



City of Barrie

70 Collier Street (Box 400)
Barrie, ON L4M 4T5

Meeting Agenda General Committee

Monday, March 2, 2015

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

1. CONSENT AGENDA

2. PUBLIC MEETING(S)

Nil.

3. PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF/OFFICERS/AGENTS OF THE CORPORATION

Nil.

4. DEFERRED BUSINESS

Nil.

5. REPORTS OF REFERENCE, ADVISORY OR SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nil.

6. STAFF REPORT(S)

2015 BUSINESS PLAN

1. That the 2015 tax-supported base operating budget for municipal operations, with total gross expenditures of \$200.1 million and a net property tax levy requirement of \$120.8 million, be approved with the following amendments to reflect changes since the Business Plan's publication on February 2, 2015:
 - a) That contracted services within Transit Operations be reduced by \$210,000 to reflect the accurate calculation of inflation on the transit contract;
 - b) That contracted services for the Mady Theatre be reduced by \$40,000 to reflect savings resulting from moving to internal custodial staff;

- c) That a Seniors Advisory Committee Budget be established in the amount of \$3,500 as per Resolution 14-A-122 adopted by City Council on June 25, 2014 for consideration in the 2015 Business Plan;
 - d) That the tax supported debt charges be decreased by \$6,268.30 to reflect the portion of the Operations Centre Site Works debt issuance that relates to wastewater operations and the corresponding amount be recovered from the wastewater rate;
 - e) That salary and benefits for Access Barrie be decreased by \$53,222 and \$7,868 respectively, and LUMCO funding be reduced by \$17,500, for a net reduction to the tax levy of \$43,590;
 - f) That budgeted Blue Box Revenue be increased by \$150,000 to reflect information received subsequent to the release of the preliminary Business Plan;
 - g) That the 2015 budgeted contribution to the Development Charge Discounts/Exemptions reserve be decreased by \$200,000;
 - h) That the 2015 budget for Tax Increment grants be reduced by \$30,000 in respect of the Mady Lakeview development;
 - i) That contracted services within Facilities Development Administration be increased by \$350,000 to reflect the carry forward of the Facility Condition Assessment Program approved in 2014 but not completed, and that \$350,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund be budgeted to fund the Program; and
 - j) That contracted services within Facilities Development Administration be increased by \$200,000 for the anticipated cost of the 2015 Facility Drawing Inventory Project and that \$200,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund be budgeted to fund the Project.
2. That the 2015 tax supported base operating budget for Barrie's Service Partners presented on Page 22 of the 2015 Business Plan, with total gross expenditures of \$82.7 million and a net property tax levy requirement of \$79.0 million, be approved with the following amendments to reflect changes since the Business Plan's publication on February 2, 2015:
- a) That the County of Simcoe capital program be increased by \$209,293 as approved by the County's Committee of the Whole, and that eligible Development Charge funding be increased by \$102,766, with a resulting increase budgeted draw from the County of Simcoe Capital Reserve of \$106,527;

- b) That the portion of 2015 County of Simcoe tax-supported gross operating grant request related to the County of Simcoe capital reserve contribution with preliminary base budget of \$1,408,533 be reduced by \$308,533 to a total of \$1,100,000;
 - c) That the County of Simcoe operating budget be decreased by \$315,171 as approved by the County's Committee of the Whole, with a matching reduction to the net tax levy;
 - d) That the Library Board 2015 Municipal Operating Grant Request be decreased by \$148,242 as approved by the Library Board and outlined in Scenario B on Page 26 of the 2015 Business Plan with a resulting reduction of \$146,242 to the net tax levy and a decrease in Development Charge funding of \$2,000;
 - e) That the amount of \$170,000 included in the Library Board 2015 Municipal Operating Grant Request, as it relates to the estimated 2014 deficit related to maintenance costs for the library facilities, be funded from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve; and
 - f) That the Physician Recruitment grant, as outlined on Page 22 of the 2015 Business Plan, be reduced by \$50,000 to a total of \$60,000 in 2015.
- 3. That Scenario A - Tax, with recommended tax-supported Service Level Changes as outlined on Page 25 of the 2015 Business Plan, and as amended in Appendix "C", with a net cost of \$273,756 (operating) and \$124,850 (capital), be approved.
 - 4. That Scenario C - Tax, as amended in Appendix "F", to eliminate the tax-supported contribution to the Parking Reserve, with a net decrease to the tax levy of \$743,000, be approved.
 - 5. That Scenario D relating to the addition of 1% Dedicated Infrastructure Funding as outlined on Page 27 of the 2015 Business Plan, with a net increase to the tax levy of \$1,448,409, be approved.
 - 6. That an economic adjustment for non-union staff salaries, of up to 1.5%, be approved.
 - 7. That the Wastewater base operating budget, with gross expenditures of \$39.2 million and revenues of \$39.2 million, be approved with the following amendments to reflect changes since the Business Plan's publication on February 2, 2015:
 - a) That the wastewater funding for debt charges be increased by \$6,268.30 to reflect the portion of the Operations Centre Site Works debt issuance that relates to wastewater operations.

8. That Scenario A - Wastewater, with recommended wastewater supported Service Level Changes as outlined on Page 37 of the 2015 Business Plan, with a net cost of \$22,471 (operating) and \$8,150 (capital), be approved.
9. That the Water base operating budget, with gross expenditures of \$32.7 million and revenues of \$32.7 million, be approved.
10. That the Parking Operations base budget, with gross expenditures of \$2.3 million and gross revenues of \$2.3 million, be approved.
11. That Scenario C - Parking, as amended in Appendix "F", to recognize the full year implementation of waterfront meter and special events paid parking, and the addition of paid weekday evening parking, with the net impact of a \$58,329 2015 operating deficit in the Parking Fund, be approved.
12. That the 2015 new capital budget requests of \$33.59 million, be approved.
13. That, consistent with the Capital Project Control Policy, the 2016, 2017, and 2018 capital budget relating to new 2015 capital projects of \$19.4 million in 2016, \$5.1 million in 2017, and \$300,000 in 2018, be approved.
14. That the 2015-2019 Capital Budget items not requiring approval, be received as forecast information.
15. That effective May 1, 2015, By-law 2014-021, as amended, be repealed and replaced with a by-law incorporating the fees and charges presented in the 2015 Business Plan, published February 2, 2015, Pages 327-367.
16. That pursuant to Ontario Regulation 284/09, this report serve as the method for communicating the exclusion of the following estimated expenses from the 2015 Business Plan:
 - a) Amortization expense - \$49.7 million;
 - b) Post-employment benefit expenses - \$2 million; and
 - c) Solid waste landfill closure and post-closure expenses - \$0.6 million.
17. That staff be authorized to submit applications for grants that would reduce expenditures associated with projects, programs and services approved as part of the operating and capital budgets.
18. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute any agreements that may be required to accept grant funding from other levels of governments or other partners to reduce expenditures associated with programs, services and/or capital projects.

19. That the Treasurer be authorized to make the necessary alterations to the transfer to and/or from reserves to reflect changes since the Business Plan's publication on February 2, 2015.
20. That Debenture financing as identified in the Capital Budget be approved.
21. That staff be directed to undertake a review of the City's Parkade business and report back to Council with respect to options that may include, but are not necessarily limited to:
 - a) Maintaining the business as a going concern; and
 - b) Discontinuing operations and liquidating the asset.
22. That the City Clerk be authorized to prepare all necessary By-laws to implement the above recommendations. (EMT001-15) (File: F05)

Attachments: [EMT001-15.pdf](#)

7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Nil.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

8.1 INVESTIGATION OF THE PROHIBITION OF ELECTRIC BICYCLES ON WALKING TRAILS AND SIDEWALKS

That staff in Parks Planning in consultation with By-law Services, investigate the feasibility of prohibiting the use of electric bicycles on walking trails and sidewalks and report back to General Committee. (Item for Discussion, 8.1, March 2, 2015)

Sponsors: Councillor, R. Romita

8.2 CONFIRMATION OF THE COUNTY OF SIMCOE'S AND TOWNSHIP OF ORO-MEDONTE'S APPOINTMENTS TO THE LAKE SIMCOE REGIONAL AIRPORT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. That in accordance with Section 6.09 of the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport Agreement, the City of Barrie approves of the County of Simcoe's appointment of Deputy Warden Terry Dowdall and Councillor Mike Burkett to Lake Simcoe Regional Airport Board of Directors for a term of office ending December 31, 2015.
2. That in accordance with Section 6.09 of the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport Agreement, the City of Barrie approves of the Township of Oro-Medonte's appointment of Deputy Mayor Hough and Scott Running to the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport Board of Directors for a term of office ending December 31, 2016.

3. That the County of Simcoe and the Township of Oro-Medonte be advised of the City of Barrie's approval of each municipality's appointments. (Item for Discussion 8.2, March 2, 2015) (File: C05)

Sponsors: Councillor, M. Prowse

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

Nil.

10. ENQUIRIES

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

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