



# City of Barrie

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## Minutes - Final General Committee

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Monday, August 9, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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### **GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT** **For consideration by Barrie City Council on August 9, 2021.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, J. Lehman at 7:01 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  
Chief Building Official, M. Janotta  
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke  
Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur  
Deputy City Clerk, C. Swan  
Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews  
Director of Development Services, M. Banfield  
Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter  
Director of Finance/Treasurer, C. Millar  
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan  
Director of Infrastructure, B. Araniyasundaran  
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters  
Director of Operations, D. Friary  
Director of Recreation and Culture Services, R. Bell

Executive Director of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid  
Fire Chief, C. Mainprize  
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine  
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, A. Miller  
Supervisor of Enforcement Services, J. Forgrave.

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

### **SECTION "A"**

#### **21-G-197**

#### **MUNICIPAL NAMES REGISTRY - ADDITIONAL NAMES**

That the following proposed names identified in Appendix "A" to Staff Report DEV006-21, be added to the City's Municipal Names Registry:

- a) DAINTY;
- b) ELLSON;
- c) FLOWERDAY;
- d) HUMPHRIES;
- e) TERSIGNI; and
- f) VENTON.

(DEV006-21) (File: D19-DAN, ELL, FLO, HUM, TER, VEN)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 8/9/2021.

#### **21-G-198**

#### **REDWOOD PARK COMMUNITIES GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION**

WHEREAS there is a significant need in the City of Barrie to provide additional supportive and social housing for people facing and experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS Redwood Park Communities has a strong track record of involvement with social housing in the City of Barrie; and

WHEREAS Redwood Park Communities has applied for grant funding for two housing projects in the City of Barrie from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; and

WHEREAS the Barrie City Council adopted motion 21-G-188 to provide an interest free loan up to \$3,000,000 with conditions, including the loan being subject to approval of application for grant funding by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, for the two housing projects that Redwood Park Communities intends to commence in Barrie.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the City of Barrie strongly urges Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to approve the grant applications submitted by Redwood Park Communities to provide funding for both their projects in the City of Barrie at the earliest opportunity.
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the County of Simcoe, Doug Shipley MP, John Brassard MP, Ahmed Hussen MP, Adam Vaughan MP, Andrea Khanjin MPP, and Doug Downey MPP. (Item for Discussion 8.2, August 9, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 8/9/2021.

#### **21-G-199**

#### **LETTER OF SUPPORT - ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE AWARENESS INITIATIVE**

That the City of Barrie provide a letter of support for Living Green Barrie in their funding application to the Natural Resources Canada's Zero Emission Vehicle Awareness Initiative. (Item for Discussion 8.4, August 9, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 8/9/2021.

#### **21-G-200**

#### **EXECUTION OF FACILITY USE AGREEMENT(S) - 29 SPERLING DRIVE**

That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute facility use agreements and/or amendments to facility use agreements with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre for the use of 29 Sperling Drive to support ongoing supplies warehousing for COVID-19 immunization efforts. (Item for Discussion 8.6, August 9, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 8/9/2021.

#### **21-G-201**

#### **REQUIREMENT FOR HURRICANE STRIPS ON NEW BUILDS**

WHEREAS on July 15, 2021, portions of the south-east quadrant of the City of Barrie were devastated by a tornado that caused substantial damage to public and private infrastructure, including homes, businesses and vehicles and previous tornadoes in the City of Barrie as well as across the province also warn of vulnerability to loss and damage from severe winds hazards; and

WHEREAS research conducted at the University of Western Ontario, the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction and elsewhere find that 95 percent of the tornadoes in Ontario are magnitude 0-2 and the risk of loss and damage from these tornadoes can largely be prevented through identified and inexpensive changes in current home construction practices; and

WHEREAS government builders, insurance companies, researchers and others must work together to strengthen standards for building codes and construction practices to mitigate the expected damage from climate extremes, severe storms and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS a report by the National Institute of Buildings found that every \$1 spent on mitigation projects including tornado resilience measures in homes, reduces future costs by an average of \$6.00.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED as follows:

1. That staff in the Development Services, Legal Services and Building Services Departments partner with the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction to:
  - a) Propose to the Ontario Government specific measures to modernize the Ontario Building Code with respect to severe wind protection for new homes, including the requirement for the use of straps, clips or other mechanisms to better connect the roof, wall and foundation of homes; and
  - b) Work in collaboration with other agencies to develop an awareness campaign to inform Barrie residents about the risk of destructive tornadoes, options to assess risk of damage to their home and identify risk reduction and best practices.

and report back to General Committee.

2. That in order to encourage installation of approved severe wind resilience features, staff in the Finance and Legal Services Departments investigate the feasibility of introducing a Rebate Program for homeowners that did not experience damage resulting from tornado damage on July 15, 2021 and financial incentives for those whose homes were damaged, and report back to General Committee. (Item for Discussion 8.8, August 9, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 8/9/2021.

**21-G-202      PAINTING PICKLEBALL LINES ON THE TENNIS COURTS AT GREENFIELD PARK (WARD 8)**

That staff in the Development Services Department investigate the feasibility of painting pickleball lines on the tennis courts at Greenfield Park in consultation with the Barrie Pickleball Club before the end of the summer 2021 season. (Item for Discussion 8.10, August 9, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 8/9/2021.

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

**SECTION "B"**

**21-G-203      SUGGESTIONS TO CANCEL CANADA DAY - ANNUAL ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE LOCAL HISTORIES AND CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS**

1. That staff in the Recreation and Culture Services Department be directed to engage on an annual basis with partners such as Beausoleil First Nation, Rama First Nation, Georgina Island First Nation, and other local First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples and organizations, including the Barrie Native Friendship Centre and Barrie Area Native Advisory Circle, to explore and implement July 1st activities that include local oral histories, cultural celebrations and any other educational elements as recommended by the Indigenous community.
2. That the General Manager of Community and Corporate Services and staff in the Human Resources Department engage with local Indigenous Nations, peoples, and organizations on the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action that fall under Municipal responsibility, namely Calls to Action #43, #47, and #57, and report back to General Committee by the end of 2021.
3. That staff in the Recreation and Culture Services Department be requested to ask the Downtown Barrie Business Improvement Association (BIA) to include indigenous history and acknowledgement education for future Canada Day applications for funding.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 8/9/2021.

**SECTION "C"****21-G-204****SUGGESTIONS TO CANCEL CANADA DAY - INITIATIVES TO INCREASE CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS - INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY**

That the Director of Human Resources and Barrie Police Services be requested to provide a memorandum to Council by the second quarter of 2022 that include initiatives to increase candidate applications that identify as members of the Indigenous community.

Councillor N. Harris stated that in consultation with the Integrity Commissioner regarding her Code obligations, including those that arise under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*. Although, Councillor, N. Harris did not have a pecuniary interest in the matter that required her to abstain from voting on this matter, in accordance with her obligations under the Council and Committee Code of Conduct and upon advice of the Integrity Commissioner, she did not participate or vote on the foregoing matter. She left the virtual General Committee meeting.

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 8/9/2021.

Mayor, J. Lehman left the Chair at 8:58 p.m. and Deputy Mayor, B. Ward assumed the Chair.

Mayor, J. Lehman reassumed the Chair at 9:00 p.m.

**SECTION "D"****21-G-205****QUICK START FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS ON INSTITUTIONAL LANDS**

1. That the Development Services Department, supported by the Affordable Housing Task Force, write to all owners of institutionally designated properties in Barrie indicating the intention to allow housing as-of-right on their properties, and inviting them to contact the City to discuss the potential for the construction of affordable housing on their properties and that the Affordable Housing Task Force report back to Council on success of the program in encouraging applications from interested property owners by December, 2021 and further contact places of worship designated residential with the potential developable lands for the same purpose.

2. That once projects are determined, staff in the Development Services Department seek proposals from consultants in accordance with the Procurement By-law to conduct feasibility studies for affordable housing projects on institutionally and residential designated properties owned by non-profit or charitable organizations to be funded by the Community Benefit Reserve for a total of up to 10 studies at a cost of up to \$20,000 each.
3. That staff in the Development Services Department report back to Council by way of a memorandum of other ways to potentially provide financial incentives to institutions providing housing, including the discounting of development charges partial or complete, and other ways of reducing application fees and soft costs. (Item for Discussion 8.1, August 9, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 8/9/2021.

## **SECTION "E"**

### **21-G-206**

#### **MAINTAINING OR CUTTING GRASS ON MUNICIPAL BOULEVARDS**

That the following matter be referred to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee for further consideration:

"That staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department consult with the Legal Services Department to investigate the feasibility of charging homeowners for not maintaining or cutting grass on the municipal boulevards and report back to General Committee. (Item for Discussion 8.3, August 9, 2021)"

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 8/9/2021.

## **SECTION "F"**

### **21-G-207**

#### **MAINTAINING OR CUTTING GRASS ON MUNICIPAL BOULEVARDS - NATURALIZED BOULEVARD GARDENS**

That staff in the Operations Department investigate ways to encourage naturalized boulevard gardens to reduce the need for grass maintenance while promoting pollinator habitats and report back to General Committee. (Item for Discussion 8.3, August 9, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 8/9/2021.

General Committee recessed from 10:00 p.m. to 10:10 p.m.

**SECTION "G"****21-G-208      CORRESPONDENCE FOR SIMCOE MUSKOKA DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT (SMDHU) FOR LINE OF CREDIT**

That correspondence be provided to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) to provide consent of their application for a Line of Credit from TD Commercial Bank for up to \$5,000,000 as a temporary measure, while they await further COVID-19 funding from the Ministry of Health. (Item for Discussion 8.5, August 9, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "G") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 8/9/2021.

**SECTION "H"****21-G-209      OVERCOME THE EFFECTS OF COLONIZATION, DISCRIMINATION, AND RACISM ON INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES IN CANADA**

WHEREAS in recognition of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action which stated that there is a need for all levels of government to work together with First Nations to overcome the effects of colonization, discrimination, and racism on Indigenous communities in Canada;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the representatives of Water First, a non-governmental organization (NGO), be invited to provide a presentation to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee. (Item for Discussion 8.7, August 9, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "H") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 8/9/2021.

**SECTION "I"****21-G-210      INDIVIDUAL (SINGLE) TREE BY-LAW**

That staff in the Operations Department conduct a cost benefit analysis associated with individual (single) tree by-laws to mitigate future damage of privately owned trees due to private construction and excavation projects and report back to General Committee. (Item for Discussion 8.9, August 9, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "I") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 8/9/2021.



Pursuant to Section 2(18) of Procedural By-law 2019-100, the Committee adopted a procedural motion at 10:56 p.m. in order to extend the meeting past 11:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight.

The General Committee reports that upon adoption of the required procedural motion it met in closed session electronically at 10:57 p.m. to discuss the contents of two confidential Staff Reports, one concerning a confidential personal information matter - Appointment to the Arts Advisory Committee and Council Compensation Review Committee, and the second concerning a confidential Plan and Instructions Related to an Application to Host the Canadian Men's Curling Championships - the Tim Hortons Brier.

Members of General Committee, the Chief Administrative Officer, City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, Deputy City Clerk, Director of Economic and Creative Development, Director of Finance/Treasurer, Director of Information Technology, Director of Legal Services, Director of Recreation and Culture Services, Executive-Director of Access Barrie, General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, and the General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management 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 "J"**

### **21-G-211**

#### **CONFIDENTIAL PERSONAL INFORMATION MATTER - APPOINTMENTS TO THE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL COMPENSATION REVIEW COMMITTEE**

That motion 21-G-211 of the General Committee Report dated August 9, 2021 being the confidential notes concerning the discussion of Staff Report LCS008-21 regarding a confidential personal information matter - Appointment to the Arts Advisory Committee and Council Compensation Review Committee, be received. (LCS008-21) (File: C06)

This matter was recommended (Section "J") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 8/9/2021.

**SECTION "K"****21-G-212      CONFIDENTIAL PLAN AND INSTRUCTIONS RELATED TO AN APPLICATION TO HOST THE CANADIAN MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS - THE TIM HORTONS BRIER**

That motion 21-G-212 of the General Committee Report dated August 9, 2021 being the confidential notes concerning the discussion of Staff Report REC002-21 regarding a confidential Plan and Instructions Related to an Application to Host the Canadian Men's Curling Championships - The Tim Hortons Brier, be received. (REC002-21) (File: R05D)

This matter was recommended (Section "K") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 8/9/2021.

Upon adoption of the required procedural motion, General Committee moved into Open Session at 11:25 p.m.

Mayor Lehman provided a brief overview of the nature of the closed session noting that General Committee met and discussed two Staff Reports, one concerning a confidential personal information matter - Appointments to the Arts Advisory Committee and Council Compensation Review Committee and the second a confidential Plan and Instructions Related to an Application to Host the Canadian Men's Curling Championships - the Tim Hortons Brier. Mayor Lehman stated that with the exception of the procedural matter to move into public/open session, no votes were taken during the portion of the meeting closed to the public.

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

**SECTION "L"****21-G-213      APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL - ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL COMPENSATION REVIEW COMMITTEE**

1.      a)      That three (3) citizen members, Janet Ness, Jerry Chomyn and Scott Herman, be appointed to the Arts Advisory Committee for a term of office to expire on November 14, 2022, unless otherwise noted; and
- b)      That Councillor, C. Riepma be appointed to the Arts Advisory Committee for a term of office to expire on November 14, 2022, unless otherwise noted.

2. That five (5) citizen members, Brandilee Maxwell, Christopher Rovert, Kelly Patterson McGrath, Stephen Kinsella and Danielle Seiggel, be appointed to the Council Compensation Review Committee for a term of office to expire on November 14, 2022, unless otherwise noted. (LCS008-21) (File: C06)

This matter was recommended (Section "L") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 8/9/2021.

## **SECTION "M"**

### **21-G-214 APPLICATION TO HOST THE CANADIAN MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS, THE TIM HORTONS BRIER**

1. That an application be submitted by the City of Barrie to host the March 2023 Tim Hortons Brier, Canadian Men's Curling Championship to be held over a 10-day period, on the basis of the general terms and parameters contained in Appendix "A" to Confidential Staff Report REC002-21.
2. That staff in the Recreation and Culture Services Department report back by way of a memorandum to advise Council if the City's application is successful by the end of September 2021. (REC002-21)

This matter was recommended (Section "M") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 8/9/2021.

## **ENQUIRIES**

Members of General Committee did not address any enquires to City staff.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members of General Committee did not provide any announcements.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 p.m.

CHAIRMAN