



# City of Barrie

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## Minutes - Final General Committee

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Saturday, December 5, 2020

8:30 AM

Virtual Meeting

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### GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

**For consideration by Barrie City Council on December 14, 2020.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lehman at 8:30 a.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:**

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse  
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke  
Director of Finance/Treasurer, C. Millar  
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan  
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters  
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 Administrative Services (CCS), C. Swan.

The General Committee reports that upon adoption of the required procedural motion it met in closed session electronically at 8:31 a.m. to discuss a presentation concerning a confidential education and training session - Approaches to Strategic Priorities Setting.

Members of General Committee, the Chief Administrative Officer, City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court 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 "A"**

#### **20-G-220      CONFIDENTIAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING SESSION - APPROACHES TO STRATEGIC PRIORITIES SETTING**

That motion 20-G-220 of the General Committee Report dated December 5, 2020, being the confidential notes concerning the discussion of a presentation regarding a confidential education and training session - Approaches to Strategic Priorities Setting, be received.

This matter was recommended to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 12/14/2020.

General Committee recessed at 10:16 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Upon adoption of the required procedural motion, General Committee moved into Open Session at 10:30 a.m.

Mayor Lehman provided a brief overview of the nature of the closed session noting that General Committee met and discussed the content a presentation concerning a confidential education and training session - Approaches to Strategic Priorities Setting. 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 reports as follows:

## **SECTION "B"**

### **20-G-221**

#### **MID-TERM REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2018-2022**

Mayor Lehman introduced Kirk Fox, Devlp the facilitator for the Strategic Priorities Session.

M. Prowse, CAO reviewed the 2018-2022 Barrie City Council Strategic Priorities presentation that highlighted the achievements and key performance indicators to-date in order to frame the discussion and context of the meeting.

Mr. Kirk Fox reviewed the ranking of Council's priorities based on interviews with the individual members of Council. Now to come to an agreement the priorities to focus on for the last half of the term.

1. Growing our Economy
2. Fostering a Safe and Healthy City
3. Building Strong Neighbourhoods
4. Improve the Ability to get around
5. Offering Innovative and Citizen Driven Services

Mr. Fox noted the top 3 areas that at least 50% of the individual Councillors recognized as still requiring additional focus:

- Affordable housing/homelessness;
- Recover from the effects of COVID-19; and
- Downtown and waterfront core projects, walkable neighborhoods.

Mr. Fox discussed the feedback he received indicating that Councillors did not feel any priorities were missing.

Members of General Committee discussed the three areas of focus identified

by Mr. Fox as well as an additional priority and subsets.

This matter was recommended for receipt (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption/receipt at its meeting to be held on 12/14/2020.

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

### **SECTION "C"**

#### **20-G-222      UPDATE TO CITY COUNCIL'S 2018-2022 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

1. That City Council's 2018-2022 Strategic Priorities be updated as follows:

a) By adding the following priority and subsets:

6. A Vibrant and Safe downtown

- Engage the BIA
- Attract people to the downtown
- Safety in the downtown
- Improving and expanding public spaces

b) By adding the following subsets under "Growing our Economy" priority

- Servicing industrial lands
- Supporting locally owned businesses

c) By adding the following subset under "Fostering and Promoting a Safe City"

- Promoting gender and racial equity.

2. That staff in Access Barrie report back to General Committee with final wording for the new priority and subsets.

This matter was recommended for adoption (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption/receipt at its meeting to be held on 12/14/2020.

### **ENQUIRIES**

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members of General Committee did not provide any announcements.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN