



# City of Barrie

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## Minutes - Final - Final General Committee

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### GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 28

For consideration by the Council  
of the City of Barrie on August 23, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:53 p.m. and the following were recorded as  
being present:

City Clerk, D. McAlpine; Deputy City Clerk, C. deGorter; Director of Legal Services, I. Peters; Director of Planning Services, J. Taylor; Director of Strategy and Economic Development, H. Kirolos; General Manager of Community Operations, J. Sales; General Manager of Corporate Services, E. Archer; General Manager of Infrastructure, Development and Culture, R. Forward.

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

#### SECTION "A"

##### TEMPORARY DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. That in accordance with the City of Barrie Delegation of Powers and Duties Policy, the Chief Administrative Officer be delegated temporary authority during the period of August 31, 2010 to December 31, 2010 to undertake the following actions:
  - a) To award or accept (proceed with the purchase of goods, services, or construction from one or more selected suppliers/contractors) contracts including the award or acceptance of contracts including award of contracts that exceeding the current authority thresholds and award of contracts on a single or sole source basis, subject to
    - i) The ability to manage any amount that exceeds the budget through total budget management, including funding from Reserves or Reserve Funds as appropriate; and
    - ii) The award and availability of sufficient funds is to the satisfaction

- of the Director of Finance.
- b) To enter into contracts/agreements or to adjust budgets under the following circumstances:
    - i) The contract, agreement or budget adjustment is in the best interest of the Corporation as delays would result in significant financial loss to the Corporation or the contract, agreement or budget adjustment is required to fulfil an existing obligation of the City; and
    - ii) Such contract, agreement or budget adjustment is to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Corporate Services or Director of Finance/Deputy City Treasurer.
  - c) To negotiate and authorize the sale on behalf of the City of various parcels of industrial land in the Maplevue West Business Park and the South Barrie Industrial Park for the purpose of economic development, in consultation with the Director of Economic Development and subject to the following:
    - i) The value of the land that is the subject of sale does not exceed \$300,000 per acre;
    - ii) That Council policies and guidelines with respect to industrial land sales be given consistent and equitable application;
    - iii) The property has been declared surplus and notice has been provided in accordance with By-law 95-104 as amended;
    - iv) The sale price represents market value based on an appraisal of the site;
    - v) The purchaser is not seeking any exceptions to the standard covenants with respect to timelines for development or minimum lot coverage; and
    - vi) The Agreement of Purchase and Sale is to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services.
  - d) To authorize extensions in the period to start construction for a maximum of two years, said extension to be deemed satisfactory in consultation with the Director of Economic Development and Director of Legal Services and subject to the following:
    - i) The provision of a written undertaking to commence construction within one year and to complete construction within two years;
    - ii) That all undertakings be received within 30 days of the notification from the City Clerk's Office of the extension and if not received within the 30 days, the City will exercise its option to repurchase;
    - iii) If construction is not commenced or completed as granted by the extension, the owner immediately deed back the lands unencumbered to the City;
    - iv) The purchaser has demonstrated commitment and made an investment in the property to facilitate the proposed development; and
    - v) That the owner reimburses the City for administration and legal costs in the amount of \$1,400.00 per the current Fees By-law.
  - e) To waive a right of repurchase for a property and remove any restrictive covenants registered on title, under the following circumstances:
    - i) The initial purchaser has an offer to purchase the property from a business that would generate employment in the community and/or would result in the development of lands that would otherwise be vacant for an extended period of time;

- ii) The proposed use for the property conforms to the general purpose and intent of the City's Official Plan and Zoning By-law; and
  - iii) The terms of any agreements required are to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services.
- f) To settle litigation or potential litigation where the offer of settlement is deemed fair and reasonable and in the best interest of the Corporation by the Chief Administrative Officer in consultation with the appropriate General Manager and the Director of Legal Services.
2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute any documents that may be requisite to give effect to the actions identified above.
3. That a memorandum be submitted by the CAO to Council advising of the exercise of the delegated authority in the first quarter of 2011. (CLK014-10) (File: L00)

**This matter was recommended for adoption (Section "A") to City Council for consideration at its meeting on 30/08/2010**

#### **PARKING PROHIBITION ON THRUSHWOOD DRIVE**

1. That By-law 80-138, Schedule "A", "No Parking Anytime" be amended by adding the following:
  - a) "Thrushwood Drive West and north side from a point 18 metres south of the easterly limit of Brookwood Drive to a point 75 metres south and westerly thereof"
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  - b) "Thrushwood Drive East and north side from a point 36 metres south of the westerly intersection of Thrushwood Drive and Brookwood Drive to a point 48 metres south and easterly thereof."(ENG051-10) (File: T02-PA) (P24/10)

**Attachments:** [ENG051-10 - T02-PA - Parking Prohibition on Thrushwood Drive](#)

**This matter was recommended for adoption (Section "A") to City Council for consideration at its meeting on 30/08/2010**

#### **2010 BUSINESS PLAN STATUS AS AT JUNE 30, 2010**

That Staff Report FIN021-10, "Business Plan Status as at June 30, 2010" be received for information. (FIN021-10) (File: F00)

**Attachments:** [FIN021-100823](#)

**This matter was recommended for adoption (Section "A") to City Council for consideration at its meeting on 8/30/2010**

#### **CAPITAL PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

1. That the \$582,000 required to fund the project identified in Appendix "B" - Other Priority projects be funded from the following funding sources:
  - a) \$194,000 - Library Development Charges (11-05-0560); and
  - b) \$388,000 - Library Ramp Up Reserve (13-04-0445).
2. That Staff be authorized to close the capital projects identified in Appendix "C" - Projects with Excess Funding and the excess funds in the amount of

\$595,903 be returned to the following funding sources:

- a) \$151,034 - Water Reserve Funds (12-05-0580);
- b) \$3,000 - Tax Capital Reserve (13-04-0440);
- c) \$50,000 - Wastewater Reserve Funds (12-05-0575);
- d) \$276,619 - Water Development Charges (11-05-0540);
- e) \$16,782 - Water Rate Holding Account (12-05-0581); and
- f) \$98,468 - Federal/Provincial Grant (Infrastructure Stimulus Funding).

3. That the \$2,601,373 required to fund over-expenditures on projects identified in Appendix "D" - Projects Requiring Additional Funding - Council Approval Required be funded from reserves and reserve funds as follows:

- a) \$1,536,119 - Tax Capital Reserve (13-04-0440);
- b) \$904,932 - Water Reserve Funds (12-05-0580);
- c) \$115,068 - Water Development Charges (11-05-0540); and
- d) \$45,254 - Roads & Related Development Charges (11-05-0520).  
(FIN022-10) (File: F00)

**Attachments:** [FIN022-100823](#)

**This matter was recommended for adoption (Section "A") to City Council for consideration at its meeting on 8/30/2010**

**INVESTIGATION REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF PARKING PROHIBITION - HOPKINS ROAD**

That staff in the Engineering Department investigate the feasibility of implementing a parking prohibition along one side of Hopkins Road and report back to General Committee.

**This matter was recommended for adoption (Section "A") to City Council for consideration at its meeting on 8/30/2010**

**APPOINTMENT OF TOWN CRIER**

- 1. That Mr. Steve Travers be appointed as the City of Barrie's Town Crier for a term from December 2010 to November 30, 2014.
- 2. That Mr. Travers be granted an honorarium of \$600.00 annually to offset incidental costs associated with his activities as the City's Town Crier.

**This matter was recommended for adoption (Section "A") to City Council for consideration at its meeting on 8/30/2010**

**REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI**

That a letter be sent on behalf of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to the Chief Executive Officers of Canada Post, Bell Canada and PowerStream requesting their immediate action to remove graffiti from their

telecommunications/utility equipment and/or property.

**This matter was recommended for adoption (Section "A") to City Council for consideration at its meeting on 8/30/2010**

**ALL WAY STOP - SANDRINGHAM DRIVE AND CONSORT DRIVE**

That staff in the Engineering Department investigate the feasibility of installing an all-way stop at the intersection of Sandringham Drive and Consort Drive and report back to General Committee.

**This matter was recommended for adoption (Section "A") to City Council for consideration at its meeting on 8/30/2010**

**INVESTIGATION OF POTENTIAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS - DUNSMORE LANE**

That staff in the Engineering Department investigate the feasibility of implementing parking restrictions on Dunsmore Lane west of Johnson Street and report back to General Committee.

**This matter was recommended for adoption (Section "A") to City Council for consideration at its meeting on 8/30/2010**

**SECTION "B"**

**CONFIDENTIAL DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY MATTER - CAPLAN AVENUE**

That motion 10-G-330 contained within the confidential notes of General Committee Report No. 29 concerning a confidential disposition of property matter - Caplan Avenue be adopted.

**This matter was recommended for adoption (Section "B") to City Council for consideration at its meeting on 8/30/2010**

**CONFIDENTIAL DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY MATTER - HURONIA ROAD**

That confidential motion 10-G-331 contained within the confidential notes for General Committee Report No. 29, concerning a disposition of property matter - Huronia Road be adopted.

**This matter was recommended for adoption (Section "B") to City Council for consideration at its meeting on 8/30/2010**

**SECTION "C"**

**CONFIDENTIAL DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY MATTER - Collier and Mulcaster Streets**

**This matter was recommended for adoption (Section "C") to City Council for consideration at its meeting on 8/30/2010**

**The General Committee met and reports as follows:**

**SECTION "D"****PRESENTATION BY JON BABULIC, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REGARDING THE 2010 SECOND QUARTER REPORT.**

J. Babulic, Chief Administrative Officer provided a presentation regarding the 2010 Second Quarterly Report. He commented that progress has been made on several infrastructure projects during the second quarter of 2010. He noted that construction of the Barrie Fire and Emergency Services Station #1 is 40% complete. Mr. Babulic also noted that Toronto Street, Dunlop Street, Mary Street infrastructure improvements have commenced. He indicated that the runway expansion at the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport has been initiated and that the project is on schedule. Mr. Babulic commented that construction has also commenced on the Operations Centre Site Works and Stormwater Management Pond project. He noted that watermain construction on Anne Street, Cundles Road, Kozlov Street and Heather Street is almost complete. He stated that demolition of the Downtown Community Theatre has occurred and the construction of the new theatre is commencing. He observed that the Barrie Public Library Satellite Branch project and the Allandale Train Station Restoration project are underway. Mr. Babulic expressed his opinion that the City's Journey of Excellence is well on its way. He outlined upcoming corporate quality initiatives.

Mr. Babulic highlighted that the corporate balanced scorecard reflects the progression of the Capital Program as planned. He noted that savings were recognized due to decreased winter maintenance costs. Mr. Babulic observed that the \$750K salary gapping target has been exceeded and the number of staff vacancies at the end of the second quarter was approximately 50. He also commented that total loss time due to staff injuries and sickness is above the forecasted target.

In closing Mr. Babulic commented that he feels costs are in good shape, the energy usage forecast is on target and tender submissions are within the 10% estimated forecast.

Members of Committee asked questions concerning the timing related to the completion of infrastructure stimulus funding projects and the impact associated with the number of staff vacancies on service levels. The emergency dispatch call volume and the review of services provided by the County of Simcoe were also discussed.

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**This matter was recommended for receipt (Section "D") to City Council for consideration at its meeting on 8/30/2010**

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

## **SECTION "E"**

### **2011 BUSINESS PLAN DEVELOPMENT**

That the approach and schedule for developing the 2011 Business Plan as outlined in Staff Report CRP004-10 be approved. (CRP004-10) (File: F00)

**Attachments:** [CRP004-100823](#)

**This matter was recommended for adoption (Section "E") to City Council for consideration at its meeting on 8/30/2010**

## **SECTION "F"**

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL - 59 ARCH BROWN COURT - DEFERRAL OF**

**DEVELOPMENT CHARGES**

That the request from Stanley Heights Development to defer 50% of the applicable development charges for a period of ten (10) years for affordable housing residential development proposals including the development at 59 Arch Brown Court be denied. (ENG027-10) (File: D11-1545) (P19/10)

Attachments: [ENG027-100823](#)

**This matter was recommended for adoption (Section "F") to City Council for consideration at its meeting on 8/30/2010**

**INTERIM FIRE STATION #5**

That Staff Report FES010-10, "Interim Fire Station #5", be received for information. (FES010-10) (File: P00)

Attachments: [FES010-100823](#)

**This matter was recommended for adoption (Section "F") to City Council for consideration at its meeting on 8/30/2010**

**APPOINTMENT TO ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE**

That \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed as the City of Barrie community representative for the Accommodation Review Committee commencing in September 2010.

**This matter was recommended for adoption (Section "F") to City Council for consideration at its meeting on 8/30/2010**

The General Committee reports that upon adoption of the required procedural motion, it met In-Camera at 9:40 p.m. to discuss a confidential Litigation Matter – Dunlop Street. Councillor B. Ward, the Communications Advisor, Director of Corporate Asset Management (Interim), Director of Engineering, Director of Leisure, Transit and Facilities, Director of Planning Services, General Manager of Community Operations, General Manager of Corporate Services, General Manager of Infrastructure, Development and Culture, Manager of Facilities, Manager of Fleet Services/Director of Operations (Interim), Supervisor, Vital Statistics, Corporate Mail and Print Services, and members of the press and public were not present for this portion of the meeting.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

**SECTION "G"****CONFIDENTIAL LITIGATION MATTER - DUNLOP STREET**

**This matter was recommended for receipt (Section "G") to City Council for**



**consideration at its meeting on 8/30/2010**

**Councillor B. Ward declared a potential pecuniary interest in the foregoing matter as he owns a property in the area of the subject property. He did not take part in the discussion nor vote on the matter and he left the Council Chambers at 9:40 p.m.**

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Councillor B. Ward returned to the Council Chambers at 9:49 p.m.

**The General Committee reports that upon adoption of the required procedural motion, it met In-Camera at 9:49 p.m. to discuss a confidential Personal Information Matter – Performance Management. The Communications Advisor, Director of Corporate Asset Management (Interim), Director of Engineering, Director of Finance, Director of Leisure, Transit and Facilities, Director of Planning Services, Director of Strategy and Economic Development, Fire Chief, General Manager of Community Operations, General Manager of Corporate Services, General Manager of Infrastructure, Development and Culture, Manager of Facilities, Manager of Fleet Services/Director of Operations (Interim), Supervisor, Vital Statistics, Corporate Mail and Print Services, and members of the press and public were not present for this portion of the meeting.**

**The General Committee met and reports as follows:**

#### **SECTION "H"**

**Presentation by Jon Babulic, Chief Administrative Officer regarding a Confidential Personal Information Matter - Performance Management.**

**This matter was recommended for receipt (Section "H") to City Council for consideration at its meeting on 8/30/2010**

**The meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.**

**CHAIRMAN**