

**Minutes - Final
General Committee**

Monday, April 22, 2013

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by the Council of the City of Barrie on April 29, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lehman at 7:01 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 11 - Mayor J. Lehman; Councillor B. Ainsworth; Councillor L. Strachan; Councillor D. Shipley; Councillor B. Ward; Councillor P. Silveira; Councillor M. Prowse; Councillor J. Brassard; Councillor A. Khan; Councillor B. Jackson; and Councillor A. Nuttall

STAFF:

Accessibility Coordinator, C. Dillon
Chief Administrative Officer, C. Ladd
City Centre Revitalization Coordinator, J. Foster
City Clerk, D. McAlpine
Director of Engineering, B. Kahle
Director of Environmental Services, J. Thompson
Director of Finance, D. McKinnon
Director of Information and Communications Technology, C. Glaser
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
Director of Planning Services, S. Naylor
Director of Roads, Parks and Fleet, D. Friary
General Manager of Corporate Services, E. Archer
Manager of Facilities, K. Bradley.

The General Committee reports that the following matter was dealt with on the consent portion of the agenda:

SECTION "A"

**13-G-104 TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT DATED APRIL 10, 2013**

The Transportation and Economic Development Report dated April 10, 2013 was received (File: C05)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 4/29/2013.

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

SECTION "B"

**13-G-105 OUTDOOR PATIOS, BLADE SIGNS AND AWNINGS 2012 UPDATE
(WARD 2)**

1. That the City Centre Outdoor Patio Right-of-Way Activity Permit application and associated administration fee, current 2013 rate of \$396.50, as amended from time to time, be charged for each Outdoor Patio application.
2. That the lease rate of \$0.40 per square foot (SF) per month, be charged, for the lease of City sidewalk space for the purpose of an outdoor patio in the City Centre, in accordance with the Policy for Outdoor Patios on City Right-of-Ways, except for those applicants operating an outdoor patio in their first year.

3. That the parking rate fee of \$1040 per on-street parking space calculated at \$1/hour, 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday, between April 15 and October 15, when utilized for a temporary sidewalk to facilitate an outdoor patio on the City sidewalk in the City Centre, be eliminated. (EDO003-13) (File: D18-PAT)

Councillor B. Ward declared a potential pecuniary interest in the foregoing matter as he rents space to a business owner who operates an outdoor patio. He did not take part in the discussion nor vote on the matter and he did not leave the Council Chamber.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/29/2013.

SECTION "C"

13-G-106 2013 TAX RATIOS AND CAPPING POLICIES

1. That the tax ratios for the 2013 taxation year be established as follows:

a)	Residential/farm property class	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
2. That the capping program be funded by clawing back decreases from within the affected property tax classes.
3. That the recommended capping parameters for commercial, industrial and multi-residential properties be established as follows:
 - a) The property tax cap be set at an amount representing 10% of the previous year's annualized taxes, and
 - b) Any property within +/- \$250 of the Current Value Assessment (CVA) taxes be moved directly to CVA taxation
 - c) Any property that reaches the CVA level of taxation be removed from the capping program.

- d) Exclude any property whose classification changes from capped to clawed back, or vice versa
 - e) a minimum cap of 5% of the previous year's Current Value Assessment taxes.
4. New construction thresholds be established as follows:
- a) Up to 70% of CVA-level taxes in 2005
 - b) Up to 80% of CVA-level taxes in 2006
 - c) Up to 90% of CVA-level taxes in 2007
 - d) Up to 100% of CVA-level taxes in 2008 and beyond.
5. That the discounts for the commercial and industrial sub-classes for vacant land and excess land be established at 30% and 35% respectively.
6. That two sub classes for Farmland Awaiting Development be established in each of the multi-residential, commercial and industrial property classes at the following discounts:
- a) Phase I - 25% discount off the residential tax rate
 - b) Phase II - 0% discount off the new property class tax rate as a result of rezoning
7. That the City of Barrie continue its existing Rebates for Charitable Organizations Program providing a tax rebate for Registered Charitable Organizations, as defined in Section 248(1) of the Income Tax Act, R.S.C. 1985, Chapter 1, at a rate of 40% of the current year's taxes applicable to the space occupied;
8. That the Registered Charities eligible for the tax rebate program be required to submit an annual application and provide evidence of taxes paid satisfactory to the Treasurer or his/her designate.
9. That the City Clerk be authorized to prepare all necessary by-laws to establish the 2013 taxation and capping policies as described herein. (FIN005-13) (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/29/2013.

13-G-107 CITY OF BARRIE'S MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN 2013-2018

1. That the 2013 - 2018 Multi-year Accessibility Plan attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report HR001-13 be approved.
2. That staff, in consultation with the Accessibility Advisory Committee monitor implementation of the Plan and report back to General Committee with an annual update on initiatives and compliance requirements outlined in the Accessibility Plan, in accordance with the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario's guidance.
3. That update memorandums or a staff report, regarding compliance of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) requirements, be provided to General Committee as required. (HR001-13) (File: A16-Inn)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/29/2013.

13-G-108 CITY OF BARRIE'S TRANSIT MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

1. That the 2013-2018 Transit Multi-year Accessibility Plan attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report HR002-13 be approved.
2. That Transit staff, in consultation with the Accessibility Advisory Committee monitor implementation of the Plan and report back to General Committee with an annual update on initiatives and compliance requirements outlined in the Accessibility Plan, in accordance with the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario's guidance.
3. That update memorandums or a staff report, regarding compliance of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) requirements, be provided to General Committee as required. (HR002-13) (File: A16-Inn)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/29/2013.

13-G-109 CITY OF BARRIE'S ACCESSIBILITY COMMITMENT STATEMENT

That the Statement of Commitment to accessibility attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report HR003-13 be approved. (HRS003-13) (File: A16-Inn)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/29/2013.

**13-G-110 INVESTIGATION OF POTENTIAL REMOVAL OF TELEPHONE KIOSKS -
DUNLOP STREET AND MAPLE STREET**

That staff in the Information Technology Department investigate the feasibility of Bell removing the two telephone kiosks at the corners of Dunlop Street and Maple Street, including any financial implications and report back to General Committee. (Item for Discussion 6.1, Apr. 22, 2013) (File: E06)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/29/2013.

**13-G-111 INVESTIGATION OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ALTERNATIVES -
TORONTO STREET AND PARK STREET**

That the memorandum from R. Kahle dated November 19, 2012 concerning the Pedestrian Signal Warrant for Toronto Street and Park Street be referred back to staff in the Engineering Department for investigation of other alternatives related to pedestrian crossings and a report back to General Committee. (Item for Discussion 6.2, Apr. 22, 2013) (File: T00)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/29/2013.

The General Committee met for the purpose of a public meeting at 7:03 p.m. and reports as follows:

Mayor Lehman advised the public that any concerns or appeals dealing with the application that was subject to the Public Meeting should be directed to the City Clerk's Office. Any interested persons wishing further notification of the staff report regarding the application were advised to sign the appropriate notification form required by the City Clerk's Office. Mayor Lehman confirmed with the Supervisor that notification was conducted in accordance with the Planning Act.

SECTION "D"

13-G-112 APPLICATION FOR A PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING BY-LAW - 1815496 ONTARIO LIMITED, 10 AND 20 LITTLE LAKE DRIVE, BARRIE (WARD 3) (D09-27/D14-1547)

Ray Duhamel, of The Jones Consulting Group, advised that the purpose of the public meeting is to review an application for an Official Plan Amendment and Amendment to Zoning By-law submitted by the Jones Consulting Ltd. on behalf of 1815496 Ontario Limited for lands located within the Little Lake Planning Area. The property is known municipally as 10 and 20 Little Lake Drive and has a total area of approximately 2.75 hectares. Mr. Duhamel provided aerial and site photographs to illustrate the property location, current use and surrounding land uses.

Mr. Duhamel outlined the proposed development in the context of the Provincial Policy Statement and Growth Plan. He reviewed the components of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Amendment to the Zoning By-law. Mr. Duhamel noted that the Concept Plan was developed after consultation with residents in the area at Open Houses that were held on April 21, 2011 and December 9, 2011. He commented that the Plan includes a 7 storey, 120 unit Senior Citizen Home; a 3 storey, 125 unit Retirement Home; a public walking trail; shoreline restoration and delineation of the floodplain. Mr. Duhamel concluded by providing the definitions for various senior facilities included in the City's Zoning By-law and advised that the development was specifically proposing a seniors citizens home and retirement home.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. **Lorraine Cowan, 11 Little Lake Drive**, advised that she was not opposed to development, although she was seeking protection from the impacts experienced by existing residents as a result of another development currently underway, citing the loss of trees and the resulting noise from the highway, wind, traffic and exposure of her property. She expressed concern related to the ability to ensure a developer adheres to the provisions of any approval, once a development is underway. Ms. Cowan noted the grading and flooding related to the other development. She expressed concern that rezoning the property from C4 commercial to C4 General Commercial Special Provision would allow the developer to proceed without following rules and inquired regarding the nature of the variances being sought as special provisions. Ms. Cowan stated that she felt the concerns of the residents were not addressed as they related to the other development and that she did not believe that the concept plan presented reflected the results of the discussion at the Open House.

2. **Lucy Fournier, 1 Little Lake Drive**, advised that her property has received a large amount of traffic and been flooded twice since another development had been under construction. She commented on the noise from the construction trucks early in the morning at the other development, as well as the odour from the diesel fuel. Ms. Fournier inquired about the ability to control the occupancy of the proposed seniors facilities and expressed concern that the condominium units would become student rentals. She noted that additional control over construction activities was required to assist the existing residents. Ms. Fournier stated that she did not believe an additional 120 units for students were required.

Mayor Lehman asked the representative of the developer to further explain the intended occupancy of the proposed development.

3. **Chris Cutler, 210 Bayfield Street**, commented that all of the individuals impacted by a development need to be heard equally or there would be difficulties later on. She encouraged Council to give consideration to all view points. Ms. Cutler suggested additional meeting(s) to re-visit the concerns of the residents and address the issues.

Mayor Lehman and Councillor Shipley provided details of previous consultation with the area residents regarding the proposed development.

4. **Mark Oschefski, 11 Little Lake Drive**, advised that he was born and raised in Barrie and he believes that there needs to be more communication between the City and the developers with residents in a project area, based on his experience with another development currently underway. Mr. Oschefski stated that he didn't believe this development proposal should be provided any exceptions in the form of special provisions and the existing provisions should be tighter. He commented that he believes the developer on the other project is not following the rules, providing an example related to tree removal. Mr. Oschefski noted that the sign that was one of the forms of notice for the public meeting had fallen down and was not replaced by the developer. He commented that he felt there was a lack of communication and that he was thinking about leaving the community.

Mayor Lehman asked City staff to provide details of the notice requirements under the Planning Act.

5. **Bryon Campbell, 32 Little Lake Drive**, expressed his concern related to traffic in the area. He inquired regarding the timing of the construction of Massie Way and whether it had been designed to address the anticipated traffic resulting from the development.

Mayor Lehman asked City staff to provide details of the timing associated with traffic improvements in the area.

Members of General Committee asked a number of questions related to the presentation and received responses from the presenter and City staff.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Correspondence from Bell, dated April 2, 2013.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 4/29/2013.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "E"

13-G-113 CITY CENTRE - 2012 PROGRESS REPORT

J. Foster, City Centre Revitalization Coordinator provided a presentation regarding the City Centre - 2012 Progress Report. She noted that one of Council's 5 Strategic Priorities for the 2010-2014 term was to create a vibrant and healthy City Centre. Ms. Foster commented that the Action Plan associated with the 2010-2014 City Council Strategic Plan identified a number of projects to be completed by 2014. She provided a status update on the following projects:

- Foodland site redevelopment
- Mady Centre for the Performing Arts
- Festivals and Events
- Waterfront and Marina Strategic Plan
- Centre for Excellence in Education
- 5 Points Parkette
- Public Art Policy
- Outdoor Patios
- Community Improvement Plans
- Allandale Train Station and GO Service

Ms. Foster concluded by outlining a number of 2013 initiatives that would increase the use of the City Centre by residents and visitors.

Members of General Committee asked a number of questions related to the presentation and received responses from the presenter and City staff.

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 4/29/2013.

SECTION "F"**13-G-114 PLAN FOR THE SALE OF CITY OWNED PARKING LOTS IN THE CITY CENTRE (WARD 2)**

That Staff Report EDO002-13 concerning the Plan for the Sale of City Owned Parking Lots in the City Centre (Ward 2) be referred to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee for consideration at its next meeting. (EDO002-13) (File:D18-PAR)

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/29/2013.

13-G-115 NAMING OF VARIOUS PARKS AND FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY

1. That the previous policy (76-F-35) regarding the naming of parks be repealed.
2. That the following new policy be adopted for the naming of parks, open spaces, environmentally protected (EP) areas and Corporate facilities:

"That City Council adopt the names of parks, open spaces, valleylands, environmentally protected (EP) areas, and Corporate facilities based upon recommendations of the Community Services Committee. The naming will be based on geographical, historical or ecological relationships indigenous to the area or, in some circumstances, an individual's name or recognition of a major sponsor/partner may be considered where corporations, individuals, major sponsors or partners have made exceptional contributions for a specific purpose towards the project."

3. That the names for the parks, open spaces and EP areas identified in Appendix "A" of Staff Report ENG013-13 be adopted with the exception of the name Hyde Park for the property previously referenced as Queensway Park. (ENG013-03) (File: R04-PA)

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/29/2013.

There were no enquiries at General Committee.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.