



# City of Barrie

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## Minutes - Final General Committee

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Monday, October 19, 2020

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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### GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by Barrie City Council on October 26, 2020.

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  
Deputy Mayor, B. Ward  
Councillor, C. Riepma  
Councillor, K. Aylwin  
Councillor, A. Kungl  
Councillor, R. Thomson  
Councillor, N. Harris  
Councillor, G. Harvey  
Councillor, J. Harris  
Councillor, S. Morales  
Councillor, M. McCann

#### **STAFF:**

Business Services Analyst, T. Williams  
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse  
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke  
Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur  
Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter  
Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews  
Director of Finance/Treasurer, C. Millar  
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan  
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters  
Director of Recreation and Culture Services, R. Bell  
Director of Operations, D. Friary  
Director of Transit and Parking Strategy, B. Forsyth  
Executive Director of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid  
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine

General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, A. Miller  
Manager of Corporate Asset Management, K. Oakley  
Manager of Enforcement Services, T. Banting  
Manager of Legal Services, A. Mills

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

### **SECTION "A"**

#### **20-G-160      REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE DATED OCTOBER 6, 2020**

The Report of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee dated October 6, 2020 was received. (File: C05)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 10/26/2020.

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

### **SECTION "B"**

#### **20-G-161      FUNDING FOR CORNERSTONE TO RECOVERY - WOMEN'S RESIDENTIAL ADDICTION RECOVERY FACILITY**

1. That the City of Barrie provide an interest free loan in the amount of \$400,000 to Cornerstone to Recovery to be funded from the Community Benefit Reserve for the purpose of renovating a building to operate a women's residential addiction recovery facility in Barrie and that the loan be secured against the building and be repaid in equal installments beginning in 2021, over a 20 year period.
2. That Cornerstone to Recovery make best efforts to pursue funding opportunities and if secured repay any outstanding loan payments to the City, upon receipt of funding.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/26/2020.

**20-G-162 MEMORANDUM FROM W. COOKE, DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AND COURT SERVICES DATED MARCH 9, 2020 REGARDING A RESPONSE TO MOTIONS 19-G-218 AND 19-G-255 - NOISE BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT**

That the memorandum from W. Cooke, Director of Legislative and Court Services dated March 9, 2020 regarding a response to motions 19-G-218 and 19-G-255 concerning Noise By-law Enforcement be deferred to the next meeting of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee Meeting.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/26/2020.

**20-G-163 DRAFT COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING PLAN**

1. That the draft Community Safety Well-Being Plan as presented by A. Way of Mass LBP on July 6, 2020 be received.
2. That the members of the Community Safety and Well-being Plan Committee contact Chief Greenwood and A. Way to identify initiatives that they would like to support or co-lead to continue to support the development of the plan.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/26/2020.

**20-G-164 FREE TRANSIT FOR BARRIE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

That Staff Report TPS005-20 concerning Free Transit for Barrie High School Students be received for information purposes. (TPS005-20) (File: T00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/26/2020.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

**SECTION "C"**

**20-G-165 PRESENTATION BY THE TRANSIT AND PARKING STRATEGY DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE BARRIE PARKING STRATEGY**

Tessa Williams, Business Services Analysis of the Transit and Parking Strategy (TPS) Department concerning the development of the Barrie Parking Strategy.

Ms. Williams discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An overview on the approach to the Barrie Parking Strategy project;

- The core function of parking is providing access to opportunities such as activities and businesses;
- The wide range of stakeholders taken into consideration in making decisions about parking;
- The guiding principles, financial sustainability, transportation diversification, downtown enrichment and continuous improvement;
- A summary of the community engagement process to develop stakeholder and public initiatives;
- The key findings for Downtown Barrie, and the Waterfront associated to the parking issues and opportunities;
- The future of parking in Barrie including new technologies, Waterfront and Wayfinding Master Plans, investments in Enforcement, and regular updates to the Parking Strategy to address emerging issues;
- The proposed recommendations and timelines for the Downtown, Waterfront, new technology and financial sustainability.

Members of General Committee asked a number of questions to City staff and received responses.

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 10/26/2020.

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

### **SECTION "D"**

#### **20-G-166      **SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH CORNERSTONE TO RECOVERY RESIDENTIAL - CLOTHING BINS LOCATIONS****

1. That Cornerstone To Recovery Residential's proposed Women's Residential Treatment Centre to be in the City of Barrie, be endorsed as it will serve as an important component in the battle against opioids.
2. That staff in Corporate Facilities and Business Performance and Environmental Sustainability Departments enter into a sole source agreement for a period of two years with an option to renew for an additional two years with Cornerstone To Recovery Residential to place clothing bins at City Facilities or at mutually agreed upon locations on public lands as well as curbside collection opportunities for the sole purpose of funding their residential recovery services and that staff report back to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee prior to consideration of the two year renewal with program metrics developed in consultation with Cornerstone To Recovery.

3. That staff in the Development Services Department initiate a temporary use by-law to allow textile bins dedicated to the Cornerstone To Recovery initiative to be permitted at City Facilities or public lands for a period of two years, with a possible extension of two years subject to the extension of the sole source agreement.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/26/2020.

## **SECTION "E"**

### **20-G-167**

#### **SANDBOX - CAPITAL FUNDING REQUEST**

1. That the review of the request for capital funding from the Sandbox received February 2, 2020 and the associated alternatives for General Committee consideration be received as outlined in Staff Report ECD011-20.
2. That the non-voting Board position designated for City staff, Executive Director of Invest Barrie be requested to be removed from the Sandbox Board composition, and that no City staff be designated to this position until such time as it is removed.
3. That the City of Barrie continue its annual partnership commitment of \$45,000 per year through the duration of the current lease (2022-2023), to be contemplated within the City's annual operating budget for the corresponding years.
4. That the City of Barrie be recognized as Founding Partners and an associated Memorandum of Understanding be created between Economic and Creative Development and the Sandbox that addresses the following:
  - Alignment on strategic decisions and directions of the Sandbox with the City's strategic priorities;
  - City's recognition and associated benefits of its annual partnership funding contribution;
  - Program delivery to be delivered based on Invest Barrie's operational program funding that is focused on the shared goals of advancing entrepreneurship and innovation within the community;
  - General operational use of space in conjunction with the Small Business Centre, including use of meeting rooms and client resource support; and
  - Commitment to provide success metrics in alignment with the key performance indicators identified in Staff Report CE003-19 that ensure return on taxpayer dollars.

5. That the Director of Economic and Creative Development be authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding, subject to the satisfaction of the Chief Administrative Officer, General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, and Director of Legal Services.
6. That a two-year lease agreement with the Sandbox be approved in principle subject to the Sandbox successfully addressing the assessment parameters identified in motion 17-G-252.
7. That the Sandbox report back to the City Building Committee in May of 2021 with a comprehensive report on their first two years of operation, financial standing, and updated business plan into their remaining lease term.
8. That the Sandbox be provided \$300,000 to be funded from the Community Benefit Reserve in response to their request for capital funding.
9. That the Sandbox seek funding from surrounding municipal governments with all repayments returned back to the Community Benefit Reserve if successful. (ECD011-20) (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/26/2020.

## **SECTION "F"**

### **20-G-168**

#### **2020 PARKING STRATEGY**

1. That the 2020 Parking Strategy attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report TPS006-20 be approved in principle as the guiding document to 2041.
2. That the capital budget requests listed below be approved and funded from the Parking Rate Reserve in order to advance the goals of the Parking Strategy:
  - a) Spillover Signage (\$66,000): To enable enforcement of new parking controls, signs will need to be manufactured and installed throughout the periphery of the Downtown, Waterfront and Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, to an upset limit of \$66,000; and
  - b) Parking Hardware (RP1163): Increase existing budget from \$40,000 to \$90,750 to support the ongoing upgrade of single-space metres to pay stations.
3. That Traffic By-law 80-138 be repealed and replaced with the draft Traffic By-law attached as Appendix "B" to Staff Report TPS006-20 in order to implement the amendments summarized below, to be effective January 1, 2021, unless otherwise stated and that during the transition

period Traffic By-law 80-138 shall remain in effect:

- a) Allow vehicles without trailers to park at the North Centennial and Tiffin Boat Launch parking lots from December 1st to March 31st each calendar year effective December 1, 2020;
- b) Reduce the maximum time limit for parking sessions at the City Hall Lot from five (5) hours to three (3) hours;
- c) Limit parking sessions at the Library lot to a maximum of three (3) hours;
- d) Implement on-street paid parking on Collier Street between Poyntz Street and Berczy Street;
- e) Remove on-street paid parking at the following locations:
  - i) Owen St between McDonald Street and Sophia Street; and
  - ii) Essa Rd between Burton Avenue and Gowan Street.
- f) Create consistency in the application of the two-hour time limit for on-street paid parking in the Downtown by adjusting the following locations:
  - i) Convert the one (1) hour time limit to two (2) hours on the east side of High Street between Park Street and Dunlop Street W; and
  - ii) Add two (2) hour time limit to portions of Owen Street, Parkside Drive, Toronto Street and Poyntz Street.
- g) Extend paid parking in the Hospital Area from Monday to Friday to Monday to Sunday;
- h) Increase the early payment fine from \$20.00 to \$50.00 for paid parking infractions in the Hospital Area;
- i) Implement a maximum two (2) hour time limit for previously uncontrolled on-street parking within a 500 metre walking distance of the Downtown to reduce spillover from paid parking into residential areas effective April 23, 2021;
- j) Create consistency in the spillover area by converting the three (3) hour time limit to two (2) hours on portions of Amelia Street, Berczy Street, Codrington Street, Owen Street, Peel Street, Sampson Street and Sophia Street effective April 23, 2021;
- k) Designate signed areas as “No Parking Except by Permit” as per the Waterfront Spillover Parking Policy; and

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- l) Designate the parking lots at White Oaks Road, Dock Road Park and The Gables Park for the exclusive use of vehicles displaying a valid City of Barrie "Resident Waterfront Parking Pass" on a seasonal basis effective June 15, 2021.
  4. That the Waterfront Spillover Parking Policy attached as Appendix "C" to Staff Report TPS006-20, be approved.
  5. That the City Clerk be authorized to make minor updates to the Waterfront Spillover Parking Policy to remain compliant with other City Policies and legislative changes.
  6. That Schedule J of Fees By-law 2020-009 be repealed and replaced with proposed Schedule J attached as Appendix "D" to Staff Report TPS006-20 in order to implement the amendments listed below:
    - a) Optimize parking pass structure by making the following adjustments effective January 1, 2021:
      - i) Discontinue blue monthly pass;
      - ii) Designate parking lots with high utilization as green monthly and annual pass as per Appendix "E" to Staff Report TPS006-20;
      - iii) Designate parking lots with low utilization as yellow monthly and annual pass as per Appendix "E" to Staff Report TPS006-20; and
      - iv) Offer Annual Green Pass to complement Annual Yellow Pass.
    - b) Increase pass rates in the Downtown area effective January 1, 2021:
      - i) Monthly rates increase from \$60 to \$66 for yellow monthly passes and from \$75 to \$82.50 for green monthly passes;
      - ii) Annual rate increase from \$576 to \$633.60 for yellow annual passes; and
      - iii) Annual rate for green annual pass at \$792.00.
    - c) Increase rates in the Hospital area effective January 1, 2021:
      - i) Hourly rate increases from \$2/hr to \$5/hr.
    - d) Remove annual and monthly pass access to on-street parking on Collier Street, Poyntz Street, Parkside Drive and Toronto Street effective January 1, 2021;



- e) Increase rates in the Spirit Catcher, Lakeshore Drive and North Marina parking lots to match the waterfront rate structure of \$10/hr and \$50/day effective January 1, 2021;
  - f) Remove yellow and green annual and monthly pass access to Waterfront Parking Areas effective January 1, 2021;
  - g) Remove yellow and green annual and monthly pass access to the Library lot effective January 1, 2021;
  - h) Expand Marina seasonal pass access to include the Spirit Catcher and Lakeshore Drive parking lots effective April 30, 2021; and
  - i) Increase transient rates in the Downtown area effective October 4, 2021:
    - i) Hourly on-street rate increases from \$1.25/hr to \$1.50/hr;
    - ii) Hourly off-street rate increases from \$1.00/hr to \$1.25/hr; and
    - iii) Daily off-street rate increases from \$5.50/day to \$7.00/day.
7. That the Spirit Catcher, North Marina and Lakeshore Drive parking lots as be designated “Hybrid Parking Lots” with the “Resident Waterfront Parking Pass” not being eligible to be utilized.
8. That the Executive Director of Access Barrie be delegated authority to issue additional “Resident Waterfront Parking Passes” in exceptional scenarios when two passes per property is deemed inappropriate.
9. That eligibility of the “Resident Waterfront Parking Pass” program be extended to include all valid municipal addresses regardless of the land use.
10. That the intent of the Parking Equilibrium Policy described in Appendix “A” to Staff Report TPS006-20, be endorsed in principal and that staff in the Economic and Creative Development Department be directed to review the disposition strategy for downtown parking lots as needed in collaboration with the Transit and Parking Strategy, Legal Services, and Development Services Departments and identify methods to mitigate the impacts of parking supply losses in the event of redevelopment of specific lots.
11. That staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department (Enforcement Services Branch) be authorized to apply for set fines from the Ministry of the Attorney General ranging between \$30.00 to \$1,000.00 depending on the nature of the offence.

12. That the extension of paid parking to include weekday evenings in the Downtown area be referred back to staff in the Transit and Parking Strategy Department for further investigation and to report back to General Committee in the third quarter of 2021.
13. That the two-hour free parking in December, 2020 be extended to include the Chase McEachern Lot located on the south side of Chase McEachern Way. (TPS006-20) (File: P00)

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/26/2020.

### **ENQUIRES**

Members of General Committee addressed enquires to City staff and received responses.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

### **SECTION "G"**

#### **20-G-169      CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE CIRCULATION LIST DATED OCTOBER 19, 2020 REGARDING A REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PATIO SEASON UNTIL NOVEMBER 30, 2020**

That the correspondence from the Flying Monkeys Craft Brewery on behalf of the restaurant stakeholders in the Downtown BIA dated October 14, 2020 regarding a request to extend the patio season until November 30, 2020 be referred to staff to review the feasibility of extending patio season and report back by way of a memorandum and that businesses be permitted to continue to operate their patios pending the staff review.

This matter was recommended (Section "G") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/26/2020.

**20-G-170 MEMORANDUM FROM M. BROWN, INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM ENGINEER DATED OCTOBER 19, 2020 REGARDING THE PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

That the Memorandum from M. Brown, Infrastructure Program Engineer dated October 19, 2020 regarding the Pavement Management Update, be referred to the City Building Committee for further consideration.

This matter was recommended (Section "G") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/26/2020.

The General Committee reports that upon adoption of the required procedural motion it met in closed session electronically at 10:00 p.m. to discuss a Staff Report concerning a confidential potential land disposition matter - Vespra and Victoria Streets.

Members of General Committee, the Chief Administrative Officer, the Executive-Director of Access Barrie, the General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, the General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, the City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, the Director of Finance/Treasurer, the Director of Legal Services, and the Manager of Legal Services were in attendance for the portion of the meeting closed to the public. Members of the press and public were not present for this portion of the meeting.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

**SECTION "H"**

**20-G-171 CONFIDENTIAL POTENTIAL LAND DISPOSITION MATTER - VESPRA AND VICTORIA STREETS**

That motion 20-G-171 of the General Committee Report dated October 19, 2020, being the confidential notes concerning the discussion of Staff Report LGL006-20, a confidential potential land disposition matter - Vespra and Victoria Streets, be received. (LGL006-20) (File: L17)

This matter was recommended (Section "H") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 10/26/2020.

Upon adoption of the required procedural motion, General Committee moved into Open Session at 10:35 p.m.

Mayor Lehman provided a brief overview of the nature of the closed session noting that General Committee met and discussed the contents of a Staff Report concerning a confidential potential land disposition matter - Vespra and Victoria Streets. Mayor Lehman stated that with the exception of the procedural matter to move into public/open session, votes were not taken during the portion of the meeting closed to the public.

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

## **SECTION "I"**

### **20-G-172**

#### **SURPLUS OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY - VESPRA STREET**

1. That Vespra Street between Sanford Street and Innisfil Street remain established as a highway and not be closed for the purpose of enlarging the adjacent properties owned by The Corporation of the City of Barrie (the "City") previously declared surplus by motion 19-G-115 (the "Surplus Properties") shown on Appendix "A" to Staff Report LGL006-20.
2. That upon completion of the remaining environmental studies, staff in the Legal Services Department retain the services of a Real Estate Brokerage (the "Brokerage"), to market the Surplus Properties by listing them for sale on the Multiple Listing Service (the "MLS") for a minimum 30 day period prior to receiving offers.
3. That the marketing package completed by the Brokerage indicate that it is the City's preference for the Surplus Properties to be sold to a purchaser who intends on constructing an affordable housing build but not a requirement that would preclude other reasonable offers from being considered.
4. That any Agreement of Purchase and Sale received within a two-week period subsequent to the completion of the 30-day marketing period and satisfactory to the Chief Administrative Officer (the "CAO") be presented to General Committee for their consideration.
5. That if requested by The Corporation of the County of Simcoe (the "County") and approved by the CAO, the Surplus Properties be taken off the market and made available for the County's use in its capacity as the designated Service Manager for social housing programs in pursuit of affordable housing opportunities including making application for federal funding to the Rapid Housing Initiative ("RHI") for construction of modular housing owned and operated by the County.
6. That sale proceeds resulting from the disposition of the Surplus Property be used to fund the City's Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan (the "CIP").
7. That the City Clerk be authorized to execute a Listing Agreement and any other document requisite to the marketing of the Surplus Properties in a form approved by the Director of Legal Services. (LGL006-20) (File: L17)

This matter was recommended (Section "I") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/26/2020.

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

CHAIRMAN