



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final General Committee

Monday, June 22, 2020

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by Barrie City Council on June 29, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lehman at 5:01 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 10 - Mayor, J. Lehman
Deputy Mayor, B. Ward
Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, K. Aylwin
Councillor, A. Kungl
Councillor, R. Thomson
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, M. McCann

Absent: 1 - Councillor, N. Harris

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
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 Information Technology, R. Nolan
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
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 Enforcement Services, T. Banting
Manager of Legal Services, A. Mills

Manager of Vertical Infrastructure Projects, S. Diemert.

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

SECTION "A"

20-G-096

GEORGIAN DRIVE BICYCLE LANES (WARD 1)

1. That bicycle lanes be implemented along Georgian Drive between Johnson Street and Penetanguishene Road in accordance with the Transportation Master Plan.
2. That Traffic By-law 80-138 Schedule "A" "No Parking Anytime" be amended by adding the following:

"Georgian Drive Both sides from Johnson Street to Penetanguishene Road."

(DEV016-20) (File: T00)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-29.

20-G-097

DUNLOP STREET CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS - FERNDAL DRIVE TO ANNE STREET MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (WARD 2 AND 5)

1. That the preferred design solution for the Dunlop Street Corridor Improvements - Ferndale Drive to Anne Street Municipal Class Environmental Assessment be adopted as outlined in Staff Report DEV020-20.
2. That in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process, the Development Services Department publish a Notice of Completion for the Dunlop Street Corridor Improvements - Ferndale Drive to Anne Street Municipal Class Environmental Assessment.
3. That subject to the successful conclusion of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment and available budgets being approved through the capital planning process:
 - a) The Infrastructure Department proceed with the implementation of the preferred design solution as part of the Ministry of Transportation Dunlop Street interchange replacement project;

- b) Staff complete the property acquisitions necessary for transportation improvements as identified in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment and illustrated in Appendix "A" to Staff Report DEV020-20, figures P10 and P11;
 - c) The Director of Legal Services be authorized to commence negotiations and/or expropriation proceedings to acquire fee simple interests for the required properties to facilitate implementation of the preferred design solution;
 - d) The Corporation of the City of Barrie make an application to City Council, as approving authority, for approval to expropriate the required properties and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary forms of application;
 - e) The "Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate" be served and published and that any requests for inquiries received, pursuant to the "Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate" be forwarded to the Chief Inquiry Officer and the Chief Inquiry Officer be requested to report to Council with respect to any such request; and
 - f) The Director of Legal Services be delegated authority to settle the expropriations or any negotiated agreements relating to the required properties and the City Clerk be authorized to execute all associated and required documents in a form approved by the Director of Legal Services.
4. That Alternative Design Solution 3 reflective of transportation improvements required to accommodate planned growth to 2041 be adopted for planning purposes for corridor protection. (DEV020-20) (File: D00)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-29.

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

SECTION "B"**20-G-098****PEDESTRIANIZATION OF DUNLOP STREET BETWEEN MULCASTER STREET AND CLAPPERTON STREET (WARD 2)**

1. That further to motion 20-G-085 approved by Council on June 1, 2020 the findings provided in Staff Report ECD009-20 related to the work of the Downtown Business Improvement Association (BIA) concerning the pedestrianizing concept and the BIA business plan on marketing and promoting the recommended outcomes, be received.
2. That staff in the Economic and Creative Development Department, Operations and Communications Departments together with the BIA's existing working group comprised of BIA staff and board members develop a "Downtown Pedestrianization Pilot Program" and that affected City Departments, downtown businesses and emergency services be consulted as required.
3. That should City staff and the BIA working group develop a "Downtown Pedestrianization Pilot Program" that could be implemented in August 2020, City staff be authorized to execute the associated road closures and communications with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer and Executive Management Team.
4. That should a Pilot Program proceed, the City of Barrie contribute up to 50% of costs, to a maximum of \$10,000 to support road closure logistics and additional clean-up to be funded from the Community Benefit Reserve.
5. That staff in the Economic and Creative Development Department report back to General Committee on the outcome of the Pilot Program, in concept, or if executed, in partnership with the BIA by October, 2020 together with any associated recommendations for future pedestrianization programming of Dunlop Street. (ECD009-20)

Councillor, K. Aylwin declared a potential pecuniary interest on the foregoing matter as his father owns a business on Dunlop Street. He did not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter. He left the virtual meeting.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-29.

SECTION "C"**20-G-099****COVID-19 BARRIE RECOVERY ACTION PLAN**

1. That the COVID-19 Barrie Economic Recovery Action Plan attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report ECD010-20, be received.
2. That funding in the amount of \$50,000 from the Community Benefit Reserve be allocated to Economic and Creative Development to support the resourcing of actions associated with the initial implementation of the Economic Recovery Action Plan.
3. That staff in the Economic and Creative Development Department report back to General Committee in (3) three-months with a progress update on action items and associated recommendations and additional funding requests related to the on-going implementation of the Economic Recovery Action Plan for Barrie businesses. (EDC010-20)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-29.

20-G-100**EXTENSION OF LOADING ZONE PARKING STANDARD - DOWNTOWN BARRIE (WARD 2)**

1. That effective June 30th, 2020, the temporary "Loading Only Zone" parking standard be extended to include side streets to the north and south of Dunlop Street between Poyntz Street to Toronto Street and as identified in Appendix "A" of Staff Report ECD012-20 to improve traffic flow in support of curb-side pick-up at downtown businesses.
2. That the temporary "Loading Only Zone" remain in place until the BIA requests their removal or a decision is made to move back to enforcing paid parking operations.
3. That staff in the Economic and Creative Development Department report back on any changes made to the affected parking zone standards at the first meeting of Council after summer recess, and in accordance with Traffic By-law 80-138. (ECD012-20) (File: T00)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-29.

20-G-101**FUNDING REQUEST FOR VARIOUS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

1. That staff be authorized to release funding commitments in the amount of \$2,879,030 and adjust funding plans as described in Appendix "A" to Staff Report INF004-20 (Projects with Excess Committed Funding) and close applicable capital projects on the next capital status report.
2. That staff be authorized to proceed with existing projects requiring additional funding as identified in Appendix "B" to Staff Report INF004-20 in the amount of \$2,102,089, with \$1,309,659 to be funded from the Tax Capital Reserve, \$236,000 to be funded from the Water Capital Reserve, \$409,750 to be funded from the Wastewater Capital Reserve, and \$146,680 to be funded from the Development Charges Reserve.
3. That the City project entitled "Bayfield Street Resurfacing (Cundles Road to Livingstone Street)" be added to the 2020 Capital Plan with a total budget of \$1,530,000 with a funding split of \$1,377,000 from the Ministry of Transportation and \$153,000 from the City of Barrie and that the City's portion be included in the 2020 Capital Plan as part of project EN1289, Road Resurfacing Program, to be funded from the Federal Gas Tax. (INF004-20)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-29.

20-G-102**AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON SURPLUS CITY OWNED PROPERTIES - NEXT STEPS TO BE TAKEN (WARD 2)**

1. That the Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessment and Geotechnical Review completed by WSP Canada Inc. and attached as Appendices "A" and "B" to Staff Report LGL004-20 be received.
2. That staff continue to work with WSP Canada Inc. to refine the estimate of costs to remediate and prepare the properties legally described and shown on Appendix "C" to Staff Report LGL004-20, ("Subject Properties") for redevelopment.
3. That staff engage with social and non-profit housing providers including the County of Simcoe ("Housing Providers") seeking their input on the creation of affordable housing as defined by the City of Barrie ("City") to determine:
 - a) The greatest needs currently in the City for affordable housing and how those needs could be best addressed through the disposition and redevelopment of the Subject Properties;
 - b) The funding, grants and governmental assistance currently or soon to be available to Housing Providers for property acquisition and construction of affordable housing development; and

- c) The most appropriate and effective way to bring the Subject Properties to market so as to maximize the potential number of bid submissions received from Housing Providers and to give the project the greatest chance of success.
- 4. That staff in the Legal Services Department explore the possibilities of closing Vespra Street between Sanford Street and Innisfil Street and conjoining the road allowances of the subject properties for the purpose of redevelopment.
- 5. That staff in the Legal Services Department report back to General Committee with the results of the consultation and recommend the next steps to be taken to dispose of the Subject Properties to a Housing Provider for the creation of affordable housing. (LGL004-20) (L17-66 and L17-71) (P66/19)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-29.

SECTION "D"

20-G-103

NON-RESIDENT WATERFRONT PAID PARKING AND TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PAID PARKING (WARD 2)

- 1. That Traffic By-law 80-138, Section 1 "Interpretation", be amended by adding the following Sections:
 - (uu) "Downtown Paid Parking Area" shall mean:
 - (i) Paid parking that falls within the area depicted in Schedule 3 bounded by Parkside Dr, Ross St, Sophia St W, McDonald St, Codrington St, Berczy St, Dunlop St E, Mulcaster St, Simcoe St inclusive of the lands adjacent the right-of-way that extend to the shore of Kempenfelt Bay between the Barrie North Shore Trail and Kidd's Creek, Bradford St and Dunlop St W, including but not limited to the following parking lots:
 - a) 15 Bayfield Street
 - b) Bradford Street
 - c) Chase McEachern Way
 - d) City Hall
 - e) Clapperton Street
 - f) 23 Collier Street
 - g) Collier Street Parkade
 - h) H-Block
 - i) Heritage Park West, East and North
 - j) Lakeshore Drive
 - k) Lakeshore Mews
 - l) Library lot

- m) Maple Ave South Central and North
- n) Mary Street
- o) McDonald Street
- p) North Marina
- q) Owen Street
- r) Simcoe and Bayfield West
- s) Spirit Catcher

(vv) "Hospital Parking Area" shall mean:

- (i) Paid parking on Gallie Court and Quarry Ridge.

(ww) "Waterfront Parking Area" shall mean:

- (i) Paid parking that falls within the area depicted in Schedule 4 bounded by Lakeshore Drive at Kidd's Creek in the North and Minet's Point Road in the South, including but not limited to the following parking lots:

- a) Lakeshore Drive on-street parking between Victoria Street and Minet's Point Road
- b) Marina
- c) North Centennial
- d) North Victoria
- e) South Victoria
- f) South Centennial
- g) Southshore Centre
- h) Tiffin Boat Launch

- (ii) Parking provided at municipal parks with waterfront access to Kempenfelt Bay, including but not limited to the following parking lots:

- a) Johnson's Beach
- b) Minet's Point Park
- c) Tyndale Park

2. That Traffic By-law 80-138, Schedule 1, be deleted and replaced with the new Schedule 1, identified in Appendix "A" to Staff Report TPS003-20.
3. That staff in the Enforcement Services Branch make an application to the Ministry of the Attorney General as follows:
 - a) To increase the set fine from \$30.00 to \$100.00 for paid parking infractions in the Waterfront Area; and
 - b) To Increase the early payment fine from \$20.00 to \$75.00 for paid parking infractions in the Waterfront Area.

4. That Fees By-law 2020-009, "Schedule J", be amended to increase rates in the Waterfront area for non-residents, effective July 2, 2020 and as identified in Appendix "B" to Staff Report TPS003-20:
 - a) The hourly rate be increased from \$3.00 per hour to \$10.00 per hour; and
 - b) The daily rate be increased from \$20.00 per day to \$50.00 per day; and
 - c) The annual non-resident waterfront parking pass be increased from \$90 per year to \$130 per year except for residents of the Town of Innisfil and Townships of Oro-Medonte, Springwater and Essa Townships.
5. That paid parking in the 'Waterfront Parking Area' as defined by the amendments to Traffic By-law 80-138, identified in Staff Report TPS003-20, to resume on July 2, 2020 or once the emergency order from the municipality is lifted; whichever is later.
6. That paid parking in the 'Downtown Paid Parking Area' as defined by the amendments to Traffic By-law 80-138 identified in Staff Report TPS003-20, be suspended until September 8, 2020 to support the Downtown Economic Recovery Plan.
7. That staff in the Transit and Parking Strategy Department, in consultation with various stakeholder groups, investigate the feasibility of a joint waterfront parking pass that would be valid for residents of Barrie, Innisfil, Springwater and Oro-Medonte to park at all respective beaches (with the ability for Essa to buy in at a discounted rate), including estimated financial implications and report back to General Committee in advance of the 2021 summer season. (TPS003-20) (File: T00)

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-29.

SECTION "E"

20-G-104

STATUS OF MCLEAN'S MINISTER'S ZONING ORDER (MZO) - ORO MEDONTE

That the Memorandum from A. Miller, General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management dated June 22, 2020 regarding the Status of McLean Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) - Oro-Medonte be referred to the General Committee Meeting of June 29, 2020 for further discussion.

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-29.

20-G-105**FISHER AUDITORIUM AND EVENT CENTRE UPDATE**

That the Memorandum from S. Schlichter, Director of Economic and Creative Development dated June 22, 2020 regarding the Fisher Auditorium and Event Centre Update be referred to staff in the Economic and Creative Development Department to prepare a report to General Committee after the Tourism Master Plan has been considered by Council to provide information on a potential exit strategy from the project, including and not limited to declaring the lands surplus to the city's needs and listing it for sale and discuss with Smart Centres the potential for a conference facility within their proposed development on Bradford Street and Checkley Street.

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-29.

The General Committee reports that upon adoption of the required procedural motion it met in closed session in the Sir Robert Barrie Room/Virtual Zoom Meeting at 7:34 p.m. to discuss a confidential memorandum concerning a confidential property acquisition matter.

Members of General Committee, the Chief Administrative Officer, the City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, Director of Finance/Treasurer, Director of Information Technology, Director of Legal Services, Executive Director of Access Barrie, General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management and Manager of Legal Services 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 Mayor left the Chair at 7:39 p.m. and Deputy Mayor Ward assumed the Chair.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "F"**20-G-106****DISCUSSION OF A CONFIDENTIAL POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY MATTER -ANNE AND WELLINGTON STREETS**

That motion 20-G-106 of the General Committee Report dated June 22, 2020 being the confidential notes concerning the discussion of a confidential potential property acquisition matter Essa Road and Anne and Wellington Streets, be received. (Item for Discussion 8.1 June 22, 2020)

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-29.

Upon adoption of the required procedural motion, General Committee moved into Open Session at 9:33 p.m.

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

SECTION "G"

20-G-108 POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY MATTER - ANNE AND WELLINGTON STREETS

WHEREAS one of City Council's Strategic Priorities is to "Foster a Safe and Healthy City";

AND WHEREAS this Strategic Priority includes goals to "Collaborate to address social issues, especially homelessness and the opioid crisis" and "get more affordable housing";

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government, through Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation, is currently calling for applications for innovative, affordable and supportive housing development.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the construction of 60-80 new units of supportive housing by the end of 2022 towards addressing the goal chronic homelessness be supported; and
2. That as several immediate and lower-cost opportunities for provision of supportive housing exist today, including the potential acquisition of the property identified in Appendix "A" to the Confidential Memorandum from Mayor J. Lehman dated June 22, 2020 concerning a confidential potential property acquisition matter related to Anne and Wellington Streets, as well as potential modular housing opportunities, the County of Simcoe be requested to pursue these opportunities in collaboration with housing providers and the Mayor's Office.
3. That staff in the Development Services and Legal Services Departments be directed to support a project planning process led by the County of Simcoe.
4. That the City Council representatives on the County of Simcoe Human Services Committee be requested to provide regular updates to Planning Committee regarding progress towards this goal.
5. That correspondence concerning this confidential direction be circulated to the County of Simcoe Council for their consideration.

This matter was recommended for adoption (Section "G") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-06-29.

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 9:37 p.m.

CHAIRMAN