



Final
Finance and Responsible Governance
Committee

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

FINANCE AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by General Committee on February 28, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, G. Harvey at 6:03 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 4 - Mayor, A. Nuttall
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, A.M. Kungl

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, C. Nixon
Councillor, A. Courser
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, B. Hamilton.

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
Chief Financial Officer, C. Millar
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Deputy City Clerk, T. McArthur
Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pew
Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
Director of Recreation and Culture Services, D. Bell
Executive Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
General Manager of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Araniyasundaran
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard

Senior Policy Advisory and Special Projects Coordinator, E. Chappell
Service Desk Generalist, K. Kovacs.

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

SECTION "A"

COMMUNITY PROJECT FUND SUBMISSION FROM COUNCILLOR, C. NIXON REGARDING THE UNITY COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

That the Community Project submitted by Councillor, C. Nixon regarding the Unity Community Clean-up attached to the Finance and Responsible Governance agenda dated February 7, 2024, be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2/28/2024.

The Finance and Responsible Governance Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "B"

HERITAGE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

That staff in the Development Services and Finance Departments be directed to develop a Heritage Tax Relief Program under the *Ontario Heritage Act* as outlined in the memorandum from L. Munnoch, planner to Heritage Barrie dated November 28, 2023, and report back to Heritage Barrie. (Item for Discussion, 8.1 January 31, 2024) (Councillor, C. Riepma)

A vote was taken on the above motion and was **LOST**. The Committee provided no further direction with respect to the matter of heritage property tax relief program.

The Finance and Responsible Governance Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "C"

PUBLIC CONSULTATION - FIREWORK RESTRICTIONS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

That staff in Access Barrie in consultation with the Legislative and Court Services Department conduct public consultations to obtain feedback on the restriction of fireworks in residential areas to which up to \$5000.00 being allocated from the Council Strategic Priorities Reserve to enable the design of an online and phone poll engagement approach, and whereby staff will report back to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee with the results. (Item for Discussion 8.2, January 31, 2024) (Councillor, AM. Kungl)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2/28/2024.

The Finance and Responsible Governance Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "D"

SUPPORT FOR NON-PROFIT ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS

That staff in the Operations and Economic and Creative Development Departments, in consultation with the Finance Department, investigate the feasibility of establishing a funding program, similar to the Recreation and Sport Community Grant Program, to support community environmental groups and not-for-profits and report back to General Committee. (Item for Discussion 8.3, January 31, 2024) (Councillor, C. Riepma)

A vote was taken on the above motion and was **LOST**. The Committee provided no further direction with respect to the matter of support for non-profit environmental groups.

The Finance and Responsible Governance Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "E"

SADLON ARENA EXPANSION

1. That the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) be increased from 4% to 6% effective April 1, 2024, and that the increased percentage be directed to the future expansion of the Sadlon Arena.
2. That staff in the Finance Department be directed to create a Sadlon Arena Expansion Reserve for these funds until such time as they are distributed.
3. That an agreement between the City of Barrie and Tourism Barrie be established to determine the contributions from Tourism Barrie to the Sadlon Arena Expansion Reserve on an annual basis and report back to the General Committee with the results of those negotiations. (Item for Discussion 8.1, February 7, 2024) (Councillor, G. Harvey)

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2/28/2024.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

CHAIRMAN