



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Town and Gown Committee

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on January 12, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Councilor C. Riepma at 10:03 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 6 - Councillor C. Riepma
J. Chevrier
R. Meier - East End Household Association
J. Morozuk
B. Muscat - Georgian College
T. Zubyck - Georgian College

Absent: 2 - R. Calvano - Georgian College
R. Cardwell - East End Household Association

STAFF:

Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard
Manager of Communications and Marketing, C. Harris
Planner, T. Wierzba
Supervisor of Enforcement Services, J. Forgrave
Supervisor of Traffic Operations, J. Sharp
Zoning Officer, M. Gallagher.

The Town and Gown Committee met and reports as follows:

DISCUSSION CONCERNING STUDENT SOCIAL ISOLATION DURING COVID-19.

J. Morozuk provided an overview student social isolation at Georgian College during the COVID-19 pandemic. She discussed concerns that new and returning students are missing out on opportunities to make new friends and interact with their peers and community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

B. Muscat, Georgian College advised that during the winter semester that a majority of the college students will continue to learn remotely with a small portion of students learning on-campus dependent of the type of program. He highlighted that the winter semester at Georgian College will commence on January 18, 2021.

Mr. Muscat advised that Georgian College has now been added as a Designated Learning Facility by the Government of Canada which now allows the college to begin accepting International students who are enrolled into their programs during the COVID-19 pandemic. He provided an overview of Georgian College's COVID-19 protocols and procedures that are in place for when those International students arrive in Barrie.

The Committee discussed ideas related to communicating with students at Georgian College so that they can feel welcome in the community and get to know and understand the City.

C. Harris, Manager of Marketing and Communications provided suggestions such as including promotional material in the student's orientation package as well as creating a story map on Discover Barrie, the City's GIS Portal for students to access so that they can get to know Barrie. B. Muscat. Georgian College will provide information to Ms. Harris for inclusion in the story map and promotional material.

REVIEW OF THE NEW DRAFT OFFICIAL PLAN AND CITY-WIDE URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINES

R. Meier advised that the Committee's Working Group has not completed their review of the New Draft Official Plan and City-Wide Urban Design Guidelines but that they will be meeting again to finish their review of the documents so that comments can be submitted to the Development Services Department prior to the deadline of December 22, 2020.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The Committee discussed their 2021 meeting schedule and will meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

GENERAL UPDATES

M. Gallagher, Zoning Enforcement Officer provided an update concerning zoning enforcement in the Georgian College area. He noted there have been numerous complaints received concerning vehicles being parked on front yards in the east end of Barrie.

J. Forgrave, Supervisor of Enforcement Services provided a summary of the complaints received by Enforcement Services during COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Forgrave advised that overnight parking restrictions will commence on December 1st and run through to March 31st inclusive. He advised that overnight parking is prohibited on all streets between the hours of 12:00 am and 7:00 am, and between 3:00 am and 6:00 am in the Downtown, so as not to impede snow clearing operations. Mr. Forgrave commented that Enforcement Services is now up to their full complement of Property Standards Officers.

J. Sharp, Supervisor of Traffic Operations provided an update on the status on the traffic speed board on Blake Street and potential speed board for Johnson Street.

J. Morozuk provided an update on available library services at the Barrie Public Library. She advised that the Barrie Public Library has seen an increase in library memberships

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

CHAIRMAN