



City of Barrie

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Final Town and Gown Committee

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on April 4, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Councillor C. Riepma at 10:23 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

- Present:** 4 - Councillor C. Riepma
Robb Meier
J. Morozuk
T. Zubyck - Georgian College
- Absent:** 4 - R. Calvano - Georgian College
R. Cardwell - East End Household Association
J. Chevrier
B. Muscat - Georgian College

STAFF:

Committee Support Clerk, B. Thompson
Manager of FPPE - Deputy Fire Chief, C. Clark
Stakeholder and Special Project Coordinator, L. Wild
Supervisor of Traffic Operations and Community Safety, J. Sharp
Zoning Officer, M. Gallagher

ALSO PRESENT:

F. Baqir
M. Stone

The Town and Gown Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

ANTI-RACISM INITIATIVE

The Committee discussed three motions that were deferred from the previous meeting concerning Discretionary Committee Applications, reviewing the regulations for boarding, lodging and rooming houses, and the "It Starts With Me" initiative.

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

SECTION "B"

INVESTIGATE CITY PROCEDURES AND POLICIES TO ENCOURAGE GREATER DIVERSITY ON CITY COMMITTEES

That staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department, in consultation with the Anti-Racism Task Force, revise the Discretionary Committee application procedures and policies to encourage and recruit a greater diversity of membership on City committees and report back to General Committee.

This matter was recommended to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/4/2022.

REVIEW OF BOARDING, LODGING, ROOMING (BLR) HOUSE REGULATIONS

That staff in the Development Services Department, in consultation with the Legislative and Court Services Department review the regulations associated with Boarding, Lodging, Rooming (BLR) Houses and possible ways to increase compliance with zoning and licensing requirements and report back to General Committee.

This matter was recommended to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/4/2022.

PARTICIPATION IN THE “IT STARTS WITH ME” INITIATIVE

That staff in Access Barrie, in consultation with the Anti-Racism Task Force and the County of Simcoe, investigate opportunities for the City of Barrie to participate in the “It Starts with Me” initiative and report back to General Committee.

This matter was recommended to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/4/2022.

The Town and Gown Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"**GEORGIAN COLLEGE UPDATES**

Fatima Baqir, Director of Advisory Services, The Scion Group discussed the Market and Demand Analysis for Georgian College’s four campuses in Barrie, Orillia, Owen Sound, and Orangeville, to understand the needs and challenges for students trying to find housing both on and off campus. Ms. Baqir indicated her team has been gathering data from stakeholders, online surveys, and student focus groups on the challenges they are facing, such as affordability and the lack of listings.

Todd Zubyck, Georgian College provided an update on the protocols due to COVID-19 restrictions being lifted. Mr. Zubyck indicated that the college still requires vaccine passports and masks to be worn. He further mentioned that the college will be looking at adjusting some of its protocols for the spring and summer semesters.

CITY OF BARRIE UPDATES

Jeff Sharp, Supervisor of Traffic Operations and Community Safety discussed the radar message boards that are currently located on Grove Street eastbound, between Duckworth Street and Cook Street, as well as Cook Street southbound, between Grove Street and Steele Street. Mr. Sharp mentioned that the message boards were previously located on Codrington Street and Blake Street. He indicated that staff are currently working on temporary speed cushion locations to propose to Council, evaluating the permanent speed cushions that have been placed throughout the City, and the impending installation of bike lanes, signs and paper markings on Johnson Street this summer.

Michael Gallagher, Zoning Officer indicated that there have been approximately 200 zoning complaints this year, 55% being from within the northeast end of the City, concerning property maintenance. Mr. Gallagher

mentioned that staff in Development Services have started working on a new Zoning By-Law to go along with the new Official Plan.

Carrie Clark, Barrie Fire and Emergency Services mentioned that they have been out completing a Crew Assessment for Risk Reduction in multi-unit commercial and multi-unit residential properties, which consists of inspections of common areas, exit signs, emergency lighting, records, as well as doors and stairwells to ensure they are operating as designed and all are in compliance with the Fire Code. She indicated that the assessments helps with pre-planning in the event of a crisis.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

CHAIRMAN