



# City of Barrie

70 Collier Street  
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## Minutes - Final General Committee

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Monday, April 19, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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### **GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT** **For consideration by Barrie City Council on April 26, 2021.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, J. Lehman at 7:02 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:**

Acting Manager of Revenue and Taxation, G. Marsh  
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse  
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke  
Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur  
Deputy City Clerk, C. Swan  
Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews  
Director of Development Services, M. Banfield  
Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter  
Director of Finance/Treasurer, C. Millar  
Director of Human Resources, A.M. Langlois  
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan  
Director of Infrastructure, B. Araniyasundaran  
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters  
Director of Operations, D. Friary

Director of Recreation and Culture Services, R. Bell  
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  
Legal Counsel, P. Krysiak  
Manager of Corporate Asset Management, K. Oakley  
Manager of Innovation and Continuous Improvement, D. Clarke  
Manager of Purchasing, S. Jones  
Senior Manager of Accounting and Revenue, C. Smith.

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

### **SECTION "A"**

#### **21-G-081**      **REPORT OF THE CITY BUILDING COMMITTEE DATED APRIL 13, 2021**

The Report of the City Building Committee dated April 13, 2021 was received. (File: C05)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 4/26/2021.

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

### **SECTION "B"**

#### **21-G-082**      **ROTARY CLUB OF BARRIE - COVID-19 HEROES GARDEN**

1. That the COVID-19 Heroes Garden as presented by the Rotary Club of Barrie to recognize the pandemic response efforts of local health and frontline workers located in Sunnidale Park and the accompanying memo from Development Services staff be referred to the City Clerk according to motion 21-G-073 related to the recognition of COVID-19 Victims memorials.
2. That staff in Development Services Department continue to work with the Rotary Club of Barrie to finalize the proposed concept.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/26/2021.

**21-G-083****SIGNAGE ON HERITAGE BUILDINGS IN DOWNTOWN BARRIE**

That staff in the Development Services Department in consultation with Enforcement Services develop guidelines for the installation of signage on heritage buildings in the Downtown Business Improvement Association Area (BIA) and report back to Heritage Barrie, and once any guidelines are approved, staff review implementing these into the Sign By-law.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/26/2021.

**21-G-084****MUNICIPAL HERITAGE REGISTER - 90 WILLIAM STREET AND 125 DUNLOP STREET EAST**

That the properties known municipally as 90 William Street and 125 Dunlop Street East be added to the Municipal Heritage Register as listed properties.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/26/2021.

**21-G-085****SUPPORT FOR THE FIREBIRD COMMUNITY CYCLE APPLICATION TO THE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVES**

1. That staff in the Corporate Facilities and Recreation and Culture Services Departments investigate the feasibility of supporting Firebird Community Cycle, a not-for-profit bicycle repair shop, in their application to the Healthy Communities Initiative grant for bicycle repair stations at City facilities and community centres and report back to General Committee by the end of May of 2021.
2. That, as part of the investigation, staff engage with Metrolinx to facilitate the possibility of bicycle repair stations at the Barrie Go Train Station locations.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/26/2021.

**21-G-086****PROPOSED BRADFORD BY-PASS - REFERRAL TO STAFF IN DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

That the following motion be referred to staff in the Development Services Department to review and provide information by way of a memorandum at the next City Building Committee meeting:

- "1. That, due to the potential negative impacts on Lake Simcoe the City of Barrie request that the Government of Canada conduct a comprehensive federal environmental impact assessment of the proposed Bradford By-pass and make the results available to the public.
- 2 That the City of Barrie request the Government of Ontario conduct the 15 studies as outlined as conditions to the Class Environmental Assessment for the Bradford By-pass in addition to studying the potential impacts on Lake Simcoe and the climate.

3. That, in accordance with the *Lake Simcoe Protection Act*, the City of Barrie requests that the Government of Ontario conduct a comprehensive impact assessment on Lake Simcoe and those vulnerable watersheds and inflows into Lake Simcoe.
4. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, Provincial Minister of Transportation, Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and all local MPPs and MPs."

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/26/2021.

**21-G-087 DEVELOPMENT OF A VISION ZERO POLICY AND TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY UPDATE**

That staff in the Development Services Department submit an intake form as part of the 2022 Business Plan and budget process for the development of a Vision Zero Policy and a Traffic Calming Policy update.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/26/2021.

**21-G-088 2020 ANNUAL PROCUREMENT ACTIVITY REPORT**

That Staff Report FIN002-21 representing the 2020 Annual Procurement Activity Report, be received for information. (FIN002-21) (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/26/2021.

**21-G-089 2020 YEAR END DEVELOPMENT CHARGE REPORTS AND TREASURER'S STATEMENT**

That the following 2020 Annual Development Charge Statements be received:

- a) Annual Treasurer's Development Charge Reserve Fund Statement (Appendix "A" of Staff Report FIN004-21);
- b) Municipal Development Charge Reserve Fund Statement with Project Activity (Appendix "B" of Staff Report FIN004-21);
- c) Listing of Section 13 Credits (Appendix "C" of Staff Report FIN004-21) owing where a front ending agreement existed prior to the first City by-law under the *Development Charges Act, 1997*;
- d) Listing of Section 38 Credits (Appendix "D" of Staff Report FIN004-21) owing where a front ending agreement exists subsequent to the first City by-law under the *Development Charges Act, 1997*; and

- e) Whiskey Creek Area Specific Development Charge Reserve Fund Statement (Appendix "E" of Staff Report FIN004-21). (FIN004-21) (File: F21A)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/26/2021.

**21-G-090      2020 YEAR END CASH IN LIEU OF PARKLAND REPORT AND TREASURER'S STATEMENT**

That the following 2020 Annual Cash in Lieu of Parkland Statements be received:

- a) Cash in Lieu of Parkland Reserve Fund Statement (Appendix "A" of Staff Report FIN005-21); and
- b) Cash in Lieu of Parkland Project Activity (Appendix "B" of Staff Report FIN005-21). (FIN005-21) (File: F20)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/26/2021.

**21-G-091      BARRIE BAYCATS BASEBALL CLUB FACILITY USE AGREEMENT**

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement with the Barrie Baycats Baseball Club for use of the baseball stadium located at the Barrie Community Sports Complex, 2100 Nursery Road, Midhurst, Ontario, generally in accordance with the document attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report REC001-21 and subject to the agreement conforming to the following:

- a) The term of the agreement shall be five (5) years, structured as three (3) years plus an option to extend for an additional two (2) years, from May 2021 to August 31, 2026;
- b) The Club shall schedule and pay for its use of the Stadium through established booking procedures maintained by the Recreation and Culture Services Department of the City of Barrie;
- c) The rental rates paid by the Barrie Baycats Baseball Club shall be as outlined within the agreement, with increases at the sole discretion of the City of Barrie that will not be less than the annual CPI;
- d) That an advertising sign be rented from the Barrie Baycats, at a rate of \$1,000 annually, to be located at the Stadium as an expression of the City of Barrie's support for the Barrie Baycats and their seven (7) Intercounty Baseball League championship wins; and

- e) The agreement shall contain any other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, and the form of the agreement shall be prepared to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services. (REC001-21) (File: R05C)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/26/2021.

**21-G-092 INVESTIGATION OF DOG OFF-LEASH RECREATION AREA (DOLRA) AT PRINGLE PARK (WARD 5)**

That staff in the Development Services Department investigate the feasibility of a Dog Off-leash Recreation Area (DOLRA) at Pringle Park and report back to General Committee. (Item for Discussion 8.3, April 19, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/26/2021.

**21-G-093 INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL WARNING LIGHT EDGEHILL DRIVE TO FERNDAL DRIVE (WARD 5)**

That staff in the Development Services Department make arrangements to install a traffic signal warning light on the hill in advance of Edgehill Drive and Ferndale Drive at a cost of \$10,000 to be funded from the Tax Capital Reserve. (Item for Discussion 8.4, April 19, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/26/2021.

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

**SECTION "C"**

**21-G-094 INVESTIGATE LOWERING SPEED LIMITS ACROSS THE CITY OF BARRIE BY 10 KILOMETRES PER HOUR (KM/H)**

1. That staff in the Development Services Department undertake a review of the relevant data related to near misses, collisions, injuries, and causes involving vehicles and the streets/roads identified by residents and members of Council as areas of concern with the purpose of:
  - a) Determining the streets/roads that require improvements to address identified safety concerns; and

- b) Providing strategies, including, but not limited to reducing speeds limits, to address and improve the safety of streets/roads identified in the review.

and report back to General Committee.

2. That staff in Access Barrie create an online survey to poll residents if a speed change is considered in the City of Barrie soliciting whether they are in favour of a city-wide reduction or solely a reduction in residential areas, along with any further questions that staff believe are beneficial to assist with the staff report on this matter. (Item for Discussion 8.4, March 29, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/26/2021.

## **SECTION "D"**

### **21-G-095**

#### **UPDATES OF THE CITY'S WORKPLACE POLICIES AND ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN RELATED TO A WORKPLACE INVESTIGATION**

1. That Staff Report CAO001-21 concerning updates of the City's Workplace Policies and Actions Undertaken related to a Workplace Investigation be received.
2. That the amended Respect in the Workplace Policy addressing matters related to discrimination, violence, harassment or sexual harassment as defined under Ontario's *Human Rights Code* and Ontario's *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report CAO001-21 be received.
3. That the amended Council and Committee Member Code of Conduct attached as Appendix "B" to Staff Report CAO001-21 be approved.
4. That the amended Council-Staff Relations Policy attached as Appendix "C" to Staff Report CAO001-21, be approved.
5. That the City Clerk consult with the Integrity Commissioner concerning the feasibility of amending paragraph 24.5 of the Council and Committee Code of Conduct to change the wording from "no more than six months after the alleged violation occurring" to "no more than one year after the alleged violation occurring" and report back to General Committee. (CAO001-21) (P41/20) (File: H00)

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/26/2021.

**SECTION "E"****21-G-096      BARRIE EMPLOYMENT LANDS STRATEGY AND CONSIDERATIONS  
(WARD 6, 7 AND 8)**

1. That the City of Barrie Employment Lands Strategy attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report DEV007-21, which includes the five scenarios with the greatest potential for accelerating the availability of serviced, shovel-ready larger parcels of employment land to the marketplace, be received and approved in principle.
2. That Scenarios 1a and 3 be endorsed for advancement in the City's Capital Investment Priorities with the following amendments to be incorporated in the 2021 Capital Plan:
  - a) To advance Scenarios 1a and 3 of the Employment Land Strategy, a new capital project in the amount of \$150,000 be created for 2021 to be funded 1/3 from the Tax Capital Reserve, 1/3 from the Water Capital Reserve, and 1/3 from the Wastewater Capital Reserve for scenario 1a and that there are no financial implications with Scenario 3; and
  - b) That staff in the Development Services and Economic and Creative Development Departments report back to General Committee with proposed framework, criteria and options for utilizing the Reinvestment Reserves to develop an additional program to the Community Improvement Plan (CIP), for up to \$2M to incentivize strategic economic development on employment lands that includes grants and other financial incentives permitted under the CIP framework to advance local servicing costs to be incurred within the next five years for lands identified in the Barrie Employment Lands Strategy.
3. That Scenario 2a of the Employment Land Strategy, Capital Project EN1278 be advanced four years to start in 2021, with a corresponding impact of \$7.9M (2021), \$513K (2022), \$2M (2023), \$4.1M (2024) and \$4.1M (2025), and that the funding be changed from Tax Capital Reserve and Development Charge Reserves to corresponding Debenture Proceeds. (DEV007-21)

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/26/2021.



**SECTION "F"****21-G-097****2021 TAX RATIOS AND CAPPING POLICIES**

1. That the tax ratios for the 2021 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
i)	Landfills	1.067122
2. That the capping phase-out option for the commercial class be continued, for the second of four years as previously approved by Council and that the capping program be funded by clawing back decreases from within the affected property tax class.
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 2021 be excluded from the capping calculations.

4. That the discounts for the commercial and industrial sub-classes for vacant land and excess land at 30% and 35% respectively for 2020, be eliminated in 2021.
5. 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.
6. That the City of Barrie (City) continue with its existing Rebates for Charitable and Non-Profit Organizations Program providing a tax rebate at a rate of 40% of the current year's taxes applicable only to the leased space occupied by the organization and that the eligible organizations continue to submit an annual application and provide evidence of taxes paid satisfactory to the Treasurer or his/her designate.
7. That the City Clerk be authorized to prepare all necessary by-laws to establish the 2021 taxation ratios and capping policies as described herein. (FIN006-21 (P59/19) (File: F22)

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/26/2021.

## **SECTION "G"**

### **21-G-098**

#### **NATIONAL THREE DIGIT SUICIDE AND CRISIS HOTLINE**

WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline; and

WHEREAS the motion calls for the federal government to consolidate all existing suicide crisis numbers into one three-digit hotline; and

WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%; and

WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold; and

WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline; and

WHEREAS the City of Barrie recognized that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the City of Barrie endorses this 988 crisis line initiative.
2. That a letter demonstrating Barrie's support be sent to Todd Doherty, MP Caribou-Prince George, John Brassard, MP, Barrie-Innisfil, Doug Shipley, MP, Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, MPP, Barrie-Innisfil, the Honourable Doug Downey, MPP, Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC) and all municipalities in Ontario. (Item for Discussion 8.1, April 19, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "G") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/26/2021.

## **SECTION "H"**

### **21-G-099**

#### **INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF SPROULE DRIVE AND MILLER DRIVE (WARD 5) AND AT DOCK ROAD AND COXMILL ROAD (WARDS 8 AND 10)**

1. That staff in the Development Services Department make arrangements to install stop signs northbound and southbound at the intersection of Sproule Drive and Miller Drive, and four-way stop at Dock Road and Coxmill Road.
2. That staff in the Development Services Department prepare a memorandum prior to the final approval by the City Council meeting of April 26, 2021 regarding the accident history, prior reports/data, including the appropriateness to installing stop signs at the above intersections. (Item for Discussion 8.2, April 19, 2021)

**Pursuant to Section 7.14 of the Procedural By-law 2019-100, Councillor, R. Thomson raised a point of personal privilege that he considered his integrity had been challenged by the remarks made during the discussion of the motion. Mayor J. Lehman requested that any further remarks be stated succinctly, and not be used as a means of making statements or assertions.**

This matter was recommended (Section "H") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/26/2021.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

## **SECTION "I"**

### **21-G-100**

#### **PROCEDURE FOR MOTIONS/AMENDMENTS IN EXCESS OF \$30,000**

That any proposed amendments or requests from the Mayor and members of Council anticipated to cost in excess of \$30,000 be submitted to the City Clerk and be circulated to Council no later than 4:30 p.m. the Friday in advance of any Council meeting, except during budget deliberations or a declared State of Emergency. (Item for Discussion 8.5, April 19, 2021)

#### **LOST**

This matter was recommended (Section "I") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 4/26/2021.

## **ENQUIRIES**

A members of General Committee addressed an enquiry to City staff and received responses.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

The General Committee reports that upon adoption of the required procedural motion it met in closed session electronically at 10:18 p.m. to discuss the content of confidential Staff Report LCS005-21 concerning a confidential personal information matter – appointment to the Heritage Barrie Committee.

Members of General Committee (with the exception of Councillor, N. Harris), Chief Administrative Officer, City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, Deputy City Clerk, Director of Finance/Treasurer, Executive Director of Access Barrie, General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management and the General Manager of Community and Corporate 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 "J"****21-G-101      CONFIDENTIAL PERSONAL INFORMATION MATTER - APPOINTMENT TO HERITAGE BARRIE COMMITTEE**

That motion 21-G-101 contained within the confidential notes to the General Committee Report dated April 19, 2021 concerning the discussion of Staff Report LCS005-21 regarding a confidential personal information matter - Appointment to the Heritage Barrie Committee, be received. (LCS005-21) (File: C06)

This matter was recommended (Section "J") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 4/26/2021.

The General Committee reports upon adoption of a procedural motion, it met in public/open session at 10:26 p.m.

Mayor, J. Lehman noted that the in-camera/closed session portion of the meeting was related to a confidential personal information matter concerning an appointment to Heritage Barrie Committee. Mayor, J. 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 "K"****21-G-102      APPOINTMENT TO THE HERITAGE BARRIE COMMITTEE**

That Shelley Marchant be appointed to the Heritage Barrie Committee for a term of office to expire on November 14, 2022. (LCS005-21) (File: C06)

This matter was recommended (Section "K") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/26/2021.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

CHAIRMAN