



**FINANCE DEPARTMENT
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TO: MAYOR A. NUTTALL AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: C. SMITH, SENIOR MANAGER, ACCOUNTING AND REVENUE

WARD: ALL

NOTED: R. JAMES-REID, GENERAL MANAGER, ACCESS BARRIE
D. MCALPINE, GENERAL MANAGER, COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES
C. MILLAR, TREASURER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

RE: SIMCOE COUNTY VALUE FOR SERVICE REVIEW

DATE: MARCH 20, 2024

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with information regarding a pending Value for Service assessment of the County of Simcoe's (County) financial information as it relates to the Shared Services Agreement between the County and the City of Barrie (City).

On January 31, 2024, Council approved Motion 24-G-009 as follows:

That staff undertake the following actions prior to any renegotiations taking place with the County of Simcoe for the Shared Services Agreement and report back to General Committee by the end of September 2024:

- a) A review of the agreement to ensure its in alignment with the City Council's Strategic Priorities; and
- b) A value for service audit of the past 3 years of the County's Financial information, with funding of up to \$50,000 being allocated from the Council Strategic Priorities Reserve to undertake this.

Scope

Staff will initiate an invitational procurement with the following scope requirements:

Perform a value for service assessment of the past 3 years of the County's financial information specific to the Municipal Services Management Agreement between the City of Barrie and the County of Simcoe, which should include the following:

1. Assess compliance with the service level agreement between the County and the City in relation to actual costs allocated in the past 3 years (2021 to 2023) and required performance reporting.
2. Assess that Provincial and Federal grants or other revenues received by the County in the past 3 years (2021 to 2023) have been appropriately and proportionally allocated to services provided within the City of Barrie in relation to the demands throughout the County and two separated cities.
3. Assess, using benchmarking data from other like sized communities or separated cities, whether the City is receiving comparable value for service for the regional services provided under the Municipal Services Management Agreement.



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4. Assess and make recommendations on the cost sharing methodology for a future service level agreement, in line with provincial guidelines and requirements, with the objective of reaching a fair and reasonable partnership between the County and the City. Include a review of the proposed capital allocation method suggested by the County.

Timing

The City will work with the County to schedule the work which staff have tentatively planned to begin in May.