



City of Barrie

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Final General Committee

Monday, November 15, 2021

7:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual Meeting

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by Barrie City Council on November 22, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, J. Lehman 7:01 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 10 - Mayor, J. Lehman
Deputy Mayor, B. Ward
Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, A. Kungl
Councillor, R. Thomson
Councillor, N. Harris
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, M. McCann

Absent: 1 - Councillor, K. Aylwin

STAFF:

Acting General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Araniyasundaran
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 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 Internal Audit, S. MacGregor
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
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine

Manager of Corporate Asset Management, K. Oakley
Senior Manager of Accounting and Revenue, C. Smith
Senior Manager, Corporate Finance Investments, C. Gillespie
Senior Project Manager, Transportation Planning, B. Gratrix
Service Desk Generalist, K. Kovacs.

Mayor, J. Lehman announced that Bala Araniyasundaran, Director of Infrastructure will be taking on a new role at the City as the General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management effective November 22, 2021. He provided a brief background on Bala's 33 years of progressive experience in the public sector and consulting industry and in delivering complex projects with expertise in water and wastewater operations, business development and leading multi-disciplinary teams.

Mayor Lehman acknowledged that Bala's experience and leadership, playing a key role to the City's significant growth and development and congratulated him on his new role at the City.

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-261 SUNNIDALE ROAD OVERPASS (WARDS 2 AND 4)

That Staff Report DEV022-21 be received for information purposes in response to motion 21-G-230 requiring staff to investigate enhanced active transportation infrastructure on the Sunnidale Road Overpass. (DEV022-21) (File: D00)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/22/2021.

21-G-262 BARRIE ARTS AND CULTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM - 2022 PROGRAM - (IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS - CULTURAL GRANT PROGRAM REVIEW)

1. That the new Arts and Cultural Investment Program Guidelines attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report ECD011-21 for the 2022 Program year and to replace the existing Cultural Grant Program, be approved.
2. That the amount of \$80,000 be added to the 2022 Operating Budget in the Economic and Creative Development Department for the Arts and Cultural Investment Program related to one-time pandemic recovery assistance, to be funded from the Reinvestment Reserve. (ECD011-21) (P46/21)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/22/2021.

21-G-263 INVESTIGATION FOR NO PARKING ANYTIME ON GOLFDAL ROAD (WARD 4)

That staff in the Development Services Department investigate the feasibility of implementing "No Parking Anytime" on Golfdale Road between Coulter Street and Glenwood Drive and report back to General Committee. (Item for Discussion 8.2, November 15, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/22/2021.

SECTION "B"

21-G-264 SUPPORT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH HOLLAND MARSH POLDER PHOSPHORUS RECYCLING FACILITY

WHEREAS the Holland Marsh Polder Phosphorus Recycling Facility is a proposed \$40 million capital project by York Region; and

WHEREAS the Facility will reduce phosphorous runoff into the Holland River and Lake Simcoe and thereby protect the Lake's watershed from algae growth, resulting in better protection for the region's aquatic habitats, increased ecosystem biodiversity and protection of drinking water sources; and

WHEREAS the federal government has announced funding of up to \$16 million for the Facility and York Region funding of up to \$25 million as part of their broader "Upper York Sewage Solution" plan; and

WHEREAS the June announcement and introduction of the *York Sewage Wastewater Act* by the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, which, if passed, "would put on hold the Environmental Assessment application for the Upper York Sewage" scheme;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the City of Barrie express support towards York Region, the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to work collaboratively to move the Holland Marsh Polder Phosphorous Recycling Facility forward notwithstanding the "paused" status of the broader Upper York Sewage scheme, including proceeding to an Environmental Assessment for the Facility commencing in 2021.
2. That the City of Barrie request the Province of Ontario to support the funding of the Holland Marsh Polder Phosphorous Recycling Facility's construction.
3. That the Mayor send a letter outlining the above to the Federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities; the Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Lake Simcoe-area MPPs and MPs; York Region, Oro-Medonte, Innisfil, King Township, East Gwillimbury and local Councils and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority. (Item for Discussion 8.1, November 15, 2021)

Councillor, G. Harvey declared a potential pecuniary interest in the foregoing matter as he is employed by the Regional Municipality of York. He rolled his chair back from the Council Table. He did not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/22/2021.

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

SECTION "C"

21-G-265 HURRICANE STRAPS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO HOMEOWNERS AFFECTED BY THE 2021 BARRIE TORNADO

1. That financial assistance be provided to affected homeowners of the July 15, 2021 tornado area by:
 - a) Continuing to waive fixed water and wastewater billing charges until such time as water is being used; and
 - b) Waiving late charges on unpaid 2021 final property tax amounts until January 1, 2022.

2. That staff in the Building Department include options to require new homebuilders to install hurricane straps as part of their memorandum detailing changes to the Ontario Building Code. (FIN017-21) (File: F00) (P53/21)

This matter was recommended for adoption (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/22/2021.

The General Committee reports that upon adoption of the required procedural motion it met in closed session at 8:28 p.m. to discuss the content of confidential Staff Report LCS010-21 concerning a confidential personal information matter - Appointment to the Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee.

Members of General Committee (with the exception of Councillor, K. Aylwin) (Councillor, M. McCann joined at 8:33 p.m.), the Chief Administrative Officer, City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, Director of Finance/Treasurer, Director of Information Technology, Director of Legal Services, Executive Director of Access Barrie, General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management (Acting), Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects and Service Desk Generalist 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 "D"

21-G-266 CONFIDENTIAL PERSONAL INFORMATION MATTER - APPOINTMENTS TO ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

That motion 21-G-166 contained within the confidential notes to the General Committee Report dated November 15, 2021 concerning the discussion of Staff Report LCS010-21 regarding a confidential personal information matter - Appointment(s) to the Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee, be received. (LCS010-21) (File: C06)

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 11/22/2021.

Upon adoption of the require procedural motion, General Committee moved in open session at 8:51 p.m.

Mayor Lehman provided a brief overview of the nature of the closed session noting that General Committee met and discussed a Staff Report concerning a confidential personal information matter - Appointments to the Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee. 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 recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "E"

21-G-267 APPOINTMENT(S) TO THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

That Hannah Bregman and Laurel Hoffarth be appointed to the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee for a term of office to expire to November 14, 2022. (LCS010-21) (File: C06)

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/22/2021.

ENQUIRIES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of General Committee provided announcements concerning a number of matters.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

CHAIRMAN