



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final General Committee

Monday, May 25, 2020

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT For consideration by Barrie City Council on June 1, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lehman at 7:01 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 10 - 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

Absent: 1 - Councillor, M. McCann

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter
Director of Infrastructure, B. Araniyasundaran
Director of Finance/Treasurer, C. Millar
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
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 Business Plans and Budgets, J. Kuehl
Manager of Purchasing, S. Jones

Manager of Revenue (Acting), G. Marsh
Manager of Vertical Infrastructure Projects, S. Dimert
Senior Manager of Finance and Investments, J. Cowles
Senior Manager of Accounting and Revenue, C. Smith
Supervisor of Development Charges, M. Villeneuve.

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

SECTION "A"

20-G-073

PATIOS EVERYWHERE PROGRAM - 2020 PATIO SEASON

1. That the application process and operating criteria for the Patios Everywhere Program as outlined in Appendix "A" to Staff Report DEV017-20 be approved for the 2020 patio season ending on October 15, 2020 and that the provisions governed in Business Licensing By-law 2006-266, as amended, shall not apply.
2. That the application process and operating criteria for the Refreshment Vehicle Program as outlined in Appendix "B" to Staff Report DEV017-20 be approved for the 2020 patio season ending on October 15, 2020 and that the provisions governed in Business Licensing By-law 2006-266, as amended, shall not apply until after October 15, 2020.
3. That any City of Barrie fees associated with the Patios Everywhere Program and Refreshment Vehicle Program be waived for the 2020 patio season ending October 15, 2020.
4. That any fees previously paid for a seasonal patio license for the 2020 patio season be refunded. (DEV017-20) (File: P00)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-01.

20-G-074

SALE OF PARKING LOT - 23 COLLIER STREET (WARD 2)

1. That the City Clerk be authorized to execute an Agreement of Purchase and Sale between The Corporation of the City of Barrie (the "City") and 2304614 Ontario Inc. (the "Buyer") for the 864.8 square metres (0.21 acre) parcel of City-owned land described as Part Lot 59 S/S Collier Street, Plan 2 Part 1 SC452210, Barrie, (the "Property") on the south side of Collier Street, also known municipally as 23 Collier Street, for the purchase price of \$900,000, in a form approved by the Director of Legal Services and the Director of Economic and Creative Development, and subject to the following general terms and conditions:

- a) The Buyer acknowledges that acceptance of the offer, including all amendments, is conditional upon:
 - i) The approval of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Barrie;
 - ii) Completion of a survey of the property, at its own cost, to determine any encroachments and/or additional easements, to the City's satisfaction; and
 - iii) The Buyers acknowledgement and agreement to provide an easement for the existing electrical transformer at the rear of the Property.
 - b) The purchase price of \$900,000, subject to adjustments as may be necessary upon completion of an updated survey of the property and associated easements;
 - c) The Buyer agrees that it is Purchasing the property in its present condition "as is" and further acknowledges and agrees that it will conduct such tests as it deems necessary to determine to its satisfaction that the Property is suitable for the Buyer's intended use;
 - d) The Buyer acknowledges that any planning approvals, including re-zoning of the City Property, will be done in accordance with the City's standard process and procedures and at the Buyer's own risk and expense; and
 - e) That the City cease operation of the parking lot, upon completion of the sale of the Property, and the Buyer shall subsequently maintain the Property to standards as determined by the City at its discretion.
2. That the City Clerk in consultation with the Director of Economic and Creative Development and the Director Legal Services be authorized to execute amendments as necessary to achieve the terms as noted in Paragraph 1 of Staff Report ECD005-20, and any extensions to the conditions and dates as set out in the Agreement of Purchase and Sale.
3. That, subject to any adjustments to the purchase price, proceeds from the sale of the Property, which has a book value of \$438,000, less associated costs in the amount of \$6,180 which are to be allocated to the Industrial Land Reserve (350090) and the remaining realized gain in the amount of \$455,819 shall be allocated to the Parking Reserve. (ECD005-20) (File: L00)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-01.

20-G-075**2020 EMERGING MUSICIANS PROGRAM**

1. That staff in the Economic and Creative Development Department continue the partnership with Ontario Musicians Cooperative, Inc. (OMCI) for 2020 to deliver the Emerging Musicians Program in an adapted manner that maintains adherence to mandated health measures due to COVID-19.
2. That the Director of Economic and Creative Development be authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the OMCI for delivery of the Emerging Musicians Program in a form that is satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services.
3. That staff in the Economic and Creative Development Department report back to General Committee concerning the 2020 operations of the program and associated impacts of the program as part COVID-19 Recovery Plan program reports. (ECD007-20)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-01.

20-G-076**2019 BUDGET AND BUSINESS PLAN YEAR-END REPORT**

1. That the 2019 Budget and Business Plan Year-End Report be received.
2. That the net 2019 year-end Tax Rate supported deficit of \$54,093 be funded from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve (350230) in accordance with the City's Financial Policies.
3. That \$661,385 in discretionary development charge discounts and exemptions granted during the year be partially funded from the DC Discounts and Exemptions Reserve (350390) in the amount of \$238,181, with the remaining \$423,204 to be funded from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve (350230).
4. That the net 2019 year-end Wastewater rate supported surplus of \$1,682,771 after the following adjustments, be allocated 70% to the Wastewater Capital Reserve (341010) and 30% to the Wastewater Rate Stabilization Reserve (341030) in accordance with the City's Financial Policies:
 - a) \$191,590 in discretionary development charge discounts and exemptions granted during the year attributable to wastewater supported services be funded from the 2019 wastewater rate supported operating surplus.
5. That the net 2019 year-end Water rate supported surplus of \$294,610 after the following adjustments, be allocated 70% to the Water Capital Reserve (340010) and 30% to the Water Rate Stabilization Reserve (340030) in accordance with the City's Financial Policies:

- a) \$98,381 in discretionary development charge discounts and exemptions granted during the year attributable to water supported services be funded from the 2019 water rate supported operating surplus.
- 6. That pursuant to Ontario Reg. 653/05 and the City's Capital Financing and Debt Management Policy, Staff Report EMT001-20 serve as the method for disclosing outstanding financing leases.
- 7. That \$14,150 of facility rental costs in 2020 associated with the 2020 Ontario Winter Games be funded from the Tourism Reserve (350370). (EMT001-20) (File: F05)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-01.

20-G-077 2019 YEAR END DEVELOPMENT CHARGE REPORTS AND TREASURER'S STATEMENT

That the following 2019 Annual Development Charge Statements be received:

- a) The Annual Treasurer's Development Charge Reserve Fund Statement attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report FIN004-20;
- b) The Municipal Development Charge Reserve Fund Statement with Project Activity attached as Appendix "B" to Staff Report FIN004-20;
- c) The Listing of Section 13 Credits attached as Appendix "C" to Staff Report FIN004-20 owing where a front ending agreement existed prior to the first City by-law under the *Development Charges Act, 1997*;
- d) The Listing of Section 38 Credits attached as Appendix "D" to Staff Report FIN004-20 owing where a front ending agreement exists subsequent to the first City by-law under the *Development Charges Act, 1997*; and
- e) The Whiskey Creek Area Specific Development Charge Reserve Fund Statement attached as Appendix "E" to Staff Report FIN004-20. (FIN004-20) (File: F21A)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-01.

20-G-078 2019 ANNUAL PROCUREMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

That Staff Report FIN005-20 representing the 2019 Annual Procurement Activity Report, be received for information. (FIN005-20) (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-01.

20-G-079**2019 YEAR END CASH IN LIEU OF PARKLAND REPORT AND TREASURER'S STATEMENT**

That the following 2019 Annual Cash in Lieu of Parkland Statements be received:

- a) Cash in Lieu of Parkland Reserve Fund Statement attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report FIN006-20; and
- b) Cash in Lieu of Parkland Project Activity attached as Appendix "B" to Staff Report FIN006-20. (FIN006-20) (File: F20)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-01.

20-G-080**2020 TAX RATIOS AND CAPPING POLICIES**

1. That the tax ratios for the 2020 taxation year be established as follows:

a) Residential/farm property class	1.000000
b) New Multi-residential	1.000000
c) Multi-residential	1.000000
d) Commercial Occupied	1.433126
e) Industrial Occupied	1.516328
f) Pipelines	1.103939
g) Farmlands	0.250000
h) Managed forest	0.250000
2. That the capping program be funded by clawing back decreases from within the affected property tax classes.
3. That the recommended capping parameters for commercial and industrial properties be maintained, as follows:
 - a) The property tax cap be set at an amount representing 10% of the previous year's annualized taxes;
 - b) Any property within +/- \$500 of the Current Value Assessment (CVA) taxes be moved directly to CVA taxation;
 - c) Any property that reaches the CVA level of taxation be removed from the capping program;
 - d) Exclude any property whose classification changes from capped to clawed back, or vice versa;

- e) A minimum cap of 10% of the previous year's CVA taxes; and
 - f) Reassessment related increases for 2020 be excluded from the capping calculations.
4. That the capping phase-out option for the commercial class be adopted, resulting in the reduction from CVA taxes to annualized taxes based on the following schedule:
- a) 1/4 in 2020;
 - b) 1/2 in 2021;
 - c) 3/4 in 2022; and
 - d) Full CVA in 2023.
5. That the discounts for the commercial and industrial sub-classes for vacant land and excess land at 30% and 35% respectively, be phased out over the next two years starting in 2021, subject to approval from the Province in the form of a regulation.
6. That two sub-classes for Farmland Awaiting Development be maintained in each of the multi-residential, commercial, and industrial property classes at the following discounts:
- a) Phase I - 25% discount from the residential tax rate; and
 - b) Phase II - 0% discount from the applicable property class tax rate.
7. That the City of Barrie (City) continue with its existing Rebates for Charitable Organizations Program providing a tax rebate for Registered Charitable Organizations, as defined in Section 248(1) of the *Income Tax Act*, R.S.C. 1985, Chapter 1, at a rate of 40% of the current year's taxes applicable only to the space occupied by the Registered Charity.
8. That the Registered Charities eligible for the tax rebate program continue to submit an annual application and provide evidence of taxes paid satisfactory to the Treasurer or his/her designate.
9. That the City Clerk be authorized to prepare all necessary by-laws to establish the 2020 taxation ratios and capping policies as described herein. (FIN008-20) (File: F22) (P59/19)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-01.

20-G-081**BARRIE COLTS/HORSEPOWER SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT GROUP INC. REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

1. That Horsepower Sports and Entertainment Group Inc. (Barrie Colts) be provided the following economic support due to the impacts of COVID-19 on its operations at the Sadlon Arena:
 - a) An extension in facility use, advertising and/or concession payment due dates for 60 days, for any payments due prior to June 30, 2020;
 - b) A reduction in the next monthly facility use payment amount of \$4,000, representing the City's savings associated with the staff time that was not required due to the final two regular season games of the 2019-2020 season being cancelled; and
 - c) A commitment to revisit the matter of further potential relief for Horsepower Sports and Entertainment Group Inc., 60 days after Council consideration of this recommendation.
2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute any agreements that may be required to document the arrangements, and upon approval of the form of agreement by the Director of Legal Services. (REC001-20) (File: R05D)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-01.

20-G-082**ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS**

1. That Traffic By-law 80-138, Section 4 "Parking Prohibited", be amended by adding the following:

4(15) Electric Vehicles

 - a) No person shall park a vehicle or any part of a vehicle in an Electric Vehicle Parking Space where such vehicle is not an Electric Vehicle.
 - b) No person shall park a vehicle or any part of a vehicle in an Electric Vehicle Parking Space where such vehicle is not connected to an Electric Vehicle Charging Station and charging.
2. That Traffic By-law 80-138, Section 1 "Interpretation", be amended by adding the following:

(rr) "Electric Vehicle" shall mean:

 - a) A vehicle that runs only on a battery and an electric drive train, or;

- b) A plug-in hybrid electric vehicle that runs on a battery and an electric drive train, and also uses an internal combustion engine.
 - (ss) "Electric Vehicle Charging Station" shall mean any facility or equipment that is used to charge a battery or other energy storage device of an Electric Vehicle.
 - (tt) "Electric Vehicle Parking Stall" shall mean a parking space designated for the use of charging Electric Vehicles as indicated by a sign in the form set out in Schedule 3 to this By-law.
3. That Traffic By-law 80-138, Schedules Index, be amended by adding the "Schedule 3 - EV Parking Space Signage" attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report TPS002-20.
 4. That staff in the Enforcement Services Branch be authorized to make an application to the Ministry of the Attorney General for violations related to Traffic By-law 80-138, as amended, with fine amounts ranging from \$50.00 to \$1000.00 based on the nature of the offence.
 5. That staff in the Operations Department and in consultation with the Transit and Parking Strategy Department prepare and install new signage or replace the existing signage where required. (TPS002-20) (File: T00)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-01.

20-G-083

PARKING RESTRICTIONS - WILKINS BEACH (WARD 10)

That staff in the Transit and Parking Strategy Department investigate the feasibility of implementing the City of Barrie Resident Waterfront Parking Pass only on Crimson Ridge Road, Valleyview Court, Royal Park Boulevard, Bluewater Trail and Capps Drive in order to limit access to Wilkins Beach and report back to General Committee. (Item for Discussion 8.1, May 25, 2020) (File: T02)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-01.

SECTION "B"**20-G-084 CITY CENTRE OUTDOOR PATIO FEES - IMPACTS OF DUNLOP STREET EAST CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS (WARD 2)**

That staff be authorized to waive the City Centre Outdoor Patio application and associated on-street parking rate fees for the 2020 and 2021 patio season on Dunlop Street between Mulcaster Street and Toronto Street and including the side streets in recognition of the impacts of the Dunlop Streetscape construction. (INF003-20)(File: T04-2019-083)

Councillor, K. Aylwin declared a potential pecuniary interest on the foregoing matter as his father owns a business on Dunlop Street. He did not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-01.

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

SECTION "C"**20-G-085 PEDESTRIANIZING DUNLOP STREET BETWEEN MULCASTER STREET AND CLAPPERTON STREET**

That, subject to confirmation of support from the BIA, Dunlop Street be closed to motorized vehicles from Mulcaster Street to Clapperton Street for a period of time from June 15, 2020 to October 15, 2020 to allow for pedestrian and cyclists-only experience in this section of downtown. (ECD008-20)

Councillor, K. Aylwin declared a potential pecuniary interest on the foregoing matter as his father owns a business on Dunlop Street. He did not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter. He left the virtual Council meeting.

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-01.

SECTION "D"**20-G-086 ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR VARIOUS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS (WARD 2 AND 8)**

1. That staff be directed to complete the property acquisitions (the "Subject Properties") described in Appendix "A" to Staff Report INF002-20.
2. That the Director of Legal Services be authorized to commence negotiations and/or expropriation proceedings to acquire fee simple interests or easements in the Subject Properties subject to capital budget approval of the associated projects.
3. That The Corporation of the City of Barrie make an application to City Council, as approving authority, for approval to expropriate the Subject Properties, and that the City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary forms of application.
4. That the "Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate" be served and published, and that any requests for inquiries received, pursuant to the "Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate", be forwarded to the Chief Inquiry Officer, and that the Chief Inquiry Officer be requested to report to Council with respect to any such request.
5. That the Director of Legal Services be delegated authority to settle any expropriations or negotiated agreements relating to the Subject Properties, and that the City Clerk be authorized to execute all associated and required documents in a form approved by the Director of Legal Services. (INF002-20) (File: T05-GE)

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-01.

SECTION "E"**20-G-087 MEMORANDUM FROM M. BANFIELD DATED MAY 25, 2020 REGARDING THE EMPLOYMENT LAND CONVERSION EVALUATION**

That the Memorandum from M. Banfield, Director of Development Services dated May 25, 2020 regarding the Employment Land Conversion Evaluation be referred to the June 1, 2020 Planning Committee meeting for consideration.

This matter was referred (Section "E") to Planning Committee for consideration at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-01.

ENQUIRIES

Members of General Committee did not address any enquires to City staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

CHAIRMAN