street
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Final General Committee

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by City Council on October 1, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, A. Nuttall at 7:00 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, AM. Kungl
Councillor, A. Courser
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, B. Hamilton

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects, T. McArthur
Deputy City Clerk, T. Macdonald
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
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
Senior Manager of Corporate Finance and Investment, C. Gillespie
Senior Policy Advisor and Legislative Coordinator, E. Chappell
Service Desk Specialist, M. Burry.

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

SECTION "A"

25-G-209 REPORT OF THE AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

Councillor, J. Harris provided an overview of the Affordability Committee meeting held on September 10, 2025.

The Report of the Affordability Committee dated September 10, 2025, was received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 2025-10-01.

25-G-210 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

Councillor, G. Harvey provided an overview of the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee meeting held on September 17, 2025.

The Report of the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee dated September 17, 2025, was received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 2025-10-01.

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-211 BARRIE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE/ YOUTH AMBASSADORS PROGRAM - DONOR DIRECTED INVESTMENT FLOWTHROUGH FUND

That the City of Barrie's Donor Directed Investment Flowthrough Fund Agreement with the Barrie Community Foundation regarding the International Relations Committee (IRC)/Youth Ambassadors Program, be dissolved, and that a separate agreement be established between the Foundation and the IRC Youth Ambassadors Program representative(s) with no reference or involvement by the City of Barrie.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2025-10-01.

25-G-212**LIBRARY BUDGET REQUIREMENTS POLICY**

That the Library Budget Requirements Policy attached as Appendix A to the Report to Finance and Responsible Governance Committee dated September 17, 2025, be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2025-10-01.

25-G-213**DUCKWORTH STREET PARKING RESTRICTIONS (WARDS 1 AND 2)**

That Traffic By-law 2020-107 Schedule "1" "No Parking Anytime" be amended by adding the following:

"Duckworth Street Both sides from Bell Farm Road to St. Vincent Street."
(DEV037-25)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2025-10-01.

25-G-214**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS - KEMPENFELT KELLY TRADEMARK**

1. That Staff Report ECD008-25 regarding the City of Barrie intellectual property rights related to the name and use of Kempenfelt Kelly™ be received.
2. That a licensing agreement for the use of the Kempenfelt Kelly registered Official Marks and Trademark be provided to Tourism Barrie for their immediate and continued use of the Kempenfelt Kelly™ name and image to promote tourism activity in the City of Barrie.
3. That the City Clerk be authorized to sign a Consent to Use of the Trademark Letter in relation to the Kempenfelt Kelly™ trademark for Tourism Barrie in a form acceptable to the Director of Legal Services.
4. That staff in Economic and Creative Development develop a policy framework for community and commercial use of the Kempenfelt Kelly™ mark that reflects the principles of civic pride, children's enjoyment, and tourism promotion and report back to General Committee. (ECD008-25)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2025-10-01.

25-G-215**2025 BUSINESS PLAN STATUS AS OF JUNE 30, 2025**

1. That Staff Report EMT003-25 concerning the 2025 Business Plan Status as of June 30, 2025, be received.
2. That \$85,000 be added to the 2025 operating budget for consulting work directed by Council in motion 24-G-213, to be funded by the Reinvestment Reserve. (EMT003-25) (File: C11)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2025-10-01.

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 7:07 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

APPENDIX “B”

**General Committee Report dated
September 29, 2025**



City of Barrie

70 Collier Street
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Final General Committee

Monday, September 29, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chamber

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by City Council on October 1, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor A. Nuttall at 6:00 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 8 - 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

Absent: 3 - Councillor, AM. Kungl
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, B. Hamilton

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General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, J. Schmidt
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Araniyasundaran
Service Desk Specialist, M. Burry
Strategic Projects Coordinator, A. Harrison.

The General Committee met for the purpose of a Public Meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Mayor Nuttall advised the public that any interested persons wishing further notification of the Staff Report regarding the municipal restructuring proposal were advised to sign the notification form required by the Legislative and Court Services Department. Mayor Nuttall confirmed with the Director of Boundary Adjustment Team that notification was conducted in accordance with the Municipal Act.

The General Committee met and report as follows:

25-G-216

PROPOSED MUNICIPAL RESTRUCTURING

Michelle Banfield, Executive Director, Development Services and Kelly Oakley, Director, Boundary Adjust Team provided a presentation concerning the municipal restructuring proposal with the City of Barrie, the Township of Oro-Medonte (Oro-Medonte), the Township of Springwater (Springwater) and the County of Simcoe (the County).

Ms. Banfield and Ms. Oakley discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The purpose of the public meeting
- The background and timelines of the municipal restructuring proposal;
- The independent joint land needs analysis and study conclusions;
- The elements of the facilitation process and the draft framework agreements;
- The proposed annexed lands into Barrie;
- Maps illustrating the proposed annexed lands for Springwater and Oro-medonte;
- The financial compensation;
- The Springwater cross border servicing;
- The economic development initiatives;
- The County of Simcoe considerations; and
- The next steps for the project.

Public Comments:

1. **Walter Vaz, 421 Penetanguishene Road**, advised that he is in support of the proposed annexation of his area into the City of Barrie. He commented that the proposal is a product of good faith negotiations that address key regional issues and the urgent need for more housing and nearby employment to strengthen the community. He advised that extending Barrie's services to the developable lands is practical and efficient. Mr. Vaz provided comments on the Oro-Medonte Council for its responsible planning and trust that Barrie has the resources to manage growth better. He commented on the

opposition from some groups, whose attitudes stress the necessity of tackling the housing crisis by developing housing and employment lands.

Mr. Vaz urged all involved Barrie, Oro Medonte, and Springwater Councils to proceed with the proposal to benefit the region and improve the quality of life.

2. **Craig Wallwin** shared his family's deep roots in Springwater and Barrie, tracing back over a century to their original farm on Sunnidale Road. He reflected on how the farm was central to his family's history and identity. Mr. Walwin acknowledged that change is necessary for growth and that annexation is about vision and infrastructure as the foundation for progress. He highlighted the significant annexations in 1984 and 2010 that transformed Barrie by creating jobs and housing under the leadership Mayor Ross Archer.

Mr. Walwin advised of his full support for Barrie's annexation plan, believing it balances respect for the past with meeting today's needs and setting a strong foundation for the future.

3. **Paul Sadlon, 742 Bayfield Street**, expressed his strong support for bringing municipal services to his property through the current annexation plan. He advised that he has waited over two years to move forward with their development. He highlighted the need for a reliable servicing partner, identifying Barrie as the best option and that servicing through Barrie is the most efficient, timely, and cost-effective choice, benefiting both Springwater and Barrie.

Mr. Sadlon emphasized that the project aims not just to build houses, but to enhance the community by adding valuable services. He advised that, as a local business, they are invested in the area's future and committed to long-term success, with an eagerness to begin development.

4. **Sean Mason, 401 Essa Road**, advised that he is a local builder and developer of innovative, sustainable housing in Barrie and a strong supporter of the proposed land transfer from Springwater to Barrie and cross-border servicing along the Bayfield Corridor. He commented on his company's over two decades of experience and ownership of adjacent parcels. He emphasized Barrie's proven ability to deliver housing projects efficiently.

Mr. Mason highlighted the urgent need for housing across all levels of government and called for decisive leadership to address affordability challenges.

Mr. Mason acknowledged the collaborative efforts of Mayor Nuttall and Mayor Coughlin and urged action to ensure responsible development that benefits future generations.

5. **Sean Power, 65 Parkside Drive**, advised that he is a resident of Oro-Medonte and a former Councillor, and that he opposes the annexation and industrial development plans. He expressed his concern over environmental impacts and long-term consequences for residents. Mr. Power commented on growth. He questioned who truly benefits from the annexation and views it as a precedent-setting land grab. Mr. Power provided examples like Lake Cuomo and pollution in Lake Simcoe. He urged Council to prioritize sustainability over expansion and protect natural resources for future generations.
6. **Emma Barron, representing The Remington Group Inc.**, advised that they are representing Lonibra Developments, Inc., owners of 727 Bayfield Street North. She outlined their August 2023 MZO application for a seniors' Continuum of Care campus, including long-term care, retirement residences, hospice, medical offices, and job creation. She emphasized the project's alignment with community priorities like diverse housing for seniors and economic growth.

Ms. Barron thanked all parties for recognizing the importance of certainty in timing and cost-effective servicing, specifically appreciating Barrie's offer for cross-border servicing. She expressed hope that Springwater will finalize a servicing agreement to support efficient infrastructure use and looks forward to collaborative efforts across government levels to realize these goals.

7. **Bob Forrest, 731 Sunnidale Road**, expressed his support for the City of Barrie's proposal to provide servicing for entry-level housing. He acknowledged agreement with the earlier speakers, appreciated the efficient approach, and the need for affordable housing. Mr. Forrest also thanked those working hard on the process, acknowledging the value of their efforts.
8. **Rick Crook, 716 St. Vincent Street** advised that he is a long-time property owner at 716 St. Vincent Street with 60 acres near Barrie Golf Course. He commented that he supports development and housing on his land, which has been delayed for years despite existing infrastructure like road allowances and water/sewer mains. He highlighted the slow pace of housing development in Canada compared to places like Texas and the excessive red tape in housing policy. Mr. Crook advised that he endorses servicing on his property through Barrie and that the City's established water and sewer systems are essential for progress.
9. **Cameron Sellers, representing the owners of 560 and Street North**, advised that they strongly support the proposed annexation, viewing it as essential for Barrie's long-term growth, economic competitiveness, and sustainable development. He commented that the annexation prevents land shortages, controls costs, and curbs uncontrolled expansion outside Barrie. Mr. Sellers expressed that it

enables efficient servicing of lands, creating vital opportunities for employment, housing, and community amenities, ultimately strengthening Barrie's future.

10. **Ron Sheardown, co-owner of Barrie Welding and Machine Ltd., 39 Anne Street South**, advised that he supports the inclusion of Snow Valley Yorkwood lands in Barrie's boundary expansion to address the City's shortage of serviced industrial land. He commented that despite presenting a well-supported industrial park proposal in Springwater that includes economic benefits and job creation, the project faced opposition and stalled.

Mr. Sheardown highlighted Barrie's urgent need for employment lands and the extensive planning efforts to make the site shovel-ready. He urges correction of the draft mapping to reflect the area's intended use for employment, not community development, and commends Barrie's commitment to economic growth.

11. **Craig Flegel, 403 Penetanguishene Road**, voiced his strong concern over the proposed annexation, fearing financial hardship and potential expropriation of his home. He commented that he chose to live outside Barrie for its values and affordability and that he worries that a rezoning will disrupt his family's life, increase costs for infrastructure, and possibly lead to the loss of his property.

Mr. Flegel expressed that real families, not just developers, will be negatively impacted, and urged decision-makers to consider the human and environmental consequences of growth.

12. **Lindsay Bernier, 403 Penetanguishene Road** raises concerns about the annexation, questioning the impact on property taxes, especially for aging residents. She highlighted the difficulty in finding truly affordable housing, sharing how her family had to relocate to find work outside the Province to save for a home and possibly return to this area. She pointed out the rise in homelessness and has doubts about the benefits of annexation. Ms. Bernier urged Council to focus on developing existing lands within Barrie before expanding further.

13. **Gary Ray, 31 Camelot Square**, expresses his concern over rising property taxes and the lack of service improvements in Barrie. He highlighted the significant infrastructure and operating costs associated with the proposed expansion, which could potentially burden existing taxpayers with annual increases per household. He questioned the lack of clarity on who will fund these costs. Mr. Ray urged Council to publish a transparent fiscal plan, phase growth only when funding is secured, and ensure current residents are not left paying for developments that primarily benefit future residents and developers.

14. **Jane Voorheis, 7 Black Forest Lane**, advised that he is an Oro-Medonte resident, and that others join him in solidarity opposing the proposed annexation, calling it rushed, politically motivated, and lacking proper public consultation. She mentioned the short notice for reviewing critical documents and the exclusion of key stakeholders, including Indigenous communities and Simcoe County. She commented that the plan contradicts Barrie's own goals for sustainable growth and unfairly targets Oro-Medonte farmland due to Barrie's failure to meet intensification targets.

Ms. Vooheis addressed concerns about the potential rezoning for industrial use and the lack of transparency around land use impacts, urging Council to begin a genuine, inclusive planning process.

15. **Bryn Pressnail**, advised that he was speaking on behalf of Oro-medonte residents and that he is a representative of the West Oro Ratepayers Association, which has over 300 members advocating for responsible planning, sustainable development, and preserving the area's rural and environmental character. He commented that they are strongly opposed to the proposed annexation of land in Oro-Medonte. He expressed their concern with the urban sprawl, financial burdens, disruption to community life, and a lack of clarity on the impacts on schools and borders.

Mr. Pressnail urged Council to create inclusive solutions to housing and growth challenges without sacrificing local interests or green space.

16. **Yetta Bourne, 9 Bay Crest Drive**, advised of her concerns about the proposed annexation of Oro-Medonte and Springwater lands. She emphasized that this is a significant decision affecting the region's future, the lack of transparency and meaningful public consultation, and warned of irreversible environmental damage. Ms. Bourne highlighted the enormous infrastructure costs that are likely to exceed budgets and burden taxpayers now and in the future. She commented that elected officials should prioritize protecting community well-being over unchecked economic growth, deeming the annexation harmful, costly, and unsustainable.

17. **Paul Markle, 121 Commerce Park Drive, CAO of the Barrie Chamber of Commerce**, reaffirmed its support for the proposed boundary adjustment. He commented on the ongoing challenges in meeting business demand for large, shovel-ready industrial land. He emphasized the City's efforts to foster business growth and competitiveness but noted that limited land availability is pushing companies to relocate.

Mr. Markle expressed that they see the annexation as essential to achieving Barrie's employment targets and supporting developments like the student housing in Ward 1. He praised the formation of a land

trust to ensure environmental stewardship.

18. **Greg Wood, 30 Barrie Terrance**, advised that he is a resident of Oro-Medonte and that he has concerns about the proposed annexation, and the support that seems to come only from those with financial interests. He questioned the lack of visible support from Barrie residents and officials, as well as the inclusion of environmentally protected marshland in the annexation plan, and repeated past development mistakes.

Mr. Wood urged Council for thorough environmental assessments and the creation of buffer zones to protect sensitive areas.

19. **Neil Swanson** advised that he is representing some of the local First Nations. He expressed concerns about maintaining environmental buffer zones and protecting wildlife amid proposed developments. He emphasized the importance of consulting the First Nations, respecting Treaty lands, and including them in impact studies. Mr. Swanson acknowledged the need for housing and economic growth, and the need to minimize environmental harm to land and water systems, underscoring stewardship responsibilities.
20. **Susan Marcellus, 25 O'Brien Street**, commented on the marshland wildlife, highlighting its sensitive nature and diverse species like beavers, deer, turtles, frogs, and osprey nests. She urged the conservation and protection of these habitats and connected waterways.

Written Comments:

1. Petition from Barrie and Oro-Medonte residents.
2. Correspondence from Barbara McVeigh dated September 25, 2025.
3. Correspondence from Dennis and Kim Hickling dated September 26, 2025.
4. Correspondence from Barbara McVeigh dated September 29, 2025.
5. Correspondence from Royal Victoria Health Centre dated September 29, 2025.
6. Correspondence from Simcoe County District School Board dated September 29, 2025.
7. Correspondence from Michael Keogh, President, Barrie County Club dated September 29, 2025.
8. Correspondence from Walte Vaz dated September 29, 2025.
9. Correspondence from Jane Voorheis received September 29, 2025.
10. Correspondence from Ron Sheardown received September 29, 2025.
11. Correspondence from Gary Ray dated September 29, 2025.

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 7:38 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

APPENDIX “C”

**General Committee Report dated
October 1, 2025**



City of Barrie

70 Collier Street
P.O. Box 400
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Final General Committee

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

5:00 PM

Council Chamber

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by Barrie City Council on October 1, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by the City Clerk at 5:02 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 8 - Mayor, A. Nuttall
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, C. Nixon
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, B. Hamilton

Absent: 3 - Councillor, AM. Kungl
Councillor, A. Courser
Councillor, S. Morales

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Deputy City Clerk, T. Macdonald
Director of Boundary Adjustment Team, K. Oakley
Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews
Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
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 Community and Corporate Services, J. Schmidt
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Araniyasundaran
Interim Chief Financial Officer, C. Smith
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard
Senior Manager of Corporate Finance and Investments, C. Gillespie
Senior Policy Advisor and Legislative Coordinator, E. Chappell

Senior Project Manager Water Wastewater Planning, T. Reeve
Service Desk Specialist, M. Burry
Strategic Projects Coordinator, A. Harrison
Supervisor of Development Charges, M. Villeneuve

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

SECTION "A"

25-G-217

MUNICIPAL RESTRUCTURING PROPOSAL

1. That the draft municipal restructuring framework agreements with the Township of Springwater attached as Appendix A, be endorsed
2. That the draft municipal restructuring framework agreements with the Township of Oro-Medonte, attached as Appendix B, be endorsed
3. That the draft framework agreements and a copy of this Council resolution be provided to the Townships of Springwater and Oro-Medonte and Simcoe County, and that the Councils of those municipalities each be requested to hold public meetings and adopt endorsement resolutions of their own.
4. That the draft framework agreements and a copy of this Council resolution be provided to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, with a request to implement the restructuring proposal through a Minister's Order, in accordance with Sections 171-173 of the Municipal Act.
5. That staff create a new reserve titled "Boundary Adjustment Reserve" for the purpose of funding compensation payments in the amount of \$38,085,000 associated with the restructuring proposal, plus incidentals, and that this new reserve be funded from the Tax Capital Reserve.
6. That the CAO be authorized to negotiate a contribution of up to \$5,000,000 funded from the Boundary Adjustment Reserve to the County of Simcoe, towards a project that will drive economic development, and that the payment be subject to the issuance of a municipal restructuring Order by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

7. That the City's restructuring proposal to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing include a request to implement the proposed Barrie ward boundaries as noted in Schedules D1 of the Springwater and Oro-Medonte agreements, to take effect January 1, 2026.
8. That the City's restructuring proposal to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing include a request to implement the proposed Barrie ward boundaries as noted in Schedules D2 of the Springwater and Oro-Medonte agreements, to take effect on the day the new Council is organized following the 2026 municipal election.
9. That Barrie staff engage with Springwater, Oro-Medonte and County staff to begin transition planning to ensure continuity of service for all residents impacted by the municipal restructuring.
10. That upon request from Springwater Township, staff enter discussions for cross border servicing lands at the north boundary of Barrie on either side of Bayfield Street, and that staff report back to Council for approval of the principles of a Springwater Township servicing agreement.
11. That any identified natural heritage land within the lands annexed from Oro-Medonte and Springwater be conveyed to the planned conservation trust at the time of redevelopment.
12. That a copy of this resolution be shared with all First Nations who have been engaged by the City to date, and that the City continue to engage with First Nations through future land use and infrastructure planning related to the annexed lands.
13. That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to make minor housekeeping changes to the framework agreements prior to execution, for the purpose of providing additional clarity and consistency. (CAO001-25)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/1/2025.

SECTION "B"

25-G-218

POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF LAND MATTER - POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION

That staff undertake the confidential direction identified in Staff Report ECD007-25 concerning the Potential Acquisition of Land Matter - Post Secondary Institution. (ECD007-25)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/1/2025.

25-G-219**PILOT WINTER DOWNTOWN PATIO PROGRAM UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the approved Pilot Winter Downtown Patio Program in Resolution 24-A-118 be included as incorporated as an annual program as part of the Barrie Downtown Patio Program, and referred to as a "Winter Downtown Patio".
2. Business Licensing By-law 2006-266 be amended to include under Schedule A, a "Winter Downtown Patio".
3. That Winter Downtown Patios be subject to all terms and conditions associated with the standard downtown patio program, with the following conditions:
 - a) Right of Way Activity Permits for Winter Downtown Patios will be issued to support breweries and restaurants to maintain their patios from November 16 to the second Thursday of April, with a minimum sidewalk clearance of 1.5 meters for pedestrian access and the understanding that approved patios will not require the relocation of City infrastructure, including but not limited to bollards;
 - b) Adequate snow storage can be demonstrated; and
 - c) That all other provisions within the Business Licensing By-law 2006-266 as amended and the Snow Clearing (Downtown) By-law 2008-212 remain in full effect during this period.
4. That the number of approved Winter Downtown Patios be limited to a maximum of six businesses per year on a first-come-first-served basis.
5. That the Winter Downtown Patio be incorporated into the current "Patio Program" Fees By-law, such that program participants pay one \$400 fee per year to participate in the Downtown Patio Program, and a lease rate of \$0.40 per square foot per month, requiring applicants to only submit amendments to their ROWA permits to move between winter and standard patio permit requirements. (ECD009-25)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/1/2025.

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

SECTION "C"

25-G-220

UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT CHARGE WAIVER (HOLIDAY)

That the original Development Charge Waiver upset limit of \$30M be changed to \$80M and funds be administered on a first come, first serve basis until the limit is reached, provided the applicants meet all eligibility requirements. (DEV039-25)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/1/2025.

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 5:29 p.m.

CHAIRMAN