



City of Barrie

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Final Finance and Responsible Governance Committee

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

FINANCE AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by General Committee on June 11, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, G. Harvey at 5:01 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 4 - Mayor, A. Nuttall
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, AM. Kungl

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, C. Nixon
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, S. Morales

STAFF:

Associate Director of Corporate Asset Management, K. Oakley
Associate Director of Waste Management and Environmental Sustainability, S. Mack
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Deputy City Clerk, T. Macdonald
Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
Director of Operations, D. Friary
Director of Recreation and Culture Services, K. Datema
Director of Transit and Parking Strategy, B. Forsyth
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 Director of Finance, C. Smith

Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard
Manager of Energy Management, A. McMullin
Senior Manager of Revenue and Accounting, M. Mifsud
Senior Policy Advisor and Legislative Coordinator, E. Chappell
Service Desk Specialist, K. Kovacs.

The Finance and Responsible Governance Committee reports that the following matter(s) were dealt with on the consent portion of the agenda:

SECTION "A"

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE DATED MAY 6, 2025.

The Report of the International Relations Committee dated May 6, 2025, was received.

REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT BOARD DATED MAY 14, 2025

The Report of the Investment Board dated May 14, 2025, was received.

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

SECTION "B"

MOTION 25-G-097 REFERRED BY GENERAL COMMITTEE ON MAY 7, 2025, REGARDING A COMMITTEE NAME CHANGE

"That the name of the Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee be changed to the Sustainability Advisory Committee".

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/11/2025.

SAGINAW SISTER CITY CONFERENCE

That staff in the Economic and Creative Development Department be supported to attend the Saginaw Sister City Conference, fall 2025, subject to Mayor and CAO approval.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/11/2025.

COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION - COUNCILLOR A. COURSER - ART DESIGNED PANELS TO ADDITION OF DORIAN PARKER CENTRE (WARD 4)

That the Community Project Submission from Councillor, A. Courser concerning \$5000 for the installation of two artist-designed panels to the addition to the Dorian Parker Centre (Ward 4), be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/11/2025.

COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION - COUNCILLOR J. HARRIS - PAINTINGS AND BANNERS - BARRIE SPORTS HALL OF FAME AT ALLANDALE RECREATION CENTRE (WARD 8)

That the Community Project Submission from Councillor, J. Harris concerning \$11,745 for the refurbishing of 40 paintings and purchase of 7 banner hardware brackets for the Barrie Sports Hall of Fame at Allandale Recreation Centre (Ward 8), be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/11/2025.

COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION - COUNCILLOR S. MORALES - BEAUTIFICATION VIA NATURALIZATION AND INSTALLATION OF WHITE CLOVER ALONG CITY OWNED LOT 44 COUNTRY LANE (WARD 9)

That the Community Project Submission from Councillor, S. Morales concerning \$2000 for the beautification via naturalization and installation of a "white clover" along a 1.5m strip adjacent to the fence of the property on the east side of the city owned lot at 44 Country Lane (Ward 9), be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/11/2025.

**COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION - COUNCILLOR S. MORALES -
WELCOME TO PAINSWICK SIGN DESIGNED BY ST. PETER'S HIGH
SCHOOL (WARD 9)**

That the Community Project Submission from Councillor, S. Morales concerning a "Welcome to Painswick" sign to be designed, fabricated, and made by St. Peter's High School students (Ward 9), be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/11/2025.

**COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION - COUNCILLOR S. MORALES -
BIKE RACKS VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN WARD 9**

That the Community Project Submission from Councillor, S. Morales concerning \$5895 for the purchase and installation of five (5) bike racks at various locations in Ward 9, be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/11/2025.

**COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION - COUNCILLOR N. NIGUSSIE -
BIKE RACKS AT HARVIE PARK, GRZEGORZ "GREG" PIERZCHALA
PARK FERNDAL WOODS PARK, AND ELIZABETH PARK (WARD 6).**

That the Community Project Submission from Councillor N. Nigussie concerning \$4716 for the purchase and installation of four (4) bike racks at Harvie Park, Grzegorz "Greg" Pierzchala Park, Ferndale Woods Park, and Elizabeth Park (Ward 6), be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/11/2025.

**COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION - COUNCILLOR N. NIGUSSIE -
TWO (2) ECOLOGICAL INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE SYSTEMS (WARD 6).**

That the Community Project Submission from Councillor N. Nigussie concerning \$5,855.28 for the purchase and installation of two (2) Ecological Interpretive Signage Systems (Ward 6), be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/11/2025.

**COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION - COUNCILLOR N. NIGUSSIE - 1
NEW RADAR SPEED BOARD AND 1 SET OF TEMPORARY SPEED
CUSHIONS (WARD 6).**

That the Community Project Submission from Councillor N. Nigussie concerning \$5000 for the purchase and installation of one (1) new radar speed board and one (1) set of temporary speed cushions (Ward 6), be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/11/2025.

**COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION - DEPUTY MAYOR, R. THOMSON
- COMMUNITY OUTDOOR SPACE AT LAMPMAN LANE IN ASSOCIATION
WITH THE BARRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY WARD 5 BRANCH (WARD 5)**

That the Community Project Submission from Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson, concerning \$25,000 to create and maintain a community outdoor space at Lampman Lane in association with the Barrie Public Library Ward 5 branch, be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/11/2025.

**COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION - COUNCILLOR, C. RIEPMA -
BASKETBALL COURT - EASTVIEW PARK (WARD 1)**

That the Community Project Submission from Councillor, C. Riepma concerning Eastview Park being rebuilt this year, including tennis courts, playground equipment, and circulation pathways. The design also includes a half-court basketball facility. The estimated cost of the basketball court is \$32,000 and proposal to contribute \$25,000 to the cost of construction (Ward 1), be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/11/2025.

The Finance and Responsible Governance Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

PRESENTATION DELOITTE 2024 AUDIT REPORT

Lilian Cheung, Partner, Deloitte LLP, provided a presentation regarding the 2024 Audit Report.

Ms. Cheung discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- Audit report from Deloitte LLP regarding the 2024 year end audit of consolidated financial statements;
- An Executive Summary concerning the audit, scope, terms of engagement and the identification of audit risks;
- Significant accounting policies, judgments and estimates;
- Communication requirements and responsibilities under the Canadian Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS);
- The Independence letter; and
- The Draft Management representation letter.

Members of Council asked questions of Ms. Cheung and City Staff and received responses.

This matter (Section "C") to General Committee for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 6/11/2025.

GEORGIAN COLLEGE PRESENTATION

Kevin Weaver, President and CEO of Georgian College provided a presentation concerning the Georgian College Downtown Expansion entitled "Game Changing Innovation in Action."

Mr. Weaver discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- Georgian College legacy and partnership with the municipality;
- Georgian College downtown expansion project;
- Concept drawings of the downtown location;
- Rationale for the downtown location and community benefits;
- Georgian College's long-term regional impact to the community;
- Georgian College investment request of \$7.5 million;
- Georgian College endorsements; and
- Vision of the college.

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

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to General Committee for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 6/11/2025.

**OPEN DELEGATION BY VICTORINO RODRIGUEZ CONCERNING A
WATER BILL DISPUTE**

Victorino Rodriguez provided an open delegation concerning a water bill dispute. Mr. Rodriguez outlined concerns relating to a property owner's responsibility for a water bill in the tenant's name and requests to the City to shut off the water service. Mr. Rodriguez also had concerns relating to not receiving notice of changes to City policies. Mr. Rodriguez requested a refund of his water bill.

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to General Committee for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 6/11/2025.

The Finance and Responsible Governance Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "D"

PRIORITY RESIDENT REGISTRATION FOR RECREATION PROGRAMS

That the registration for non-residents for City of Barrie recreational programs commence 7-days following the opening of registration for City of Barrie residents; and

That the non-resident surcharge for City of Barrie recreation programs be increased to 25%; and

That 120-day notice be provided to the Township of Springwater to terminate the current agreement.

That a letter be sent to the residents of Springwater providing an explanation concerning the changes to the recreation program registration and fees is a result of the actions of the Township of Springwater Council.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/11/2025.

The Finance and Responsible Governance Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "E"

2024 AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

That the 2024 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements attached as Appendix A to the 2024 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements Staff Report dated June 4, 2025 to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee, be received.

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/11/2025.

The Finance and Responsible Governance Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "F"

CORPORATE NET ZERO STRATEGY 2025 - 2050

1. That the Corporate Net Zero Strategy attached as Appendix A to the Report to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee dated June 4, 2025, be endorsed in principle.
2. That low-carbon alternatives be evaluated as part of the standard capital planning process for all assets.
3. That low-carbon options be recommended when renewing energy-consuming corporate assets in capital planning and budgeting, when lifecycle payback offsets the incremental cost.
4. That staff evaluate the feasibility and lifecycle cost implications of designing new facilities to net-zero energy standards, and report back to Council with recommendations for a formal policy and implementation plan.
5. That all internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles be replaced with electric vehicle (EV) equivalents, typically at end of life, and when feasible, considering the availability of suitable EV models, operational requirements, and the infrastructure needed to support electric vehicles.

6. That renewable energy assets be deployed when they provide a positive return on investment, and that authority be delegated to the Director of Corporate Facilities to execute or modify agreements related to regulatory approvals for these assets.
7. That the prioritization of low-carbon options be approved in situations where equipment failure necessitates immediate replacement under the City's emergency procurement provisions, whenever technically feasible.
8. That any ROI (return on investment) beyond 5 years on new builds be approved by the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer.
9. That staff in the Corporate Facilities Department present a progress report annually to General Committee concerning the Corporate Net Zero Strategy.

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/11/2025.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

CHAIRMAN