



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final General Committee

Monday, March 29, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT For consideration by Barrie City Council on April 12, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lehman at 7:06 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
Deputy City Clerk, C. Swan
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 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 Corporate Asset Management, K. Oakley
Manager of Energy Management, A. McMullin
Manager of Enforcement Services, T. Banting
Manager of Legal Services, A. Mills
Manager of Vertical Infrastructure Projects, S. Diemert
Supervisor of Enforcement Services, J. Forgrave.

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

SECTION "A"

21-G-065 PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST - MAPLEVIEW WATER TOWER INTERNAL REPAIRS (WARD 7)

1. That the project entitled "Mapleview Water Tower Internal Repairs" be added to the 2021 Capital Plan with a total budget of \$1,271,000 and that funding be derived from the Water Capital Reserve.
2. That the contract be awarded to Landmark Municipal Services for the interior repairs to the Mapleview Water Tower, to expedite this work to perform preventative maintenance, prevent storage tank degradation, and prevent the disruption of an essential component in the City's water distribution service in accordance with Section 13 of the Emergency Purchases of Procurement By-law 2019-015. (INF004-21)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/12/2021.

21-G-066 ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNCIL COMPENSATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. That a Council Compensation Review Committee be struck, comprised of five citizen members of the community.
2. That the proposed Terms of Reference for the Council Compensation Review Committee attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report LCS003-21, be approved.
3. That staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department advertise for interested applicants for the Committee. (LCS003-21) (File: C11)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/12/2021.

21-G-067**SALE OF VETERAN'S LANE (WARD 6)**

1. That the property legally described as Part 1 on 51R-32592 and known municipally as Veteran's Lane, Barrie (the "Subject Property") as shown in Appendix "A" to Staff Report LGL006-20, be sold to Sean Mason Homes (Vet Lane) Inc. (the "Purchaser") in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the Agreement of Purchase and Sale (the "APS") attached as Appendix "B" to Staff Report LGL006-20.
2. That The Corporation of the City of Barrie (the "City") remove its condition on Council approval contained within the APS and proceed to complete the sale process.
3. That the City permanently close the Subject Property as a highway and pass a by-law to effect the closure.
4. That the Purchaser be permitted to include the Subject Property in development applications, including Site Plan Control, subject to any subsequent approvals associated with same being withheld until the transfer of the Subject Property is completed.
5. That the proceeds from the sale be transferred to the Tax Capital Reserve.
6. That the City Clerk be authorized to execute all associated and required documents necessary to remove the condition of sale or amend any term contained in the APS on the recommendation of and in a form approved by the Director of Legal Services. (LGL006-21)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/12/2021.

21-G-068**INVESTING IN CANADA INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FUNDING AGREEMENT**

That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) with the Province of Ontario as represented by the Ministry of Transportation related to the public transit stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP). (TPS003-21)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/12/2021.

21-G-069**BILL 197 - PROPOSED CHANGES TO APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW LANDFILL SITES**

Item was **WITHDRAWN**.

21-G-070 **LIVING GREEN BARRIE**

That Living Green Barrie be invited to provide a presentation to City Council concerning Living Green Barrie's mandate and the launch of the "10 Actions for Climate", an initiative to engage residents in activities related to climate action. (Item for Discussion, 8.5, March 29, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/12/2021.

21-G-071 **MONARCH ULTRA EVENT**

That Monarch Ultra be invited to provide a presentation to City Council concerning the "Monarch Ultra Run Event", which aims to raise awareness of the monarch butterflies migratory journey, their declining population and conservation efforts taking place at the local level. (Item for Discussion 8.6, March 29, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/12/2021.

21-G-072 **UPPER YORK REGION SEWAGE SOLUTIONS PROJECT**

Item was **WITHDRAWN**.

21-G-073 **RECOGNITION OF COVID-19 VICTIMS**

That staff discuss with the Barrie District Realtors Association the possibility of installing a recognition fixture in remembrance of the victims of COVID-19 and report back to General Committee before September 2021. (Item for Discussion 8.8, March 29, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/12/2021.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "B"**21-G-074** **CITY OF BARRIE'S COMMUNITY GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION PLAN UPDATE**

Adam McMullin, Manager of Energy Management, Susan Hall from LURA Consulting and Caitlin Rodger from ICLEI and Wood provided an update on the development of the Community Energy and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan.

Mr. McMullin, Ms. Hall, and Ms. Rodgers discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- A summary of Barrie's changing climate associated to temperature, precipitation and extreme weather;
- A comparison by population on the costs of energy spent municipally and community wide;
- An overview on Council's support for climate and energy action;
- The Stakeholder and community engagement timelines to develop the Community Energy and Emissions Reduction Plan;
- Pie charts illustrating Barrie's energy use, costs and emissions in 2018;
- Scenarios of projected greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and energy costs up to 2050;
- The Plans framework: vision, principles, big moves, goals, strategies and implementation;
- The participants of the Stakeholders Advisory Group established to shape the Plan;
- A summary of the Plans vision and principles; and the Big Moves associated to buildings, transportation, waste and natural environment and land use; and
- The next steps in the Plan for community engagement and the development of the Energy and GHG Emissions Reduction Plan.

Members of General Committee asked a number of questions to Mr. McMullin, Ms. Hall, Ms. Rodgers and City staff and received responses.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 4/12/2021.

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

SECTION "C"

21-G-075

WATERFRONT ACCESS AND BEACHES - SUMMARY OF COVID IMPACTS AND ADDRESSING GROWTH - RELATED IMPACTS

1. That Wilkins Beach be de-listed as a formal public beach.
2. That staff in the Operations Department with assistance from the Development Services Department, work with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority to design, permit and implement ecological restoration plans for those lake and creek shorelines as illustrated in Appendix "A" to Staff Report DEV008-21 prior to the end of 2021.

3. That the areas identified as shoreline and creek area at Wilkins Park as illustrated in Appendix "B" to Staff Report DEV008-21, be temporarily closed to the public for 2021 for restoration work.
4. That staff in the Operations Department install 'No Admittance' signs for the areas temporarily closed to the public, as per Parks Use By-law 2019-059, as amended.
5. That staff in the Operations and Development Services Departments, with assistance from Access Barrie, develop and implement a proactive and inclusive communications strategy in 2021 for the specified environmentally protected area.
6. That staff in Access Barrie be directed to:
 - a) Remove any specific reference to Wilkins Beach from the list of City beaches and all corporate communications channels, social media, mapping, and other materials; and
 - b) That communication material refer instead only to Wilkins Park and the Hewitt's Creek Valley in all future corporate communications materials.
7. That staff in the Development Services and Operations Departments work with Tourism Barrie and other organizations known to list public beaches to remove any specific reference to Wilkins Beach.
8. That staff in the Operations Department continue to provide a level of service for the specified shoreline area that is consistent with service levels provided in other City-owned environmentally protected lands, specifically noting that the level of service is lower than the level provided at the other formal waterfront beach areas.
9. That staff in the Development Services Department explore City initiated amendments to Zoning By-law 2009-141 to review the benefits of establishing a new Natural Shoreline zone and consider tailoring the permitted uses and activities for the specified areas to be consistent with the waterfront activity centres hierarchy identified in the Waterfront and Marina Strategic Plan (2015) and any updates thereto.
10. That staff in the Operations Department be directed to install fencing along Hewitt's Creek, at all vulnerable access points and from the bridge over Hewitt's Creek to the pumping station.
11. That staff in the Operations Department investigate the feasibility of installing personal watercraft lockers at Centennial Beach and report back to General Committee. (DEV008-21) (P26/20) (Note: Staff Report DEV008-21 is in conjunction with Staff Report LCS004-21 dated March 29, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/12/2021.

Pursuant to Procedural By-law 2019-100, as amended, Section 4, Subsection 10, the order of business was altered such that Staff Report LCS004-21, New Parks Regulations regarding the Use of Barbeques and Tents was considered after Staff Report DEV008-21, Waterfront Access and Beaches - Summary of COVID Impacts and Addressing Growth Related Impacts.

21-G-076**NEW PARKS REGULATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF BARBEQUES AND TENT STRUCTURES AND TO AMEND CURRENT PARKS USE BY-LAW 2019-059**

1. That the Parks Use By-law 2019-059, as amended, to regulate and govern the use of and activities permitted within City parks, environmentally protected land, and open space, be further amended by adding the sections identified in the draft by-law attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report LCS004-21 and amended to reflect the following:
 - a) The prohibition of charcoal barbeques to only waterfront parks; and
 - b) The prohibition of tents or sunshades to only waterfront parks, excluding Little Lake Park.
2. That staff in the Operations Department in consultation with the Legislative and Court Services Department (Enforcement Services Branch) be directed to:
 - a) Prepare and install new signage or replace existing signage where required that depicts the new regulations in all impacted parks; and
 - b) The installation of such signage be completed as operational time permits, with a focus on high utilization locations as a priority.
3. That staff be authorized to make application to the Ministry of the Attorney General for set fines for the newly amended sections ranging from \$100.00 to \$1,000.00 based on the nature of the offence. (LCS004-21) (File: P01) (P26/20) (Note: Staff Report LCS004-21 is in conjunction with Staff Report DEV008-21 dated March 29, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/12/2021.

SECTION "D"

Mayor, J. Lehman left the Chair at 9:32 p.m. and Deputy Mayor, B. Ward assumed the Chair.

Pursuant to Section 2 (18) of Procedural By-law 2019-100, the Committee adopted a procedural motion at 10:55 p.m. in order to extend the meeting past 11:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight.

Mayor, J. Lehman reassumed the Chair at 11:31 p.m.

21-G-077**2020 BUDGET AND BUSINESS PLAN YEAR-END REPORT**

1. That Staff Report EMT002-21 concerning the 2020 Budget and Business Plan Year-End Report be received.
2. That the following budgeted transfers from reserves in the 2020 Operating Budget be eliminated in order to support the reserve balances for increased 2021 pressures:
 - i) Reinvestment Reserve: \$1,000,000;
 - ii) Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve: \$1,000,000;
 - iii) Growth Management Reserve: \$741,500; and
 - iv) Provincial Gas Tax Reserve: \$2,150,000.
3. That \$3,045,924 in discretionary Development Charge discounts and exemptions granted during the year be recovered from the related rates as follows:
 - i) \$2,117,527 from the 2020 year-end Tax supported operating results;
 - ii) \$314,948 from the 2020 year-end Water Rate operating results; and
 - iii) \$613,449 from the 2020 year-end Wastewater Rate operating results.
4. That \$3,905,796 of Safe Restart Funding (Phase 1 Municipal Operations) be used in 2020 to offset COVID-19 pressures related to expenses and lost revenues associated with Tax Rate supported services.
5. That \$2,358,716 of Safe Restart Funding (Phase 1 Transit) be used in 2020 to offset COVID-19 pressures related to expenses and lost revenues associated with Transit Services.

6. That \$868,674 of Safe Restart Funding (Phase 1 Municipal Operations) be used in 2020 to offset COVID-19 pressures related to expenses and lost revenues associated with Parking Services.
7. That \$225,530 of Safe Restart Funding (Phase 1 Municipal Operations) be used in 2020 to fund the needs based COVID-19 relief program for elimination of fixed charges and waived overdue account penalties for Water Services (\$98,030) and Wastewater Services (\$127,500).
8. That two reserves be established for Safe Restart Funding (Municipal Operations and Transit) and unused funds related to the Safe Restart agreements be allocated to the reserves as required.
9. That after the tax related Safe Restart funding allocations and the transfer of \$2 million to the WSIB Reserve, the Tax Rate surplus of \$3,136,570 be allocated 70% to the Tax Capital Reserve and 30% to the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve in accordance with the City's Financial Policies.
10. That after the water related Safe Restart funding allocations, the Water Rate surplus of \$72,175 be allocated 70% to the Water Capital Reserve and 30% to the Water Rate Stabilization Reserve in accordance with the City's Financial Policies.
11. That after the wastewater related Safe Restart funding allocations, the Wastewater Rate surplus of \$664,314 be allocated 70% to the Water Capital Reserve and 30% to the Water Rate Stabilization Reserve in accordance with the City's Financial Policies.
12. That pursuant to Ontario Reg. 653/05 and the City's Capital Financing and Debt Management Policy, Staff Report EMT002-21 serve as the method for disclosing outstanding financing leases.
13. That a new grant program named "Barrie Small Business Tax Relief Grant" be created as follows:
 - a) To support small businesses in Barrie affected by COVID-19 related restrictions;
 - b) The grants be equivalent to 25% of commercial and industrial property taxes paid to the City of Barrie in 2020 up to a total of \$5,000 per business;
 - c) That the following eligibility criteria must be met:
 - i) The business is owned by individuals resident in Ontario and conducting business primarily in Ontario, and not a corporate outlet, branch, or store, but may be a franchise;

- ii) The business is conducting business as of March 1, 2021 in one of the following categories: personal service, fitness or recreational establishment, restaurant / food service, retail store, arts / culture / recreational organization;
 - iii) The business has 20 employees or less, except in the case of restaurants/food service establishments;
 - iv) The business must provide proof of payment of property tax to the City of Barrie in 2020; and
 - v) The business must attest to a loss of revenue as a consequence of COVID-19 and/or public health restrictions.
- d) That the following criteria will be used to prioritize applications, in the event that there are more applications than funding available:
 - i) Amount of other government support funding received (businesses that have not received or been eligible for other grants to be prioritized);
 - ii) Length of time the business was required to be shut down or closed to customers entirely due to public health restrictions from January 1st to March 15th (businesses forced to close longer will be prioritized); and
 - iii) Financial need, as demonstrated by the applicant in terms of % reduction in revenue (at the sole discretion of staff in the Economic and Creative Development Department).
- e) If the account for the premise for which the business receives a grant is in arrears, the grant will be applied to the arrears;
- f) The grant program be administered by staff in the Economic and Creative Development Department, supported by Finance, with funding in the amount of up to \$40,000 from the envelope be allocated for temporary contract staff resources to administer programs and otherwise assist small businesses with grant applications and recovery initiatives;
- g) An amount of \$800,000 be committed to the Barrie Small Business Tax Relief Grant Program, funded as follows:
 - i) \$600,000 from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve; and

- ii) \$200,000 from the Reinvestment Reserve.
- h) The surplus allocation to the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve and Reinvestment Reserve be reduced accordingly;
- i) That staff in the Economic and Creative Development Department report back to General Committee by memorandum on the final program design, promotion, and intake process in April of 2021, and the totals of grants awarded together with any challenges experienced with the program in May of 2021, including recommendations for a second round of grants if needs exist; and
- j) That staff in Economic and Creative Development Department report back to General Committee by memorandum on April 19, 2021 concerning the creation of a financial support grant program for home-based businesses. (EMT002-21) (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/12/2021.

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

SECTION "E"

21-G-078

REFRESHMENT VEHICLES - EASTVIEW PARK/ARENA

That the following matter be referred to staff in the Development Services and Legislative and Court Services Departments to report back via memorandum concerning issues and risks associated with locating a refreshment vehicle at Eastview Park/Arena:

"That notwithstanding By-law 2019-059 Parks Use By-law, that prohibits the sale of goods and products in a public park, a refreshment vehicle be permitted to locate within Eastview Park or at the Eastview Arena until November 30, 2021." (Item for Discussion 8.2, March 29, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/12/2021.

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

SECTION "F"

That pursuant to 16.2 of Procedural By-law 2019-100, the Committee adopted a procedural motion at 11:56 p.m. with a two-thirds majority to suspend the provisions of section 2(18) to allow for the continuation of the General Committee meeting past 12:00 midnight.

21-G-079 **AUDREY MILLIGAN POND AMENITIES**

That staff in the Infrastructure and Growth Management Division investigate the feasibility of designating Audrey Milligan Pond as a park and adding amenities including but not limited to trails, signage, and benches and report back to City Building Committee. (Item for Discussion 8.3, March 29, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/12/2021.

SECTION "G"

21-G-080 **INVESTIGATE LOWERING SPEED LIMITS ACROSS THE CITY OF BARRIE BY 10 KILOMETRES PER HOUR (KM/H)**

That the following matter be deferred to the next General Committee meeting of April 19, 2021:

"That staff in the Operations and Development Services Department investigate the feasibility of lowering speed limits across the City by 10 km/h including the costs of replacing signage and report back to General Committee in advance of the 2022 Business Plan process. (Item for Discussion 8.4, March 29, 2021)"

This matter was recommended for (Section "G") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/12/2021.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 a.m.

CHAIRMAN