

#### City of Barrie

70 Collier Street P.O. Box 400 Barrie, ON L4M 4T5

# Minutes - Final City Council

Monday, December 7, 2020 7:00 PM

**Virtual Meeting** 

#### CALLING TO ORDER BY THE CITY CLERK, WENDY COOKE

The meeting was called to order by the City Clerk at 7:03 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:

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse

City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke

Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur

Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter

Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews

Director of Infrastructure, B. Araniyasundaran

Director of Finance/Treasurer, C. Millar

Director of Human Resources, A.M. Langlois

Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan

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Director of Development Services, M. Banfield

Director of Recreation and Culture Services, R. Bell

Director of Operations, D. Friary

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 Manager of Administrative Services (CCS), C. Swan.

#### PLAYING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was played.

#### READING OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mayor, J. Lehman read the Land Acknowledgement.

#### **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

- **20-A-122** The Minutes of the City Council meeting dated November 23, 2020 were adopted as printed and circulated.
- **20-A-123** The Minutes of the City Council meeting dated November 30, 2020 were adopted as printed and circulated.

#### AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

## 20-A-124 RECOGNITION OF THE WINNER OF THE 2020 MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST

Mayor Lehman recognized Lorraine Maher as the winner of the 2020 Mayor's Christmas Card Contest for her submission entitled "Santa at the Square". Mayor Lehman thanked Ms. Maher for her submission that will be enjoyed by the City for the holiday season.

#### **DEPUTATION(S) ON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Pursuant to Section 4.16 of Procedural By-law 2019-100, City Council considered an Emergency Deputation Request by Arnie Ivsins regarding motion 20-P-046, Application for an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for 51-75 Bradford Street and 20 Checkley Street. Upon a vote of City Council taken, Arnie Ivsins was permitted to address City Council.

# 20-A-125 DEPUTATIONS CONCERNING MOTION 20-P-046, APPLICATION FOR AN OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FOR 51-75 BRADFORD STREET AND 20 CHECKLEY STREET

The following Deputations were provided concerning motion 20-P-046, Application for an Official Plan Amendment and a Zoning By-law Amendment for 51-75 Bradford Street and 20 Checkley Street:

 Paula Bustard on behalf of Smart Centres commented that they had made application in December of 2019 and have been working

diligently with City staff and the Conservation Authority on the application. She noted that a lot of changes have taken place since the first submission of the application. Ms. Bustard discussed the proposal of four towers, the amount of open space, pedestrian trails She commented that they had working and circulation for the site. closely with the Conservation Authority in creating the EP zone. Ms. Bustard noted that the height of the buildings has been changed by reducing the height in two towers, and two increased modestly on the direction of City staff in order to stagger the tower placement for better view corridors. She also noted that there has been a reduction in the tower floor plate by ten percent that creates slender towers and better visual views. Ms. Bustard noted Smart Centres is pleased with the application as it is now and requested that Council supports the application.

Members of Council asked questions of clarification to Ms. Bustard and received responses.

2) Rod Burns discussed his concerns associated with the proposed development including the height, density and traffic volumes. He provided an overview of the planning process wherein the community expressed their concerns repeatedly about the height and density of the development and he noted that he felt the comments were being ignored. Mr. Burns provided his opinion to a number of paragraphs within the Staff Report associated to the height and density and the concerns he has with them.

Mr. Burns advised of his concerns associated with the pedestal facing 2 and 6 Toronto Street being two stories and the pedestal of the Smart Centre project covering 50% of the total property coverage of 2 and 6 Toronto Street and creating a forty-foot wall, and noting that he felt that the pedestals will destroy the landscape vistas. He discussed his issue with less green space on the waterfront, the effects of the wind velocity will have on paddle boarders, kayakers, sailors and boaters. In conclusion, Mr. Burns asked members to look at the massive increase in height and density and that he believes that it does not fit within the context of neighborhood.

Cathy Colebatch discussed her opposition to the application and her concerns with an excessively tall building and noted that in her opinion this would not enhance but detract from the City's cohesive waterfront. She noted her opposition with paragraphs 1, 2, 3 a) and 5 c) of the Staff Report and she questioned how high is too high and what is in keeping in character with neighbourhood. Ms. Colebatch commented that this development is by far the biggest in the history of the City and that this proposal has its merits with conference rooms, hotel rooms, rental units, small amount of commercial and the cash-in-lieu of parkland, increased tax revenues and jobs. She suggested that with the waterfront being unique, developers need to develop responsibly with the vision to protect the waterfront.

Ms. Colebatch discussed the numerous public comments of concern provided throughout the planning process suggesting that the time is taken to get this right and people are not happy with the proposal because of the height. She asked that Council listen to the public and reduce the height or defer the item to another meeting for further discussions with Smart Centres.

Members of Council asked questions of clarification to Ms. Colebatch and received responses.

- 4) Gary Bell discussed the following slides concerning his concerns with the application:
  - The proposed Official Plan amendment;
  - The conformity of the development with the Official Plan related to tall buildings and height control and shadowing;
  - The building design should complement and contribute to the character of the neighbourhood;
  - Protection of the view to the lake, City skyline and landmarks;
  - Provisions in the Urban Design Manual to ensure compatibility of the development with adjacent area development and visual character; and
  - Suggestions for Council to consider for the site.

In conclusion Mr. Bell noted that good planning and decisions should be flexible and fundamentally respect the Official Plan and the character of the neighbourhood.

5) Bonnie Gill discussed her concerns regarding the scope and scale of the proposed development. She commented on the numerous concerns from residents received during the planning surrounding the height of towers; that tower 1 and the parking podium is too close to 2 Toronto Street; the density is too intense and a need to preserve Barrie's waterfront and public parkland that is enjoyed by citizens of Barrie. She asked why with the public outcry on the concerns of the height on the towers and that consideration should be given to decreasing the tower in height to be more inline with neighbouring buildings. She discussed her concerns associated with the lack of recreation space and the provision of cash-in-lieu of Ms. Gill noted that with the site being so close to the waterfront and to the existing lakeshore area is insufficient to sustain current and future residents in the neighbourhood and citizens that attend and enjoy the waterfront. Ms. Gill advised that she is in favour of revitalizing the downtown as long as it is done responsibility and in character for the area. She advised commented that her and husband have lived in Barrie for 50 years and that she enjoys the downtown area. She concluded by noting its Council's power and the responsibility to get it right.

Charlie Talbot advised that he believes that Barrie's waterfront is the jewel of Barrie and is a testimony to the wisdom and the foresight of the previous City officials, and planners who limited the development to preserve the City. He commented that he is in support of the development for residential, commercial, and retail purposes but that he has some serious reservations about the scale and the design of the project. Mr. Talbot expressed his concerns that the development is too large and will overwhelm the capacity of the waterfront amenities and reduce the availability to all Barrie residents. He commented on his concerns associated with the shadowing from the buildings, the excessive density and that the buildings are too high. He also noted his concerns associated with parking, the access to Lakeshore Boulevard and traffic volume increases.

In conclusion, Mr. Talbot asked that Council maintain the parking ratios to the maximum possibility to avoid impacts to the waterfront parking, require the proponent to reduce the height between the buildings one and two Toronto Street to mirror the neighbouring buildings, the proponent to have a parking plan and for Council to remember that the City is the people and that he believes the people are speaking.

- 7) Leslie Hart withdrew her request for a Deputation.
- 8) Paul Armstrong was unavailable at the time of the Deputation.
- 9) Arnie Ivsins discussed his love for Barrie since moving to the He advised with these developments he is Allandale area in 1986. questioning whether they want to remain in Barrie. He advised that he felt allowing a development of this will change the landscape forever. Mr. Ivsins noted that he felt that the buildings do not fit the character of the neighbourhood and that something needs to be done with the space. He acknowledged that intensification is happening but that over the years a lot of buildings are now gone, including Mr. Ivsins discussed his concerns associated with Barrie Central. He indicated that concerns around the traffic around the lakeshore. In closing he noted that intensify in other areas then the waterfront and he suggested to leave it the way it is.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

20-A-126 General Committee Report dated November 23, 2020, Section A. (APPENDIX "A")

#### **SECTION "A" - TO BE RECEIVED**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That Section "A" of the General Committee Report dated November 23, 2020, now circulated, be received.

20-G-199 CONFIDENTIAL PERSONAL INFORMATION AND SOLICITOR-CLIENT PRIVILEGE MATTER - WORKPLACE INVESTIGATION

#### **CARRIED**

**20-A-127** Planning Committee Report dated November 30, 2020 (APPENDIX "B").

20-P-046 APPLICATION FOR AN OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FOR 51-75 BRADFORD STREET AND 20 CHECKLEY STREET (WARD 2)

#### **AMENDMENT #1**

Moved by: Councillor, K. Aylwin Seconded by: Councillor, C. Riepma

That motion 20-P-046 of the Planning Committee Report dated November 30, 2020 concerning an Application for an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for 51-75 Bradford Street and 20 Checkley Street (Ward 2) be amended by adding the following paragraphs:

- That staff in Development Services give consideration to the following provisions for the Tower 1 portion of the subject property prior to the final by-law being passed;
  - a) A side yard of 0.5 metres along the 2 and 6 Toronto property line;
  - b) A maximum building height of 10 metres within 15 metres of the 2 and 6 Toronto Property line
  - c) A maximum building height of 30 metres at 15 metres of the 2 and 6 Toronto property line;
  - d) A maximum building height of 10 metres within 5 metres of the front lot line;
  - e) A maximum building height of 30 metres within 15 metres of

the front lot line;

- f) The building step back as shown on the architectural drawings; and
- g) An increase the setback to the EP lands as much as possible.
- 2. That staff in the Development Services Department make any applicable alterations to the final Zoning By-law and advise City Council on these matters and any changes to the final zoning by-law.

#### **AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT #1**

Moved by: Councillor, C. Riepma Seconded by: Councillor, A.M. Kungl

That Amendment #1 to motion 20-P-046 be amended by adding the words "Maximum height of 35 stories along Bradford Street".

#### **WITHDRAWN**

#### **AMENDMENT #3**

Moved by: Councillor, K. Aylwin Seconded by: Councillor, C. Riepma

That motion 20-P-046 of the Planning Committee Report dated November 30, 2020 concerning the Application for an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for 51-75 Bradford Street and 20 Checkley Street be referred back to staff to look at a reduced height for the proposal.

#### **CARRIED**

Upon the question of the original motion moved by Deputy Mayor, B. Ward and seconded by Councillor, Thompson, the motion was **CARRIED AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENT #3.** 

**20-A-128** General Committee Report dated November 30, 2020, Sections A, B, C, D, E and F (APPENDIX "C").

#### **SECTION "A" - TO BE RECEIVED**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That Section "A" of General Committee Report dated November 30, 2020, now circulated, be received..

**20-G-201** REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2020

#### **CARRIED**

#### **SECTION "B" - TO BE ADOPTED**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That Section "B" of General Committee Report dated November 30, 2020, now circulated, be adopted.

20-G-202	REFERRED	BY	GENERAL	COMMITTEE	DATE	O MA	RCH	9,	2020 -
	RESPONSE	TO	MOTIONS	19-G-218 AND	19-G-	255 -	NOISE		BY-LAW
	<b>ENFORCEME</b>								

**20-G-203** CITY OF BARRIE'S INFRASTRUCTURE STANDARDS - SIDEWALK JOINTS

20-G-204 AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF BARRIE STREET ADDRESSING POLICY

**20-G-205** MUNICIPAL NAMES REGISTRY - ADDITIONAL NAMES FOR FUTURE STREET NAMES

20-G-206 CITY OF BARRIE 2021 CULTURAL GRANTS PROGRAM

**20-G-207** CAPITAL PROJECT STATUS REPORT

20-G-208 CONFIDENTIAL LABOUR RELATIONS / EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS - 2021 CUPE NEGOTIATIONS

**20-G-209** DELEGATION OF OWNER REPRESENTATIVE FOR WATER OPERATIONS QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT REQUIREMENTS

**20-G-210** EXPROPRIATION OF CITY OWNED LAND BY MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION (MTO)

20-G-211 INVESTIGATION PARKING RESTRICTION SAUNDERS ROAD (WARD 8)

**20-G-212** INVESTIGATION REGARDING ADDITIONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS ALONG J.C. MASSIE WAY (WARD 3)

20-G-213 AUTOMATED SPEED CAMERAS IN SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONES

20-G-214 INVESTIGATION - INSTALLATION OF A CROSSWALK ON ELMBROOK DRIVE - TRILLIUM WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (WARD 7)

**CARRIED** 

#### SECTION "C" - TO BE ADOPTED

Moved by: Councillor, R. Thomson Seconded by: Councillor, K. Aylwin

That Section "C" of General Committee Report dated November 30, 2020, now circulated,

be adopted.

20-G-215 NORTH SHORE TRAIL VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

Deputy Mayor Ward assumed the Chair at 9:32 p.m.

Mayor, J. Lehman declared a potential pecuniary interest on the foregoing matter as a member of his family owns property in close proximately to the subject lands. He did not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter. He remained in the virtual City Council meeting.

Mayor Lehman resumed the Chair at 9:33 p.m.

#### **CARRIED**

#### SECTION "D" - TO BE RECEIVED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That Section "D" of General Committee Report dated November 30, 2020, now circulated,

be received..

20-G-216 PRESENTATION FROM THE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES BRANCH

REGARDING THE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES STAFFING AND

**GROWTH REVIEW 2020 TO 2041** 

#### **CARRIED**

#### **SECTION "E" - TO BE ADOPTED**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That Section "E" of General Committee Report dated November 30, 2020, now circulated,

be adopted.

20-G-217 ENFORCEMENT SERVICES - STAFFING AND GROWTH REVIEW 2020

TO 2041

#### **CARRIED**

#### SECTION "F" - TO BE ADOPTED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That Section "F" of General Committee Report dated November 30, 2020, now circulated, be adopted.

20-G-218 BILL 229, PROTECT, SUPPORT AND RECOVER FROM COVID-19 ACT - SCHEDULE 6 - CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT

#### **AMENDMENT #1**

Moved by: Councillor N. Harris Seconded by: Councillor, G. Harvey

That motion 20-G-219 of Section "F" of the General Committee Report dated November 30, 2020 be separated and reintroduced as Section "G".

#### **CARRIED**

Upon the question of the adoption of the original motion moved by Deputy Mayor Ward and seconded by Councillor, R. Thomson, the motion was CARRIED AS AMENDED by Amendment #1.

#### **SECTION "G" - TO BE ADOPTED**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Ward Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That Section "C" of General Committee Report dated November 30, 2020, now circulated,

be adopted.

20-G-219 ADDITIONAL SOUND BARRIERS ALONG HIGHWAY 400 - BARRIE

#### **CARRIED**

#### **DIRECT MOTIONS**

20-A-129 SUPPORT FOR THE COUNTY OF SIMCOE'S APPLICATION TO THE CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION - RAPID FUNDING INITIATIVE

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward Seconded by: Councillor, A. Kungl

That correspondence be prepared and provided to the County of Simcoe in support of their application to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation - Rapid Funding initiative that addresses urgent housing needs of vulnerable Canadians.

#### **CARRIED**

#### **ENQUIRIES**

Members of Council did not address any enquires to City staff.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members of Council provided announcements concerning a number of matters.

#### **BY-LAWS**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That leave be granted to introduce the following Bills and these Bills be read a first, second and third time this day and finally passed:

#### BY-LAW Bill #114

<u>2020-113</u>

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to exempt Block 263, Plan 51M-1160, City of Barrie, County of Simcoe, being all of PIN 58729-1516 (LT) from Part Lot Control imposed by Section 50(5) of the *Planning Act, R.S.O.* 1990, c.P.13. (12-G-190) (Part Lot Control - H. Hansen Development, Block 263, Brown Bear Street) (File: D23-BRO)

#### BY-LAW Bill #115

2020-114

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to exempt Block 267, Plan 51M-1160, City of Barrie, County of Simcoe, being all of PIN 58729-1520 (LT) from Part Lot Control imposed by Section 50(5) of the *Planning Act, R.S.O.* 1990, c.P.13. (12-G-190) (Part Lot Control - H. Hansen Development Inc., Block 267, Brown Bear Street) (File: D23-BRO)

#### <u>BY-LAW</u> Bill #116 2020-115

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to appoint Cheryl Joanne Swan as Deputy City Clerk for the City of Barrie. (File: C05)

## <u>BY-LAW</u> Bill #117 2020-116

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to amend By-law 2009-141, a land use control by-law to regulate the use of land, and the erection, use, bulk, height, location and spacing of buildings and structures in the City of Barrie. (20-P-045) (Application for Zoning By-law Amendment - 428 Little Avenue) (428 Little Inc.) (Ward 8) (DEV013-20) (File: D14-1690)

## BY-LAW Bill #118 2020-117

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to appoint Carrie Ellen Clark as a Deputy Fire Chief for the City of Barrie. (05-G-475) (File: C06)

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill and this Bill be read a first, second and third time this day and finally passed:

BY-LAW 2020-118 Bill # 119

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 7th day of December,

2020.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**CARRIED** 

Moved by: Councillor, J. Harris Seconded by: Councillor, G. Harvey

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Mayor,	J. Lehman	
Wondy	Cooke, City Clerk	

## **APPENDIX "A"**

## General Committee Report dated November 23, 2020 Section "A"



#### **City of Barrie**

70 Collier Street P.O. Box 400 Barrie. ON L4M 4T5

## Minutes - Final General Committee

Monday, November 23, 2020 5:00 PM

**Virtual Meeting** 

## GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT For consideration by Barrie City Council

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lehman at 5:01 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:

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Director of Human Resources, A.M. Langlois
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine.

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

J. Mascarin, Aird Berlis LLP.

The General Committee reports that upon adoption of the required procedural motion it met in closed session in the Council Chamber/Virtual Zoom Meeting at 5:02 p.m. to discuss a presentation concerning a confidential personal information and solicitor-client privilege matter – Workplace Investigation.

Members of General Committee (Councillor M. McCann left the meeting at 10:15 p.m.), the Chief Administrative Officer, City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, Director of Human Resources (joined at 8:26 p.m.) Director of Legal Services, General Manager of Community and Corporate Services and external legal counsel, J. Mascarin, Aird Berlis LLP 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-199 CONFIDENTIAL PERSONAL INFORMATION AND SOLICITOR-CLIENT PRIVILEGE MATTER - WORKPLACE INVESTIGATION

That motion 20-G-199 of the General Committee Report dated November 23, 2020, being the confidential notes concerning the discussion of a presentation regarding a confidential personal information and solicitor-client privilege - Workplace Investigation, be received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

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 personal information and solicitor-client privilege matter - Workplace Investigation. Mayor Lehman stated that with the exception of the votes to extend the meeting past 11:00 p.m. and midnight, the direction being provided to staff and 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 "B"**

### 20-G-200 CONFIDENTIAL PERSONAL INFORMATION AND SOLICITOR-CLIENT PRIVILEGE MATTER - WORKPLACE INVESTIGATION

That staff in the Legal Services Department and/or representatives of Aird Berlis LLP undertake the actions required to implement the confidential direction provided at the November 23, 2020 General Committee Meeting.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/30/2020.

#### **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 12:16 p.m.

**CHAIRMAN** 

## **APPENDIX "B"**

Planning Committee Report dated November 30, 2020



#### City of Barrie

70 Collier Street P.O. Box 400 Barrie, ON L4M 4T5

# Minutes - Final Planning Committee

Monday, November 30, 2020

6:00 PM

**Virtual Meeting** 

## PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT For consideration by Barrie City Council on December 7, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lehman at 6:01 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:

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Director of Operations, D. Friary

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
Manager of Administrative Services (CCS), C. Swan
Manager of Business Performance and Environmental Sustainability, S. Brunet
Manager of Enforcement Services, T. Banting.

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

# 20-P-046 APPLICATION FOR AN OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FOR 51-75 BRADFORD STREET AND 20 CHECKLEY STREET (WARD 2)

- 1. That the Official Plan Amendment application submitted SmartCentres on behalf of Barrie Lakeshore Developments (2714708 Ontario Inc. and Greenwin Barrie Inc.) to refine the limits of the 'City Centre' and 'Environmental Protection' designations on Schedule 'A' -Land Use and delete 'Defined Policy Area - T' from Schedule 'C' -Defined Policy Areas along with the related text in section 4.8.11 for the subject lands, known municipally as 51 - 75 Bradford Street and 20 Checkley Street, attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report DEV034-20, be approved.
- 2. the Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted SmartCentres on behalf of Barrie Lakeshore Developments (2714708 Ontario Inc. and Greenwin Barrie Inc.) to rezone the lands known municipally as 51 - 75 Bradford Street and 20 Checkley Street from 'Transition Centre Commercial with Special Provisions, Hold' (C2-2) (SP-436)(H-114), (C2-2)(SP-437)(H-114), (C2-2)(SP-438)(H-114) and 'Environmental Protection' (EP) to 'City Centre Commercial with Provisions. Hold' (C1-2)(SP-XXX)(H-ZZZ), (C1-2)(SP-YYY) Special (H-ZZZ) and 'Environmental Protection' (EP) attached as Appendix "B" to Staff Report DEV034-20, be approved.
- 3. That the following Special Provisions for the 'City Centre Commercial with Special Provisions' (C1-2)(SP-XXX)(H-ZZZ) Zone be referenced in the site specific zoning by-law:
  - A maximum of 2 loading spaces are required to service this building, which includes the hotel, whereas a calculation of Gross Floor Area is used to determine the number of spaces for the site;
  - b) Maximum Total Gross Floor Area of 750% across the entire project site, whereas the permitted standard is 600%;

- c) Minimum Required Commercial Floor Space of 15% across the entire project site, whereas 50% of the lot area is required;
- d) Maximum building height of 50 metres within 10 metres of Lakeshore Drive and the maximum building height thereafter shall be 88 metres, whereas the standard is to permit 10 metres within 5 metres of the front/rear lot lines and the maximum building height thereafter shall be 45 metres; and
- e) Minimum dwelling unit size shall be 35 square metres whereas 35 square metres plus 10 square metres per bedroom is required in Zoning By-law 2009-141.
- 4. That the Hold (H-ZZZ) be removed from City Centre Commercial with Special Provisions (C1-2)(SP-XXX) zone when the following is completed to the satisfaction of the City:
  - a) That the owner/applicant undertake and/or agree to satisfy the requirements of a Certificate of Property Use and/or Record of Site Condition under the *Environmental Protection Act* prior to any site works or issuance of a Building Permit;
  - b) Approval of a Site Plan Control application and execution of a Site Plan Agreement; and
  - c) Confirmation and refinement of the lands zoned Environmental Protection (EP) for future dedication to the City of Barrie.
- 5. That the following Special Provisions for the City Centre Commercial with Special Provisions (C1-2)(SP-YYY)(H-ZZZ) Zone be referenced in the site specific zoning by-law:
  - a) Maximum Total Gross Floor Area of 750% across the entire project site, whereas the permitted standard is 600%;
  - b) Minimum Required Commercial Floor Space of 15% across the entire project site, whereas 50% of the lot area is required;
  - c) Maximum building height of 30 metres within 5 metres from Bradford Street and the maximum building height thereafter shall be 148 metres, whereas the standard is to permit 10 metres within 5 metres of the front/rear lot lines and the maximum height thereafter is 45 metres;
  - Minimum dwelling unit size shall be 35 square metres whereas 35 square metres plus 10 square metres per bedroom is required in Zoning By-law 2009-141; and

- e) Notwithstanding H-ZZZ, a parking lot is permitted to provide surface parking as an interim use in accordance with Site Plan Control guidelines and requirements to the satisfaction of the Director of Development Services. Additional transitional uses include, but are not limited to, passive recreation.
- 6. That the Hold (H-ZZZ) be removed from City Centre Commercial with Special Provisions (C1-2)(SP-YYY) zone when the following is completed to the satisfaction of the City:
  - Submission of a Transportation and Parking Strategy to the satisfaction of the City of Barrie if a reduction to the parking ratio is being considered for those lands zoned as 'City Centre Commercial with Special Provisions' (C1-2)(SP-XXX) and (C1 -2)(SP-YYY);
  - b) That the owner/applicant undertake and/or agree to satisfy the requirements of a Certificate of Property Use and/or Record of Site Condition under the *Environmental Protection Act* prior to any site works or issuance of a Building Permit;
  - c) Approval of a Site Plan Control application and execution of a Site Plan Agreement; and
  - d) Confirmation and refinement of the lands zoned Environmental Protection (EP) for future dedication to the City of Barrie.
- 7. That the required Site Plan application, following its submission and review by City staff, be "bumped up" to Council with a report and recommendation from staff for Council's consideration.
- 8. That staff in the Development Services Department provide a memorandum concerning the height of the building and any opportunity to reduce the height, to match the character of the area, a site specific project specific by-law, a conference centre and how to manage it, finalization of the environmental protection zone and where the line is, matters concerning the holding provisions and whether or not they are in the by-law and if they are necessary, parkland dedication verification and electric charging stations.
- 9. That the written and oral submissions received relating to the application, have been, on balance, taken into consideration as part of the deliberations and final decision related to the approval of the application, and as identified within Staff Report DEV034-20.
- 10. That the owner/applicant is required to negotiate community benefits as per Section 37 of the *Planning Act* as amended, to the satisfaction of the Director of Development Services at the time of Site Plan Control.

11. That pursuant to Section 34(17) of the *Planning Act*, no further public notification is required prior to the passing of the by-law. (DEV034-20) (D09-OPA078, D14-1692)

This matter was recommended to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

#### **ENQUIRIES**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

**CHAIRMAN** 

## **APPENDIX "C"**

**General Committee Report** dated November 30, 2020



#### City of Barrie

70 Collier Street P.O. Box 400 Barrie. ON L4M 4T5

## Minutes - Final General Committee

Monday, November 30, 2020 7:00 PM

**Virtual Meeting** 

## GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT For consideration by Barrie City Council on December 7, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lehman at 7:52 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:

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse

City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke

Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur

Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter

Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews

Director of Infrastructure, B. Araniyasundaran

Director of Finance/Treasurer, C. Millar

Director of Human Resources, A.M. Langlois

Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan

Director of Internal Audit, S. MacGregor

Director of Legal Services, I. Peters

Director of Development Services, M. Banfield

Director of Recreation and Culture Services, R. Bell

Director of Operations, D. Friary

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
Manager of Administrative Services (CCS), C. Swan.

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

#### **SECTION "A"**

## 20-G-201 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2020

The Report of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee dated November 17, 2020 was received. (File: C05)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

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

#### **SECTION "B"**

# 20-G-202 REFERRED BY GENERAL COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 9, 2020 - RESPONSE TO MOTIONS 19-G-218 AND 19-G- 255 - NOISE BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

- 1. That staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department review what other municipalities have done with respect to blitzes and voluntary compliance with their respective Police Services concerning matters such as noisy mufflers and cars and report back to the Finance and Court Services Committee in Q2 of 2021.
- 2. That staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department work with the Barrie Police Service concerning a possible joint blitz concerning noisy vehicles.
- 3. That Barrie Police Service be thanked for conducting the past blitzes and be encouraged to do further blitzes to address noisy vehicles in 2021.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

### 20-G-203 CITY OF BARRIE'S INFRASTRUCTURE STANDARDS - SIDEWALK JOINTS

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee supports for following changes to the City of Barrie's Infrastructure Standards:

- Replacement of tooled joints with saw-cut joints into the design of City sidewalks to enhance accessibility features on City sidewalks; and
- b) Newly built or reconstructed City sidewalks to be built to this enhanced Infrastructure Standard and continuing to conform to the applicable Ontario Provincial Standards and the Accessibility of Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

#### 20-G-204 AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF BARRIE STREET ADDRESSING POLICY

That Sections 1.5.2, 1.5.3. and 1.5.6. of the City of Barrie Street Addressing Policy be amended to reflect the policy changes identified in Appendix "A" to Staff Report DEV033-20. (DEV033-20) (File: D19-STR)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

### 20-G-205 MUNICIPAL NAMES REGISTRY - ADDITIONAL NAMES FOR FUTURE STREET NAMES

That the following names be added to the City's Municipal Names Registry:

- a) Pidutti;
- b) Zaba; and
- c) Terry Fox. (DEV036-20) (P42/13, P46/13, P50/13)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

#### 20-G-206 CITY OF BARRIE 2021 CULTURAL GRANTS PROGRAM

That in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 Cultural Grants Program be modified to address the specific needs of the City of Barrie's arts and culture not-for-profit organizations as follows:

- a) By replacing the 2021 Operating Grant Application with the amended application identified in Appendix "A" to Staff Report ECD018-20;
- b) The recipient organizations of the Cultural Grant Program in 2020, who are unable to deliver on their proposed programming due to COVID-19 be permitted to carry over their funding in support of sustaining their operations and recovery activities from COVID-19 for 2021; and
- c) The reporting on 2021 funding by organizations allow for operating and programming flexibility based on the shifting state of the pandemic and opportunities that may arise. (ECD018-20)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

#### 20-G-207 CAPITAL PROJECT STATUS REPORT

- 1. The staff be authorized to close completed and cancelled projects as described in Appendix "A-1" (City Build Capital Project Status) to Staff Report FIN014-20.
- 2. That staff be authorized to release funding commitments in the amount of \$15,328,560 and adjust funding plans as described in Appendix "C-1" (Projects with Excess Committed Funding) and Appendix "C-2" (Summary of Excess Committed Funding Adjustments) to Staff Report FIN014-20.
- 3. That staff be authorized to increase funding commitments in the amount of \$5,409,147 and adjust funding plans as described in Appendix "D-1" (Projects Requiring Additional Funding Council Approval Required) and Appendix "D-2" (Adjustments for Projects Requiring Additional Funding Council Approval Required) to Staff Report FIN014-20.
- 4. That staff be authorized to undertake the new capital project as identified in Appendix "B-1" (New Capital Projects), and add the funding commitments in the amount of \$35,000 as described in Appendix "B-1" to Staff Report FIN014-20.
- 5. That an additional 0.5 full-time equivalent temporary position for a Stormwater Climate Action Fund project manager be approved and funded from the existing budget of the Stormwater Climate Action Fund Capital Project FI1024. (FIN014-20) (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

### 20-G-208 CONFIDENTIAL LABOUR RELATIONS / EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS - 2021 CUPE NEGOTIATIONS

That the Corporations Negotiating Committee be directed to continue contract negotiations with CUPE 2380 within the parameters outlined in confidential Appendix "B" to Staff Report HRS003-20. (HRS003-20) (File: H00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

# 20-G-209 DELEGATION OF OWNER REPRESENTATIVE FOR WATER OPERATIONS QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT REQUIREMENTS

- 1. That the Infrastructure Department Head or designate be authorized as Owner Representative of the City of Barrie's Drinking Water System for the following, but not limited to:
  - New, renewal or amendment applications for the City of Barrie's Municipal Drinking Water Licence, Drinking Water Works Permit and Permit to Take Water;
  - Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Form 1,
     2 and Form 3 verification of amendments to the City of Barrie's Drinking Water Works Permit;
  - c) Endorsement of the Operational Plan (as required) for the City of Barrie's Drinking Water Quality Management System as required under the Safe Drinking Water Act and Drinking Water Quality Management Standard;
  - d) Execution of documents associated with the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard accreditation process; and
  - e) Receiving communication regarding the Operational Plan. Internal Management Review, Audits, External Audits, Adverse Quality Incidents, Ministry Water and the Environment, Conservation and Parks Inspections.
- 2. That the Operating Authority (Water Operations Branch) provide an annual summary to Council to include updates, changes, and pertinent information in relation to the requirements of the *Safe Drinking Water Act* and the City of Barrie's Quality Management System. (INF006-20)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

## 20-G-210 EXPROPRIATION OF CITY OWNED LAND BY MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION (MTO) (WARDS 2, 4 AND 5)

- 1. That the payments identified in the Offers of Compensation for property expropriated by the Ministry of Transportation (the "MTO") from The Corporation of the City of Barrie (the "City") as indicated on Appendix "A" to Staff Report LGL007-20 (the "Expropriated Properties") be accepted on a without prejudice basis.
- 2. That the City retain the necessary consultants to evaluate the appraisals that accompanied the Offers of Compensation to ensure the Expropriated Properties and City interests in other private properties also expropriated were properly valued with funding for these activities being drawn from the payments received.
- That all payments received including the recovery of the City's costs for retaining consultants to finalize the expropriations be applied to cost centre 1305 - Corporate Revenues- GL Account 852100 - Sale of Fixed Assets.
- 4. That the Director of Legal Services be delegated authority to settle the expropriations and the City Clerk be authorized to execute all associated documents in a form approved by the Director of Legal Services. (LGL007-20) (File: L00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

#### 20-G-211 INVESTIGATION PARKING RESTRICTION SAUNDERS ROAD (WARD 8)

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

"Saunders Road Both sides from Welham Road to Huronia Road". (OPR009-20) (File: T04) (P63/19)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

## 20-G-212 INVESTIGATION REGARDING ADDITIONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS ALONG J.C. MASSIE WAY (WARD 3)

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

"J.C. Massie Way

Both sides between Cundles Road to a point 94 metres north thereof."

"J.C. Massie Way North side from a point 265 metres north of

Cundles Road to Little Lake Drive."

"J.C. Massie Way South side from a point 250 metres north of Cundles Road to Little Lake Drive."

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

"J.C. Massie Way

North side from Cundles Road East to Little
Lake Drive."

"J.C. Massie Way

South side from Cundles Road East to a point 35 metres east of Little Lake Drive." (OPR010-20) (File: T04) (P28/20)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

### 20-G-213 AUTOMATED SPEED CAMERAS IN SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONES

- 1. That staff in the Operations Department advise the City of Toronto's Joint Processing Centre that the City of Barrie is seeking to participate in the Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program, with the goal of operating two (2) mobile ASE cameras and rotating them between community safety zones and school zones across Barrie's 10 Wards.
- 2. That staff in the Operations Department report back to General Committee with details concerning the next steps of implementation required regarding the installation, operations and maintenance costs of the cameras and related signage, Joint Processing Centre operating costs and Provincial costs. (OPR011-20) (File: T00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

## 20-G-214 INVESTIGATION - INSTALLATION OF A CROSSWALK ON ELMBROOK DRIVE - TRILLIUM WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (WARD 7)

That staff in the Operations Department investigate the feasibility of installing a crosswalk on Elmbrook Drive in the area of Trillium Woods Elementary School and report back to General Committee. (Item for Discussion 8.3, November 30, 2020)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

#### SECTION "C"

#### 20-G-215 NORTH SHORE TRAIL VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the North Shore Trail is a heavily used pedestrian waterfront trail in the City of Barrie; and

WHEREAS, the importance of the North Shore Trail will only increase as the City grows; and

WHEREAS, the North Shore Trail Vegetation Management Plan was prepared several years ago; and

WHEREAS, the City hires a contractor in the Fall to implement the Vegetation Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the vegetation community is changing; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to review the effectiveness of the current Vegetation Management Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that staff in the Operations and Development Services Departments undertake a review and update the North Shore Trail Vegetation Management Plan in order to:

- 1. Improve the health and diversity of the existing vegetative community.
- 2. Implement appropriate trimming, pruning and thinning of existing trees to create a vigorous tree cover over the long term.
- Remove invasive species such as garlic mustard, phragmites, and dog strangling vine and managing sumac, virginia creeper and other similar species.
- 4. Create appropriate vistas to the waterfront.
- 5. Plant new trees and shrubs in appropriate locations in order to enhance the vegetation community.
- 6. Encourage the proliferation of plants that support pollinators and bird habitats.
- 7. Reduce the amount of erosion at Kempenfelt Bay.

and report back to General Committee with the updated North Shore Vegetation Plan. (Item for Discussion 8.2, November 30, 2020)

Mayor, J. Lehman declared a potential pecuniary interest on the foregoing matter as a member of his family owns property in close proximately to the subject lands. He did not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter. He remained in the virtual General Committee meeting.

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

#### SECTION "D"

# 20-G-216 PRESENTATION FROM THE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES BRANCH REGARDING THE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES STAFFING AND GROWTH REVIEW 2020 TO 2041

Tammy Banting, Manager of Enforcement Services provided a presentation concerning a review of Enforcement Services, its staffing and anticipated staffing growth until 2041 to provide proactive enforcement and community safety.

Ms. Banting discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The elements that staff reviewed;
- Review of staff's authority with respect to the Noise By-law and Line Fences Act:
- The increase of in enforcement matters since 2003, and current hours of coverage to address these matters;
- The increase in call volumes, administrative and enforcement matters from 2003 to 2019 with number of staff staying static;
- · A breakdown of the type of calls for service;
- The need for additional staffing for some proactive enforcement and anticipated growth;
- The COVID-19 response by Enforcement Services;
- The current response time for enforcement matters;
- Impacts of no change in staff resourcing;
- The proposed staffing increase to maintain or increase response levels;
- A comparison of other municipalities on staffing levels / calls for services;
- A summary of other considerations that were not contemplated in the request for additional resources.

Members of General Committee asked a number of questions to City staff and received responses.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

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

#### **SECTION "E"**

### 20-G-217 ENFORCEMENT SERVICES - STAFFING AND GROWTH REVIEW 2020 TO 2041

- 1. That the intake form for an additional full-time Municipal Law Enforcement Officer I position and allocations for the associated vehicle, workstation and uniform, etc., to maintain the current level of service be considered as part of the 2021 Business Plan and Budget.
- 2. That an intake form be prepared for consideration as part of the 2022 Business Plan and Budget for two additional Municipal Law Enforcement Officer I positions and the allocations for the associated vehicle(s), workstations and uniforms.
- 3. That staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department continue to review resourcing demands from growth, call volumes, technology and regulatory changes, and include intake forms in future years to allow for current levels of service to be maintained and proactive enforcement to be enhanced.
- 4. That the City of Barrie opt out of the application of the *Line Fences Act R.S.O 1990*, c. 17 save and except Section 20 of the *Line Fence Act*, through the passage of the draft by-law attached as Appendix "C" to Staff Report LCS004-20 and all staff appointments as Fence Viewers be revoked upon passage of the by-law.
- 5. That staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department explore ways to have contact information for properties, including but not limited to phone numbers, emails, and alternative addresses, in order to allow the Enforcement Services Branch to reach property owners that have properties with by-law infractions in a quick and timely manner, and report back to General Committee by the April 12, 2021.
- 6. That correspondence be sent to Georgian College Board of Directors concerning the cost-sharing an additional Enforcement Services officer starting on August 2021, and report back to Council via a memorandum once a response is received. (LCS004-20) (File H05) (P19/19)

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

#### **SECTION "F"**

### 20-G-218 BILL 229, PROTECT, SUPPORT AND RECOVER FROM COVID-19 ACT - SCHEDULE 6 - CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT

WHEREAS, the Province has introduced Bill 229, *Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act -* Schedule 6 - Conservation Authorities Act; and

WHEREAS, the Legislation introduces several changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder conservation authorities' role in regulating development, permit appeal process and engaging in review and appeal of planning applications; and

WHEREAS, we rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property, and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the *Planning Act*; and

WHEREAS, the changes allow the Minister to make decisions without conservation authority watershed data and expertise; and

WHEREAS, the Legislation suggests that the Minister will have the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs which are negotiated between the conservation authorities and municipalities to meet local watershed needs; and

WHEREAS, municipalities require a longer transition time to put in place agreements with conservation authorities for non-mandatory programs; and

WHEREAS, municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on conservation authority boards should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice Chair of the conservation authority boards should be duly elected; and

WHEREAS, the changes to the 'Duty of Members' contradicts the fiduciary duty of a conservation authority board member to represent the best interests of the conservation authority and its responsibility to the watershed; and

WHEREAS, conservation authorities have already been working with the Province, development sector and municipalities to streamline and speed up permitting and planning approvals through Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative; and

WHEREAS, changes to the legislation will create more red tape and costs for the conservation authorities, their municipal partners, and potentially result in delays in the development approval process; and

WHEREAS, municipalities value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within conservation authority jurisdictions for the health and well-being of residents; municipalities value conservation authorities' work to prevent and manage the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and municipalities value conservation authorities' work to ensure safe drinking water;

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- 1. That the Province of Ontario work with conservation authorities to address their concerns by repealing and/or amending changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and the *Planning Act set* out in Bill 229.
- 2. That the Province of Ontario delay enactment of clauses affecting municipal concerns.
- 3. That the Province of Ontario provide a longer transition period up to December 2022 for non-mandatory programs to enable coordination of conservation authority municipal budget processes.
- 4. That the Province of Ontario respect the current conservation authority/municipal relationships.
- 5. That the Province of Ontario embrace their long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities and provide them with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role.
- 6. That the resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable Doug Downey, MPP and Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and Andrea Khanjin, MPP. (Item for Discussion 8.1, November 30, 2020)

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

#### 20-G-219 ADDITIONAL SOUND BARRIERS ALONG HIGHWAY 400 - BARRIE

- 1. That in the interest of improving the quality of life for Barrie residents in the area of Highway 400, the City of Barrie request the following changes in response to the Notice of Completion and Submission of Design and Construction Report for replacement of the Anne Street Bridge and Installation of Noise Walls along Highway 400, Barrie:
  - a) That in addition to the sound barriers recommended, the following additional sound barriers be installed:
    - Adjacent to Highway 400, northeast of Anne Street to the end of Edgehill Drive;
    - Adjacent to the Sunnidale Road bridge on both sides;
       and

- iii) Immediately north of Bayfield Street, on both sides, adjacent to any residential properties.
- b) That other areas be considered for appropriateness of a berm versus noise walls.
- 2. That a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Downey, MPP. (Item for Discussion 8.4 November 30, 2020)

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

#### **ENQUIRIES**

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

**CHAIRMAN**