



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Finance and Corporate Services Committee

Wednesday, November 27, 2013

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

For consideration by General Committee on December 9, 2013.

The meeting was called to order by Councillor, M . Prowse at 7:08 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

PRESENT:

Councillor, M. Prowse, Finance and Corporate Services Committee Chairperson
Mayor, J. Lehman, Finance and Corporate Services Committee Member (ex officio)
Councillor, B. Ainsworth, Finance and Corporate Services Committee Member
Councillor, J. Brassard, Finance and Corporate Services Committee Member
Councillor, A. Khan

STAFF:

City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, D. McAlpine
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, E. Archer
Manager of Revenue, K. Short
Supervisor of Administrative Support Services, W. Sutherland

ALSO PRESENT:

D. McLellan
J. DeJong
D. Morrison, International Relations Committee Chairperson

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

WATER BILL - 151 PENETANG STREET

Councillor Ainsworth provided a brief overview regarding an outstanding water bill for the property located at 151 Penetang Street and requested that the Committee provide an opportunity for the property owners, Ms. D. McLellan and Mr. J. DeJong, to explain the circumstances related to the water billing.

Ms. D. McLellan and Mr. J. DeJong addressed the Committee regarding the outstanding water bill and requested relief from payment of the bill. They provided comments and concerns including the following:

- The property located at 151 Penetang Street is a rental property which has a pool
- The tenant had responsibility for the utilities
- In Spring 2012, advisory notices indicating utility arrears were received
- Contact was made with the tenant and K. Short, Manager of Revenue regarding the outstanding charges
- The tenant advised the bill would be paid
- Water is deemed an essential service and there wasn't a mechanism to force shut off
- Over a 14 month period the water bill had increased to an amount of \$2,684
- In October 2012, Council approved a water shut off policy
- The water at 151 Penetang Street was shut off on December 3, 2012
- The tenant vacated the property leaving the charges unpaid

The Committee members and Council members present addressed a number of questions regarding the water bill to Ms. McLellan, Mr. DeJong and City staff and received responses.

The Committee met and discussed the following motion:

"That the outstanding water bill for the property located at 151 Penetang Street be reduced by \$2,184 to \$500.00." (File: F00)

A vote was taken and the motion LOST.

The Committee discussed the opportunities to establish a flexible payment plan to address the outstanding bill. It was determined that K. Short would develop an acceptable payment plan with generous repayment terms in conjunction with D. McLellan and J.DeJong.

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "B"

**REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE DATED
SEPTEMBER 17, 2013.**

The Report of the International Relations Committee dated September 17, 2013 was received. (File: C05)

**The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and recommends
adoption of the following recommendation(s):**

SECTION "C"

**BOROUGH OF HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE, UNITED KINGDOM
SUB-COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE**

That Bill Sergeant, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) be appointed as the representative of the Borough of Harrogate, North Yorkshire, United Kingdom Sub-Committee. (File: C00)

**This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of
adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/9/2013.**

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "D"

**REPORT OF THE TOWN AND GOWN ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED
SEPTEMBER 24, 2013.**

The Report of the Town and Gown Advisory Committee dated September 24, 2013 was received. (File: C05)

**REPORT OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED
SEPTEMBER 26, 2013.**

The Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee dated September 26, 2013 was received. (File: C05)

**The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and recommends
adoption of the following recommendation(s):**

SECTION "E"

**REAR WINDOW CAPTIONING AND DESCRIPTIVE VIDEO SERVICE AT
MOVIE THEATRES**

That a letter be sent to new or existing movie theatres in Barrie to request consideration of the provision of Rear Window Captioning ("RWC") for deaf, deafened and hard of hearing patrons, as well as providing Descriptive Video Service ("DVS") for blind and visually impaired patrons. (File: C00)

**This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of
adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/9/2013.**

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "F"

**REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE DATED
OCTOBER 22, 2013.**

The Report of the International Relations Committee dated October 22, 2013 was received. (File: C05)

PROPOSED 2014 COMMITTEE BUDGET

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and discussed the recommendation from the International Relations Committee (IRC) concerning the proposed 2014 Committee budget and took no action as a revised motion was submitted at the following IRC meeting. (File: F00)

**REPORT OF THE TOWN AND GOWN COMMITTEE DATED OCTOBER
22, 2013**

The Report of the Town and Gown Committee dated October 22, 2013 was received. (File: C05).

**REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE DATED
NOVEMBER 19, 2013.**

The Report of the International Relations Committee dated November 19, 2013 was received. (File: C05)

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "G"

PROPOSED 2014 COMMITTEE BUDGET (REVISED)

That an increase in the International Relations Committee budget (accounts 01-06-0935-0000-xxxx) from \$20,500 to \$37,500 (net increase of \$17,000) be included in the 2014 Business Plan for consideration to reflect increase anticipated expenditures associated with commitments to the City of Barrie's twinning relationship with Murayama, Japan; Taizhou, China; Zwèibrücken, Germany; The Borough of Harrogate, North Yorkshire; United Kingdom, and Puerto Princessa, Philippines. (File: F00)

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/9/2013.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

CHAIRMAN