



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final General Committee

Monday, October 15, 2012

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT For consideration by the Council of the City of Barrie on October 22, 2012

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; Councillor B. Ainsworth; Councillor L. Strachan; Councillor D. Shipley; Councillor B. Ward; Councillor P. Silveira; Councillor M. Prowse; Councillor J. Brassard; Councillor B. Jackson; and Councillor A. Nuttall

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, C. Ladd

City Clerk, D. McAlpine

Deputy City Clerk, C. deGorter

Director of Communications and Strategic Initiatives, R. James-Reid

Director of Economic Development, H. Kirolos

Director of Engineering, R. Kahle

Director of Environmental Services, J. Thompson

Director of Recreation, Facilities and Transit, B. Roth

Director of Planning Services, S. Naylor

Director of Roads, Parks and Fleet, D. Friary

Fire Chief, J. Lynn

General Manager of Community Operations, R. Forward

General Manager of Corporate Services, E. Archer

General Manager of Infrastructure, Development and Culture, W. McArthur.

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The General Committee met for the purpose of a public meeting and reports as follows:

Mayor Lehman advised the public that any concerns or appeals dealing with the application for the approval of a plan of subdivision should be directed to the City Clerk's Office. Mayor Lehman confirmed with the Deputy City Clerk that notification was conducted in accordance with the Planning Act.

Councillor Prowse joined the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

SECTION "A"

12-G-258 APPLICATION FOR THE APPROVAL OF A PLAN OF SUBDIVISION - SMARTCENTRES BARRIE-BRYNE DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED LOCATED SOUTH OF HARVIE ROAD AND EAST OF VETERAN'S DRIVE (WARD 7) (OCTOBER 15, 2012) (File:D12-1401)

Todd Pierce, Land Development Manager for SmartCentres (Barrie-Bryne Development Inc) explained that the purpose of the public meeting is to review the application for approval of a proposed Plan of Subdivision submitted by SmartCentres for lands located south of Harvie Road, east of Veteran's Drive. The property is legally described as part of Part Lot 7, Concession 12, City of Barrie and is located within the 400 West Planning Area and the entire land holding is 35.54 hectares in size. Mr. Pierce commented that only 13.57 hectares of the property is the subject of the application.

Mr. Pierce explained that the proposed Plan of Subdivision is for 13 industrial lots, and includes a road extension to Bryne Drive and a setback from Lovers Creek. He stated that the lands are designated General Industrial in the City's Official Plan and are zoned General Employment (EM3) in accordance with Zoning By-law 2009-141. Mr. Pierce indicated that an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) was completed to identify the existing natural heritage features and address the interaction between the proposed development and existing conditions. He reviewed the conclusions of the EIS. Mr. Pierce explained that a Traffic Impact Study (TIS) was completed to address the traffic impacts from the proposed industrial subdivision on the surrounding road network and described the findings. He concluded by providing a summary of the proposal and his opinion with respect to the rationale associated with the application.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. **Gary Bell of Skelton Brumwell and Associates on behalf of Bell Media** commented that he supports the application. He commented that he feels the development of the plan will allow for the extension to Bryne Drive. Mr. Bell stated that he believes there must be equitable cost sharing of the traffic infrastructure and improvements necessary for the development of lands in the Harvie, Big Bay Point Road and Highway 400 crossing area.

2. **Steve Bishop North American (Park Place) Corporation**, commented that North American (Park Place) Corporation has recently invested millions of dollars in the City of Barrie's road infrastructure. He noted that North American has a great interest in addressing Barrie's future traffic plans. He indicated that North American Park Place would like to be notified of all reports, meetings and decisions with respect to SmartCentre's application.
3. **Eric VandenHeuvel, 11 Brookwood Dr.** commented that the subject area is currently being utilized for hiking and biking. He expressed concern about the potential for increased in traffic the neighbourhood due to the development proposal and the potential for increased noise and garbage. Mr. VandenHeuvel inquired if there will be a requirement for additional power for the proposed subdivision and if this will impact the existing power lines and the health and welfare of the surrounding residents. He concluded by inquiring if the animal wildlife was included in the Environmental Impact Study.

Mayor Lehman asked a question to the presenter and received a response.

4. **Steve Miller, 31 Thrushwood Drive** inquired about the 15 metre parcel of land adjacent to the subject area and if the existing capacity on the lines would need to be increased to facilitate the proposed use. He asked if the City owns the 15 metre land area and if the proposed plan of subdivision maintains the buffer area. Mr. Miller provided comments concerning the natural berm created on the south end of the property and inquired if acoustical fencing will be installed by the developer. He asked the City to consider the request for acoustical fencing when reviewing the application. Mr. Miller commented that he believed the fencing around the residential area was downgraded and sought re-assurance from SmartCentres that acoustical fencing will be installed as part of the development. Mr. Miller asked if he could obtain a summary of the proposed businesses intended for the plan of subdivision. He requested that SmartCentres be sensitive to the residents' concerns and issues.

The presenter provided comments concerning the buffer area.

Mayor Lehman asked a question to the presenter and City staff and received responses.

5. **Lisa Middendorf, 72 Megan Crescent** inquired about the set back requirements are along Lovers Creek area on the subject property.

City staff responded to the inquiry.

6. **Jackie Melville, 2 Ramblewood Drive** expressed concern regarding the impact the proposed development may have on the environment including the wildlife in the area. She stated that she is concerned that the development will drive the wildlife away and may force them towards Highway 400 causing accidents along the highway. Ms. Melville inquired if the developer intends to re-locate the wildlife. She expressed concern for the safety of the children and seniors living in the surrounding neighbourhood due to the construction traffic. She suggested that access onto Thrushwood Drive from the subject property be prohibited. Ms. Melville expressed concern about the amount of traffic on Maplevue Drive if Bryne Drive has not been extended. Ms. Melville expressed concern about the amount of noise pre and post development. She inquired if a sound wall could be built to replace the current fence along Thrushwood prior to the start of any construction to reduce the noise for the residential area. Ms. Melville asked if the parcel of land adjacent to Thrushwood is owned by the City and if it is designated as park land. She noted that she felt that access to the hydro lines was necessary and commented that she hopes the City retains the property.

Mayor Lehman asked a question to the presenter and received a response.

7. **Shawn Hilditch, 1 Blueberry Lane** inquired if SmartCentres owns the property beside the subject property. He asked what the timeline was for the extension for Bryne Drive and the status of the related environmental assessment.

The presenter responded to the inquiry.

8. **William James Archer, 9 Brookwood Drive** commented that he has similar concerns to Eric VandenHeuvel who spoke earlier in the Public Meeting.
9. **Cheryl Hoover, 7 Brookwood Drive** expressed her concern about the potential uses permitted with the EM3 zone, specifically manufacturing as a permitted use under the zoning. She asked what the process was if someone objected to the currently permitted uses associated with the zoning of the property.

City staff and the Mayor responded to the inquiry and explained a re-zoning process.

10. **Greg Gemmell, 144 Thrushwood Drive** commented that he would prefer to have acoustical fencing installed along lots A - G at the Plan of Subdivision phase of development rather than at the Site Plan phase as construction is anticipated to occur over a number of years.

Members of General Committee asked a number of questions concerning the presentation and received responses from City staff and the presenter.

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

1. Correspondence from Kate Insley, Barrie Harley-Davidson dated October 3, 2012.
2. Correspondence from Fred and Jackie Melville dated October, 8, 2012.
3. Correspondence from Deb Orth-Brown dated October 10, 2012.
4. Correspondence from Skelton Brumwell and Associates dated October 12, 2012.
5. Correspondence from Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, dated October 12, 2012.
6. Correspondence from Greg Gemmell, dated October 15, 2012.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 22/10/2012.

General Committee recessed at 8:06 p.m. and resumed at 8:21 p.m.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "B"

12-G-259 FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 2012.

The Finance and Corporate Services Report dated September 26, 2012 was received. (File: C05)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 10/22/2012.

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

SECTION "C"

12-G-260

FEED IN TARIFF, COUNCIL SUPPORT RESOLUTION

1. That the City of Barrie support the construction and operation of rooftop solar generation projects in non-residential areas in the Province's Feed in Tariff (FIT) Program Version 2 across the City of Barrie, subject to review by staff in the Engineering Department.
2. That the purpose of this support is to enable the participants in the FIT Program to receive priority points under the FIT Program and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to the Application or Projects or any other purpose.
3. That this support shall expire twelve (12) months after adoption of this motion by City Council.
4. That the procedures outlined in Appendix "A" of Staff Report ENG033-12 be adopted in order to process requests for obtaining support for non-residential solar rooftop energy projects for the Province's Feed in Tariff (FIT) Program Version 2.
5. That the City of Barrie Fees By-law 2012-035 be amended to add the administration fee of \$100 for the review of roof top solar energy projects for the FIT Program.
6. That a Municipal Council Support Resolution under section 6.1 (d)(i) - Feed in Tariff rules Version 2 for the application to the Small FIT program be provided for the co-generation units located at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. (ENG033-12) (File: E11-SO)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/22/2012.

12-G-261 PARKING PROHIBITION ON SHANTY BAY ROAD AND JOHNSON STREET (WARD 1)

1. That By-law 80-138 Schedule "A", "No Parking Any Time" be amended by removing the following:

"Johnson Street from Blake Street to Shanty Bay Road.
East Side."

And by adding the following:

"Johnson Street from Blake Street to Shanty Bay Road.
West Side."

"Shanty Bay Road from Puget Street to Johnson Street.
North Side."

"Shanty Bay Road from Johnson Street to Garrett Crescent.
South Side."

2. That By-law 80-138 Schedule "A", "No Parking Any Time" be amended by removing the following:

"Johnson Street all parts from the production of the north limit
of the Canadian National Rail-ways right of
ways to the water's edge of Kempenfelt Drive.
Both Sides."

"Johnson Street West Side from Shanty Bay Road to the
production of the Canadian National Railways
right of way.
West Side."

"Johnson Street both sides from Shanty Bay Road to the
Canadian National Railways right of way.
Both Sides."

And by adding the following:

"Johnson Street from Shanty Bay Road to the southernmost
limits.
Both Sides."

(ENG036-12) (File: T02-PA)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/22/2012.

12-G-262 PARKING PROHIBITION ON COLLEGE CRESCENT (WARD 1)

That the current parking regulations in By-law 80-138, Schedule "A", "No Parking Any Time" regarding the north side of College Crescent be maintained. (ENG037-12) (File: T02-PA)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/22/2012.

12-G-263 AWARD OF CONTRACT 2012-116T - DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD AND RAILWAY GRADE CROSSING WARNING SYSTEMS (WARDS 8 AND 9)

1. That Contract 2012-116T for Design and Construction of Road and Railway Grade Crossing Warning Systems - 3 Locations, be awarded to Condor Signal and Communication Inc., in accordance with their tender dated September 11, 2012, in the amount of \$382,433.53.
2. That additional funding be provided for this project, in the amount of \$107,000 from the tax capital reserve (13-04-0440). (ENG039-12) (File: T07-2012-116T)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/22/2012.

12-G-264 ENERGY MANAGEMENT PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Energy Management Plan dated March 23, 2012 as detailed in Staff Report ENG040-12 be endorsed in principle with implementation subject to upcoming Business Plan approvals. (ENG040-12) (File: E11-EN)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/22/2012.

12-G-265 BARRIE AREA PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT TASK FORCE PRESENTATION REQUEST

That a representative from the Barrie Area Physician Recruitment Task Force be invited to a future City Council meeting to provide a presentation concerning their request for funding. (Item for Discussion 6.3 October 15, 2012) (File: C00)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/22/2012.

**12-G-266 CONFIDENTIAL - PERSONAL INFORMATION MATTER - TAX ARREARS
EXTENSION AGREEMENT - TORONTO STREET (WARD 2)**

1. That the City Clerk be authorized to execute an extension agreement with the property owner identified in the confidential Appendix "A" to Staff Report FIN017-12, to extend the deadline for paying the cancellation price on the terms identified in the confidential Appendix "A".
2. That the City Clerk be authorized to prepare all necessary by-laws to establish the aforesaid extension agreement. (FIN017-12) (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/22/2012.

**12-G-267 CONFIDENTIAL - PERSONAL INFORMATION MATTER - TAX ARREARS
EXTENSION AGREEMENT - ROYAL OAK DRIVE (WARD 10)**

1. That the City Clerk be authorized to execute an extension agreement with the property owner identified in the confidential Appendix "A" to Staff Report FIN018-12, to extend the deadline for paying the cancellation price on the terms identified in the confidential Appendix "A".
2. That the City Clerk be authorized to prepare all necessary by-laws to establish the aforesaid extension agreement. (FIN-018-12) (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/22/2012.

**12-G-268 CONFIDENTIAL - PERSONAL INFORMATION MATTER - TAX ARREARS
EXTENSION AGREEMENT BROCK STREET (WARD 2)**

1. That the City Clerk be authorized to execute an extension agreement with the property owner identified in the confidential Appendix "A" to Staff Report FIN019-12, to extend the deadline for paying the cancellation price on the terms identified in the confidential Appendix "A".
2. That the City Clerk be authorized to prepare all necessary by-laws to establish the aforesaid extension agreement. (FIN019-12) (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/22/2012.

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

SECTION D"

12-G-269 IDEAS IN MOTION ACTION PLAN

1. That the report entitled "Ideas in Motion An Action Plan: Moving Barrie's Economy Forward October 2012" as attached as Schedule "A" to CAO001-12 be endorsed in principle.
2. That the business community who volunteered their time to develop ideas which formed this action plan be formally thanked for their incredible input and commitment to the continued growth of Barrie's economy.
3. That staff from the CAO's Division provide regular updates to Council and the business community as to the progress of the implementation of the Ideas in Motion Action Plan. (CAO001-12) (File: A22)

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/22/2012.

SECTION "E"

12-G-270 UPDATE TO THE SANITARY SEWAGE COLLECTION SYSTEM POLICIES AND DESIGN GUIDELINES

That the updated Sanitary Sewage Collection System Policies and Design Guidelines dated September 2012 attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report ENG018-12 be adopted and implemented. (ENG018-12) (File: A09-SA)

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/22/2012.

12-G-271**PARKING PROHIBITION ON TORONTO STREET (WARD 2)**

1. That By-law 80-138 Schedule "C", "Restricted Parking Between the Hours as specified Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays For A Limited Time During Stated Hours Except On Statutory Holidays" be amended by removing the following:

Street Segment

"Toronto Street from Ross Street to Wellington Street.

Side

East Side

Time

Two (2) hours from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00p.m. Monday to Friday excluding Statutory Holidays."

2. That By-law 80-138 Schedule "B", "No Parking In Specified Places Where Signs on Display at Stated Times" be amended by, removing the following:

Street Segment

"Toronto Street in front of Hillcrest School grounds.

Side

East Side

Time

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. except Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays."

Street Segment

"Toronto Street between Sophia Street and Wellington Street West.

Side

East Side

Time

At all times, except Sundays and Statutory Holidays."

Street Segment

"Toronto Street from Wellington Street West to Grove Street West.

Side

Both Sides

Time

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. except Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays."

And by adding the following:

Street Segment

"Toronto Street from Ross Street to a point 79 metres south of Wellington Street.

Side

East Side

Time

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. except Saturdays, Sundays, and Statutory Holidays."

Street Segment

"Toronto Street from Wellington Street to a point 70 metres south of Dalton Street.

Side

East Side

Time

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. except Saturdays, Sundays, and Statutory Holidays."

Street Segment

"Toronto Street from a point 75 metres north of Dalton Street to Grove Street."

Side

East Side

Time

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. except Saturdays, Sundays, and Statutory Holidays."

3. That By-law 80-138 Schedule "A", "No Parking Any Time" be amended by adding the following:

Street Segment

"Toronto Street.

Side

from Wellington Street to a point 79 metres south thereof.

Time

East Side."

(ENG035-12) (File: T02-PA)

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/22/2012.

**12-G-272 HURST DRIVE PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL REVIEW
(WARD 10)**

That Staff Report ENG041-12 concerning Hurst Drive Pedestrian Traffic Control Signal Review be referred back to staff in the Engineering Department to review the signal further in conjunction with the Transportation Master Plan and report back to General Committee. (ENG041-12) (File: T07-SI)

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/22/2012.

12-G-273 INSURANCE BILLING SERVICES FOR FIRES AND INSURED PERILS

That staff in Barrie Fire and Emergency Services be directed not to bill insurance companies for collection of insurance fees for fires and insured perils. (FES002-12) (File: P00)

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/22/2012.

SECTION "F"**12-G-274 INVESTIGATION TO REGULATE THE FEEDING OF WILDLIFE**

That staff in the Legal Services Department investigate possible options to deal with the feeding of wildlife resulting in urban nuisances, including obtaining information from other municipalities and report back to General Committee by the end of November, 2012. (Item for Discussion 6.1, October 15, 2015) (File: P00)

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/22/2012.

SECTION "G"**12-G-275 HONOURARIUM FOR MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL**

Whereas there is a need for fiscal restraint at this time;

That the honorarium for City Council members be frozen at the current level for 2013 and 2014. (Item for Discussion 6.2, October 15, 2015) (File: C00)

This matter was recommended (Section "G") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/22/2012.

A member of General Committee addressed an enquiry to City staff and received a response.

Councillor, A. Nuttall left the meeting at 10:22 p.m.

Members of General Committee provided announcements concerning several matters.

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

CHAIRMAN