



City of Barrie

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Final City Council

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

7:00 PM

Council Chamber/Virtual Meeting

CALLING TO ORDER BY THE CITY CLERK, WENDY COOKE

The meeting was called to order by the City Clerk at 7:15 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 11 - Mayor, A. Nuttall
Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, C. Nixon
Councillor, A.M. Kungl
Councillor, A. Courser
Councillor, R. Thomson
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, B. Hamilton

STAFF:

Associate Director of Corporate Management, K. Oakley
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. Pews
Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan
Director of Infrastructure, S. Diemart
Director of Internal Audit, S. MacGregor
Director of Operations, D. Friary
Director of Recreation and Culture Services, D. Bell
Director of Transit and Parking Strategy, B. Forsyth
Executive Director of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
Fire Chief, C. Mainprize
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Araniyasundaran

Manager of Business Planning and Budget, J. Kuehl
Service Desk Generalist, K. Kovacs.

PLAYING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was played.

READING OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mayor A. Nuttall read the Land Acknowledgment.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

23-A-013 The Minutes of the City Council meeting held on February 1, 2023 were adopted as printed and circulated.

DEPUTATION(S) ON COMMITTEE REPORTS

23-A-014 DEPUTATION BY JENNIFER VAN GENNIP CONCERNING MOTION 23-G-023 - 2023 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET

Jennifer van Gennip, Barrie Housing and Homelessness Justice Network, provided a deputation concerning motion 23-G-023, the 2023 Business Plan and Budget.

Ms. van Gennip requested Council consider providing funding for a 24/7 warming centre next winter. She commented that housing is human right and everyone deserves a safe and affordable home, particularly during the winter months.

Ms. van Gennip advised that the need for warming centres increased during the COVID-19 pandemic and that a fully funded warming centre was provided for the first time this year through funding from the County of Simcoe, the City of Barrie, and community donations. She advised that this warming centre, led by the John Howard Society and supported by the Gilbert Centre and volunteers, served 195 individuals in need by providing individuals with a consistent, welcoming, and low barrier place to go during the winter months.

Ms. van Gennip shared the experiences of three people experiencing homelessness that she met last winter. She stated that as little as 1 year ago, she would have appeared before Council requesting support for affordable housing policies. However, this year she is asking for help to keep people alive during the winter. Ms. van Gennip advised that the proposal by the John Howard Society to provide daytime warming was denied by the County of Simcoe, and as a result there is only overnight warming centres that are available when the temperature is -15 degrees celsius or below.

Ms. van Gennip advised that prior to the pandemic, providers were reporting that 15 percent of shelter users were chronically homeless, and the remaining were experiencing a short-term homelessness episode. She stated that during the pandemic, homelessness has ballooned and that the longer a person is homeless, the higher the compound effects of trauma, sleep deprivation, negative impact to mental health, and social exclusion. She commented that these impacts create the need for even more support towards recovery.

Ms. van Gennip stated that there is not only an increased number of individuals experiencing homelessness, but also an increased complexity in their needs. She stated that safety is an issue as there is not enough funding to provide adequate staffing in shelters. She commented that the individuals who need the most support are often asked to leave as the safety of the entire group takes precedence. She stated that individuals are asked to leave shelters each morning, even when hypothermia can occur above a temperature of 0 degrees celsius if a person becomes wet and chilled.

Ms. van Gennip advised that the Ontario Human Rights Commission released a statement asking municipalities to uphold the rights of homeless individuals by providing funding and warming spaces around the clock, and for policies and programs around homelessness to be grounded in human rights approaches and delivered with respect and compassion. She commented that these values were expressed when Council was sworn in this past fall, however there is currently a winter warming plan this year that is inhumane and has left homeless individuals feeling uncared for and abandoned by their community.

Ms. van Gennip stated that she has letters from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, Simcoe County Poverty Reduction Task Force, Barrie BIA, and the Barrie Police Services supporting the request for 24/7 warming centre funding for next winter. She commented that neither the County of Simcoe or the City of Barrie want to include funding for this critical service in their Operating Budget and that the increased need post pandemic requires this type of funding to be included. Ms. van Gennip requested that Council recognize its shared obligation to those experiencing homelessness, and to create a line item in its Operating Budget until such time as the housing and homelessness crisis can be adequately addressed. She also requested that Council petition the County of Simcoe to do the same.

Members of Council asked a number of questions to Ms. Van Gennip and received responses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

23-A-015

General Committee Report dated February 1, 2023, Sections A and B (APPENDIX "A").

SECTION "A" - TO BE ADOPTED

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

That Section "A" of the General Committee Report dated February 1, 2023, be adopted.

23-G-019 CONFIDENTIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BE APPLIED TO NEGOTIATIONS -
INTER-MUNICIPAL RELATIONSHIPS

CARRIED

SECTION "B" - TO BE ADOPTED

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

That Section "B" of the General Committee Report dated February 1, 2023, be adopted.

23-G-020 BILL 23 MUNICIPAL HOUSING PLEDGE

The recorded vote was taken as follows:

Yes: 10 - Mayor, A. Nuttall
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, C. Nixon
Councillor, A.M. Kungl
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, B. Hamilton

No: 1 - Councillor, A. Courser

CARRIED

23-A-016 General Committee Report dated February 8 and 9, 2023, Sections A, B and C (APPENDIX "B").

SECTION "A" - TO BE ADOPTED

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

That Section "A" of the General Committee Report dated February 8 and 9, 2023, be adopted.

23-G-021 2023 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET - BARRIE POLICE SERVICES BOARD

Councillor, G. Harvey declared that to remain in compliance with his statutory obligations under Section 17(3) of the *Police Services Act* he was unable to participate in the discussions or vote on the foregoing matter. He did not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter. He remained in the Council Chambers.

CARRIED

SECTION "B" - TO BE ADOPTED

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

That Section "B" of the General Committee Report dated February 8 and 9, 2023, be adopted.

23-G-022 2023 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET - SERVICE PARTNERS

CARRIED

SECTION "C" - TO BE ADOPTED

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

That Section "C" of the General Committee Report dated February 8 and 9, 2023, be adopted.

23-G-023 2023 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET**AMENDMENT #1**

Moved by: Councillor, G. Harvey
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thom

That motion 23-G-023 of Section "C" of the General Committee Report dated February 8 and 9, 2023, be amended in paragraph 3.a) to add the following new investment service level recommendation:

"2799 Economic Development and Tourism Resourcing"

CARRIED

Upon the question of the original motion moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson and seconded by Councillor, B. Hamilton the motion was **CARRIED AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENT #1.**

DIRECT MOTIONS**23-A-017** **MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE - APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION AND WELL-BEING FUNDING**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Seconded by: Councillor, N. Nigussie

That pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Procedural By-law 2019-100, permission be granted to introduce a motion without notice concerning an Application for Federal Youth Crime Prevention and Well-Being Funding.

CARRIED BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

23-A-018**DIRECT MOTION - APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION AND WELL-BEING FUNDING**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by: Councillor, N. Nigussie

That should the City's application for federal funding be approved, the General Manager of Community and Corporate Services be authorized to:

- a) Execute the required Fund Agreement with the Federal government to develop a comprehensive multi-year strategy to address conditions that contribute to a young person falling in with crime, create safe spaces and empower young people and communities to drive solutions that set them up for success; and
- b) Recruit for temporary positions (Project Manager, Youth Program Coordinator(s) and Recreation Program Leaders) that would be fully funded through the Agreement to develop the strategy and pilot initiatives in 2023 to early 2024.

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, R. Thomson

Seconded by: Councillor, B. Hamilton

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
2023-007****Bill #007**

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to establish 0.30M Reserve Block 256, Plan 51M1149, City of Barrie, County of Simcoe being all of PIN: 58091-4166(LT), 0.30M Reserve Block 257, Plan 51M1149, City of Barrie, County of Simcoe being all of PIN: 58091-4167(LT), 0.30M Reserve Block 258, Plan 51M1149, City of Barrie, County of Simcoe being all of PIN: 58091-4168(LT), and 0.30M Reserve Block 259, Plan 51M1149, City of

Barrie, County of Simcoe being all of PIN: 58091-4169(LT), as public highway, and to respectively name the highways Durham Avenue, Ludlow Drive, Terry Fox Drive and Lincoln Drive. (12-G-247) (970 Maplevue Subdivision - Durham Avenue, Ludlow Drive, Terry Fox Drive and Lincoln Drive) (File: D12-430)

BY-LAW
2023-008

Bill #008

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to exempt all of Block 194 on Plan 51M-1221 being Parts 1 to 16 on Plan 51R-43875; City of Barrie, County of Simcoe, being all of PIN: 58091-4518 (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 Exemption By-law, 34 to 48 Durham Avenue) (File: D23-002-2023)

BY-LAW
2023-009

Bill #009

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to exempt all of Block 196 on Plan 51M-1221 being Parts 17 to 34 on Plan 51R-43875; City of Barrie, County of Simcoe, being all of PIN: 58091-4520 (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 Exemption By-law, 2 to 16 Durham Avenue) (File: D23-003-2023)

BY-LAW
2023-010

Bill #010

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to exempt all of Block 199 on Plan 51M-1221 being Parts 1 to 14 on Plan 51R-43874; City of Barrie, County of Simcoe, being all of PIN: 58091-4523 (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 Exemption By-law, 25 to 35 Tamworth Terrace) (File: D23-004-2023)

BY-LAW
2023-011

Bill #011

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to exempt all of Block 200 on Plan 51M-1221 being Parts 15 to 25 on Plan 51R-43874; City of Barrie, County of Simcoe, being all of PIN: 58091-4524 (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 Exemption By-law, 37 to 45 Tamworth Terrace) (File: D23-005-2023)

BY-LAW
2023-012

Bill #012

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to exempt all of Block 201 on Plan 51M-1221 being Parts 1 to 12 on Plan 51R-43873; City of Barrie, County of Simcoe, being all of PIN: 58091-4525 (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 Exemption By-law, 6 to 16 Hylton Drive) (File: D23-006-2023)

BY-LAW
2023-013**Bill #013**

A By-law of The Corporation of The City of Barrie to expropriate the lands described as Part of Lot 5 Concession 10, Innisfil, as in RO308109, further described as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on Plan 51R-43260, City of Barrie, County of Simcoe, being all of PIN 58100-0047(LT). (21-G-184) (McKay Road West Trunk Sanitary Sewer and Roadway Improvements and the Veteran's Drive Trunk Watermain Projects - Expropriation, 922 Veteran's Drive) (File: L07-1192)

BY-LAW
2023-014**Bill #014**

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to appoint Mark Brian Hamilton as a Deputy Chief Building Official as authorized under the *Building Code Act*. (05-G-475) (Appointment - Mark Brian Hamilton) (File: H00)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by: Councillor, B. Hamilton

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
2023-015**Bill #015**

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 15th day of February, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Councillor, G. Harvey

Seconded by: Councillor, J. Harris

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor, A. Nuttall

Wendy Cooke, City Clerk

