



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final General Committee

Thursday, October 24, 2013

9:30 AM

Barrie Central Collegiate, 125 Dunlop Street West,
W.A. Fisher Auditorium

Local Government Week Youth Engagement Initiative

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by the Council of the City of Barrie on November 4, 2013.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lehman at 9:32 a.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:

Chief Administrative Officer, C. Ladd
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, D. McAlpine
Director of Engineering, J. Weston
Director of Environmental Services, J. Thompson
Director of Facilities and Transit, K. Bradley
Director of Information Technology, C. Glaser
Director of Planning, S. Naylor
Director of Roads, Parks and Fleet, D. Friary
Executive Director of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
Executive Director of Innovate Barrie, R. Bunn
Fire Chief, J. Lynn
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, E. Archer
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, R. Forward
Manager of Facility Planning and Development, G. King
Senior Communications Advisor, S. LaMantia.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

13-G-254 UPDATE ON TRAIN IN TRADES EVENT HELD OCTOBER 23, 2013

Mayor, J. Lehman provided an update concerning the Train in Trades Skilled Trades Expo held on October 23, 2013 at the Barrie Molson Centre. Mayor Lehman stated that he and Barrie M.P.P. Rod Jackson had founded the event to address the gap between unemployment and the skilled trades shortages in the region. He noted that the job exposition was a great success with over 40 exhibitors representing major manufacturers, the education sector and employment firms. Mayor Lehman indicated that approximately 600 high school students attended the event and they were provided an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the careers available in trades. He observed that members of the general public attended the event later in the day, for a total attendance of between 1,000 to 2,000 individuals. Mayor Lehman concluded by thanking the many community partners involved in hosting the event.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 04/11/2013.

13-G-255 PRESENTATION REGARDING THE PUBLIC ART POLICY

Onalee Groves, Cultural Officer - Development, provided a presentation regarding the Public Art Policy. She outlined the history of public art and the beginnings of public art in Canada. Ms. Groves provided several images of various types of public art while explaining that public art can be commemorative, symbolize community, signify beliefs, act as a tourist attraction, engage the community, be fun, revitalize a location, and has the power to transform and beautify existing infrastructure. She commented that public art can be educational, interactive, thought provoking and can tell a story.

Ms. Groves reviewed the status of the City of Barrie's Public Art policy and described the composition of the Public Art Committee, as well as its role and mandate. She highlighted the procedure associated with making a donation of a public art piece. Ms. Groves provided images of less expensive public art pieces. She concluded by providing information on accessing the Public Art Policy on the City's website and her contact information.

Attachments: [Pres -Public Art.pdf](#)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 04/11/2013.

13-G-256 PRESENTATION REGARDING THE LAMPMAN COMMUNITY PARK MASTER PLAN

Paul Meredith, Facility Capital Project Supervisor provided a presentation regarding the Lampman Lane Community Park Master Plan. He reviewed the concept plan associated with the upgrades underway related to the Lampman Lane Community Park, describing the new features associated with the reconstruction. P. Meredith provided images of the skateboard park, fully accessible playground equipment, splash pad and a typical gazebo. He concluded by outlining the funding sources associated with the project and noting that the official park re-opening is scheduled for May 2014.

Attachments: [Lampman Lane Presentation.pdf](#)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 04/11/2013.

13-G-257 UPDATE REGARDING THE ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELD JOINT DEVELOPMENT WITH SIMCOE COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Councillor, D. Shipley provided an update on the status of the Artificial Turf Field joint development with the Simcoe County District School Board. He noted that the artificial turf field project was initiated through an Item for Discussion presented at last year's Local Government Week meeting. Councillor Shipley advised that a partnership between the Simcoe County District School Board and the City of Barrie has been approved to allow for the development of a new artificial turf field and an eight-lane all weather track facility, subject to the approval of a viable business plan. The facility is to be located in conjunction with the new school to be constructed at the intersection of Maplevue Drive and Prince William Way and the goal is to open the facility in the fall of 2016.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 04/11/2013.

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

SECTION "B"**13-G-258 WIFI SERVICE IN THE DOWNTOWN CORRIDOR**

That staff in the Innovate Barrie Division work with the BIA to investigate the feasibility of providing free WiFi service and expanding the fibre optic network in the downtown corridor by summer, 2014. (Item for Discussion, October 24, 2013, 8.1) (File A22)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 04/11/2013.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

13-G-259 QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH STUDENTS

Mayor Lehman opened the floor for questions from students. Students from Barrie Central Collegiate, Bear Creek Secondary School, Eastview Secondary School and Barrie North Collegiate provided questions regarding the following topics:

- The potential to change the location of the proposed Artificial Turf Field Facility to Barrie Central Collegiate;
- The most rewarding and challenging aspects of the Mayor's position;
- The top projects for Council members, if there were no financial restrictions;
- The efforts to address traffic congestion in the area of Park Place;
- The Barrie Police Services response time associated with Priority 1 calls; and
- The actions the City is willing to undertake to keep Barrie Central Collegiate open.

Members of City Council and staff provided responses to the questions.

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 04/11/2013.

There were no enquiries by members of General Committee.

The Mayor provided an announcement concerning the proclamation of Local Government Week.

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

CHAIRMAN