



City of Barrie

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Final Town and Gown Committee

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on January 25, 2022.

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

- Present:** 5 - Councillor C. Riepma
J. Chevrier
Robb Meier
J. Morozuk
B. Muscat - Georgian College
- Absent:** 3 - R. Calvano - Georgian College
R. Cardwell - East End Household Association
T. Zubyck - Georgian College

STAFF:

Committee Support Clerk, B. Thompson
Manager of FPPE/Deputy Fire Chief, C. Clark
Manager of Marketing and Communications, C. Harris
Stakeholder and Special Project Coordinator, L. Wild
Supervisor of Enforcement Services, J. Forgrave
Zoning Officer, M. Gallagher

ALSO PRESENT:

Barrie Police Services, Staff Sergeant, M. Winn
D. Carty, Anti-Racism Task Force
L. Jackson, Georgian College

The Town and Gown Committee met and reports as follows:

COMMUNITY ANTI-RACISM INITIATIVES

Rob Meier discussed systemic racism and the underlying undertones of racism present within the community. He suggested the possibility of putting forward a motion for the City of Barrie to become an anti-racist city.

Donald Carty provided a brief background on the Anti-Racism Task Force established through a resolution by Barrie City Council and sponsored by Barrie Police Service. He advised the Task Force has a compliment of volunteers that were chosen to work actively with the community. Mr. Carty discussed the Task Force's mandate to bridge and promote a stronger, positive understanding of anti-racism and the representation of racialized groups within the City. He advised that implementation of the mandate to be accomplished through awareness, education, accountability, and their five action themes to effect positive change: understanding, messaging, connecting, transitioning, and strengthening. Mr. Carty discussed various initiatives the Task Force is currently working on associated to public awareness and communication to transition Barrie into an anti-racist city.

Brian Muscat, Georgian College discussed the College's efforts and work towards anti-racism. Mr. Muscat advised that the College has had an increase in the number of international students attending and have been seeing an increase in overt-racism and micro-aggression at the College.

Leanne Jackson, Georgian College talked about equity, diversity, inclusion, and anti-racism work efforts at the College. Ms. Jackson discussed the College's participation in the City's Community Safety and Well-being Committee, and the Anti-Racism Task Force. She also discussed Georgian College taking a lead role in launching a Barrie Inclusion Network to bring together different organizations and partners within the community to create information sharing and common ground on goals.

The Committee discussed other topics associated to racism such as sharing information, Committee applications and who applies, and training.

2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Committee discussed the 2022 meeting schedule and agreed that the meetings continued to be scheduled on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m.

GEORGIAN COLLEGE UPDATES

Brian Muscat provided an update on the Georgian College Head Start virtual orientation to be held January 3 - 7, 2022 and classes to start on January 10, 2022. Mr. Muscat discussed a survey of students regarding housing, location, and price ranges to gather data on what student needs are returning to campus.

The Committee discussed the City's involvement in the student orientation in order to welcome new and returning students and to provide them with City information packages.

CITY UPDATES

Jason Forgrave, Supervisor of Enforcement Services provided an update on parking restrictions in the City. Mr. Forgrave mentioned that the overnight parking restrictions started December 1, 2021, beginning with a week of warnings, and will continue until March 31, 2022, seven days a week, regardless of weather conditions. He indicated that Enforcement Services is continuing to assist with COVID-19 restriction complaints such as masks, proof of vaccination, and the amount of people in certain locations.

Michael Gallagher, Zoning Officer provided a statistical update of 820 city-wide zoning complaints from January 1, 2021, to date, with 45% located in the northeast end and 75% within proximity to Georgian College. He advised the complainants are generally associated to interior and exterior issues such as two-unit houses, accessory dwellings, boarding, lodging, rooming houses, vehicles being parked on landscape, commercial and accessory building location standards.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

CHAIRMAN