



# City of Barrie

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## Final General Committee

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Monday, November 1, 2021

7:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual Meeting

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### GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

#### For consideration by Barrie City Council on November 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, J. Lehman 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:**

Acting General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, M. Banfield  
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse  
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke  
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard  
Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects, T. McArthur  
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  
Executive Director of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid  
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine  
Manager of Business Planning and Budget, J. Kuehl  
Manager of Corporate Asset Management, K. Oakley  
Manager of Parks and Forestry Operations, K. Rankin  
Manager of Recreation, S. Young

Senior Manager, Corporate Finance Investments, C. Gillespie  
Service Desk Generalist, K. Kovacs  
Supervisor of Development Charges, M. Villeneuve.

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

### **SECTION "A"**

#### **21-G-245      REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE DATED OCTOBER 19, 2021**

The Report of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee dated October 19, 2021 was received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 11/8/2021.

#### **21-G-246      REPORT OF THE CITY BUILDING COMMITTEE DATED OCTOBER 26, 2021**

The Report of the City Building Committee dated October 26, 2021 was received.

This matter was recommended for receipt (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption/receipt at its meeting to be held on 11/8/2021.

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

### **SECTION "B"**

#### **21-G-247      WATER SERVICE REPAIR - 352 YONGE STREET**

1. That staff in Infrastructure Department work with the owners of 352 Yonge Street to identify lower cost options to repair the water service leak.
2. That staff in the Finance Department permit the property owners of 352 Yonge Street to enter into an interest free payment plan for costs of the water service repairs.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/8/2021.

**21-G-248 REGULATORY MATTERS BY-LAW 2010-036 EXEMPTION TO PERMIT AN INDOOR GUN RANGE**

That staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department be directed to work with the proponent, the Chief Firearms Office of Ontario, and the Barrie Police Service to identify applicable regulations, the potential amendments to City of Barrie by-laws that would be required to provide an exemption to allow for an indoor gun range on King Street, and any sensitive uses within 500 metres of the proposed location and prepare a mailout to all affected businesses on King Street seeking feedback on the application with any costs associated to the mailout be the responsibility of the proponent and report back to General Committee.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/8/2021.

**21-G-249 CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON HURONIA ROAD**

That staff in the Development Services, Infrastructure, and Operations Departments investigate the feasibility of lowering the speed limit on Huronia Road, between Little Avenue and Big Bay Point Road, from 60km/hr to 50km/hr, and opportunities in consideration of the future plan capital works that would be cost effective to enhance active transportation safety for cyclists and pedestrians and including, but not limited to, enhance shoulders and line painting, and report back to the Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/8/2021.

**21-G-250 INVESTIGATION - ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNER**

That staff in the Development Services Department investigate the feasibility of creating of an Active Transportation Planner position to assist with the City's active transportation initiatives and report back to the Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/8/2021.

**21-G-251 COST RECOVERY FOR WATER AND SANITARY SERVICING (ONTARIO REG 586/06 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT CHARGES) FOR PROJECT - EN 1097 MAPLEVIEW DRIVE EAST (MADELAINE DRIVE TO YONGE STREET) (WARD 9)**

1. That a by-law be prepared to authorize the recovery of capital costs for the installation of water and sanitary servicing of unserved properties on Mapleview Drive East between Madelaine Drive and Yonge Street, as outlined in Staff Report INF008-21 and as provided for under Ontario Regulation 586/06 of Local Improvement Charges (previously Section 326 of the *Municipal Act*).

2. That property owners be provided the option to pay the water charges over a 10-year period, interest free.
3. That property owners be provided the option to pay the sanitary charges over a 10-year period, with interest and that the interest cost be based upon the City's weighted average cost of capital at the time of completion of the works. (INF008-21) (T08-MAP)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/8/2021.

**21-G-252 INVESTIGATION - NO STOPPING ANYTIME - MAPLETON AVENUE**

That staff in the Development Services Department investigate the feasibility of implementing "No Stopping Anytime" on Mapleton Avenue between Ardagh Road and Batteau Street/Silvercreek Crescent. (Item for Discussion 8.1, November 1, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/8/2021.

**21-G-253 INVITATION FOR PRESENTATION - YMCA - POTENTIAL PLANS FOR NEW YMCA**

That representative(s) of the YMCA be invited to provide a presentation to City Council concerning potential plans for a new YMCA at H-Block in Downtown Barrie. (Item for Discussion 8.2, November 1, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/8/2021.

**21-G-254 TOXIC DRUG CRISIS**

**WHEREAS** the toxic drug crisis is one of the largest public health emergencies of our lifetime, with a death on average every two hours and a death toll of 21,174 in the past five years alone (January 2016 to December 2020); and

**WHEREAS** other countries have significantly reduced drug-related fatalities with reforms such as legal regulation of illicit drugs to ensure safe supply and decriminalization for personal use; and

**WHEREAS** the federal government has indicated it is premature to discuss these measures until there are comprehensive supports for people to get well; and

**WHEREAS** supports are needed, but measures that save lives are essential if people are to survive and access supports; and

**WHEREAS** the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police has stated that they agree the evidence suggests "decriminalization for simple possession as an effective way to reduce the public health and public safety harms associated with substance use", causing the government to indicate that it is now "deliberating" over decriminalization; and

**WHEREAS** the overdose crisis rages, showing few signs of abating; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2020, Moms Stop the Harm asked municipalities and Indigenous communities across the country for their assistance in ending the toxic drug crisis and the toll it is taking on our communities.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the Government of Canada declare the overdose crisis a national public health emergency so that it is taken seriously and funded appropriately
2. That the Government of Canada immediately seek input from the people most affected by this crisis including municipalities and meet with provinces and territories to develop a comprehensive, pan-Canadian overdose action plan, which includes comprehensive supports and full consideration of reforms that other countries have used to significantly reduce drug-related fatalities and stigma, such as legal regulation of illicit drugs to ensure safe supply of pharmaceutical alternatives to toxic street drugs, and decriminalization for personal use. (Item for Discussion 8.3, November 1, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/8/2021.

**21-G-255**

**COVID-19 IMMUNIZATION CLINICS - YOUTH UNDER 12**

1. That the General Manager of Community and Corporate Services be authorized to negotiate with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit for the utilization of meeting/pre-school/community room spaces within Community Centres as potential immunization clinic locations for youth under 12, subject to the satisfaction of the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Legal Services.
2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute any documents that may be required. (Item for Discussion 8.5, November 1, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/8/2021.

**21-G-256 APPLICATION TO FCM GREEN FUNDS PROGRAM OR MaRS DISCOVERY DISTRICT - MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT FUND**

That in the event of a successful application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Green Funds program or MaRS Discovery District securing funding for the feasibility study, the City of Barrie contribute \$22,500 toward the feasibility study for a Municipal Infrastructure Investment Fund, funded by \$5,000 from the Mayor's Office existing budget, and \$17,500 from the Reinvestment Reserve. (Item for Discussion 8.4, November 1, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/8/2021.

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

**SECTION "C"**

**21-G-257 NOISE BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT**

1. That the Barrie Police Services Board be requested to review opportunities to enhance the Barrie Police Service (BPS) response to noise that is disruptive to others and especially motor vehicle noise and provide a memorandum back to City Council outlining the results of the review.
2. That the Barrie Police Service be requested to provide information regarding the outcome of the noisy vehicle blitz over the summer and the approach of the Citizen's on Patrol Program. (21-G-195 and 20-G-202)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/8/2021.

General Committee recessed from 8:38 p.m. to 8:46 p.m.

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

## **SECTION "D"**

### **21-G-258      LONG    RANGE    FINANCIAL    PLAN    AND    FINANCIAL    POLICY FRAMEWORK UPDATE**

1.      That a special General Committee be scheduled, for the purpose of:
  - a)      Reviewing the capital plan to present a list of recommended project that total \$300 million or more that can be postponed until after 2029;
  - b)      Allocation of the Barrie Hydro Holdings Inc. (BHHI) dividend; and
  - c)      Conditions to speed up development.
  
2.      That motion 21-G-258 concerning the Long Range Financial Plan and Financial Policy Framework Update, be referred to the November 20, 2021 special General Committee meeting for further consideration. (FIN018-21) (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/8/2021.

## **SECTION "E"**

### **21-G-259      PRIVATE TREE BY-LAW REVIEW**

That staff in the Operations Department prepare an Intake Form for the 2022 Business Plan in the amount of \$50,000 to conduct a comprehensive investigation of the City's Private Tree By-law 2002-012 as directed by Council motions 21-G-210 and 21-G-229. (OPR002-21)

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/8/2021.

## **ENQUIRIES**

Members of General Committee addressed enquires to City staff and received responses.

Pursuant to Section 2(18) of Procedural By-law 2019-100, the Committee adopted a procedural motion at 10:58 p.m. in order to extend the meeting past 11:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members of General provided announcements concerning a number of matters.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

CHAIRMAN