



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final General Committee

Monday, December 7, 2020

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by Barrie City Council on December 14, 2020.

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

SECTION "A"

20-G-223 BARRIE MARKET PRECINCT INITIAL SITE ANALYSIS AND CONSIDERATIONS (WARD 2)

1. That the Report of the Barrie Market Precinct Initial Site Analysis and Considerations - September 2020 attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report DEV040-20, be approved in principle.
2. That staff in the Development Services Department, with input from the Economic and Creative Development and Corporate Facilities Departments report back to General Committee in spring 2021 with a Business Case for a Permanent Market and an outline for a Precinct Plan under the *Planning Act*. (DEV040-20) (File: D00) (P20/18, P2/19)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/14/2020.

The General Committee reports that upon adoption of the required procedural motion it met in closed session in a Virtual Zoom Meeting at 5:03 p.m. to discuss two presentations, one concerning a confidential personal information and solicitor client matter and the second one concerning a confidential acquisition disposition of land matter – social housing.

Members of General Committee, the Chief Administrative Officer and the City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, Deputy City Clerk (joined the meeting at 5:29 p.m.), Director of Development Services (joined the meeting at 5:29 p.m.) Director of Human Resources (left the meeting at 5:24 p.m.) Director of Legal Services, Executive Director of Access Barrie (joined the meeting at 5:29 p.m.), General Manager of Community and Corporate Services and General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management (joined the meeting at 5:29 p.m.), Manager of Legal Services (joined the meeting at 5:29 p.m.), external legal counsel John Mascarini and Michael Horvat, Aird Berlis (left the meeting at 5:24 p.m.), Mr. Greg Bishop, General Manager of Social and Community Services, County of Simcoe (joined meeting at 5:29 p.m.), Jan Janssen, Director, Children and Community Services, County of Simcoe (joined the meeting at 5:29 p.m.) and Arfona Zwiers, Director, Social Housing, County of Simcoe (joined the meeting at 5:29 p.m.) 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 "B"

**20-G-224 CONFIDENTIAL PERSONAL INFORMATION AND SOLICITOR-CLIENT
PRIVILEGE MATTER - WORKPLACE INVESTIGATION**

That motion 20-G-224 of the General Committee Report dated December 7, 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 "B") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 12/14/2020.

**20-G-225 CONFIDENTIAL ACQUISITION / DISPOSITION OF LAND MATTER -
SOCIAL HOUSING**

That motion 20-G-225 of the General Committee Report dated December 7, 2020, being the confidential notes concerning the discussion of a presentation regarding a confidential acquisition / disposition of land matter - Social Housing, be received.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 12/14/2020.

General Committee recessed at 6:31 p.m. and reconvened at 9:59 p.m.

Upon adoption of the required procedural motion, General Committee moved into Open Session at 9:59 p.m.

Mayor Lehman provided a brief overview of the nature of the closed session noting that General Committee met and discussed the content two presentations concerning a confidential personal information and solicitor-client privilege matter - Workplace Investigation and confidential acquisition / disposition land matter - Social Housing. Mayor Lehman stated that with the exception of the 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 reports as follows:

SECTION "C"**20-G-226****W.A. FISHER AUDITORIUM AND EVENT CENTRE**

Stephannie Schlichter, Director of Economic and Creative Development provided a presentation concerning the findings to date for the design and business case of a theatre and conference centre at the 125 Dunlop Street West, W.A. Fisher Auditorium site.

Ms. Schlichter discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The key finding of an art theatre and conference centre associated to the current scope and budget allocations;
- The vision, cultural plan and downtown revitalization and creative corridor for an art theatre in the downtown core;
- The vision, tourism opportunity and downtown revitalization for an events/conference centre in the downtown core;
- An overview on the previous investigations, the leadership shift and project validation associated to the site;
- The key findings for a theatre/performing art centre, a proposed facility, an event/conference space, site configurations, fundraising, market conditions (COVID-19 impacts), and potential partnerships; and
- A summary of the options and recommendations for the project.

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

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 12/14/2020.

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

SECTION "D"**20-G-227****W.A. FISHER AUDITORIUM AND EVENT CENTRE PROJECT REPORT BACK (WARD 2)**

1. That the review of the Fisher Auditorium project, business case, and associated alternatives outlined in Staff Report ECD017-20, be received.
2. That the Fisher Auditorium Project be held for a twelve (12) month time period or such time as recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic allows for market conditions to improve to a status that a business case can be updated and assessed.

3.
 - a) That any new theatre/performing arts space honour the history and legacy of W.A. Fisher as part of the development through the design and the naming of a part of any new structure, and that the existing Fisher Auditorium be demolished while retaining any component, such as signage, which could be incorporated into a new structure; and
 - b) That for the 2021 Budget, Capital Project FC1138 include a budget amount to be funded from the Reinvestment Reserve (Community Benefit Reserve) for the demolition of the Fisher Auditorium.
 4. That staff in the Economic and Creative Development Department report back to General Committee on the future of the project, considerations for a re-imagined project that reflects the City's available resources, partnership opportunities, alternate financing sources, operational commitments, community benefits, economic conditions and a design that separates the conference centre from the theatre. (ECD017-20) (P8/18, P25/20)

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/14/2020.

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 10:59 p.m.

CHAIRMAN