



# City of Barrie

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## Final General Committee

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Monday, January 10, 2022

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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### GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT For consideration by Barrie City Council on January 17, 2022.

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  
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke  
Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects, T. McArthur  
Corporate Sponsorship Coordinator, K. Breedon  
Deputy City Clerk, M. Williams  
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 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, B. Araniyasundaran

Manager of Corporate Asset Management, K. Oakley  
Manager of Legal Services, A. Mills  
Service Desk Generalist, K. Kovacs.

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

## **SECTION "A"**

### **22-G-001 ICE ALLOCATION POLICY - 5 YEAR REVIEW**

That the revised Ice Allocation Policy attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report REC001-22, governing the equitable assignment and management of indoor ice within City of Barrie owned facilities, be approved and implemented for the 2022/2023 ice allocation season commencing on September 1, 2022. (REC001-22) (File: R06)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 1/17/2022.

### **22-G-002 INVITATION TO PRESENT - COUNTY OF SIMCOE**

That the County of Simcoe be invited to provide a presentation to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee concerning an overview of the services provided by the County, the role of other levels of government, any legislative context for the services, how the services are funded by the Province and the Agreement parties, and a discussion of future related to these services and funding. (Item for Discussion 8.1, January 10, 2022)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 1/17/2022.

### **22-G-003 REVIEW OPTIONS FOR DELIVERY OF LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES**

That staff to review options available for the delivery of Long Term Care facilities for Barrie and report back to General Committee. (Item for Discussion 8.2, January 10, 2022)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 1/17/2022.

**22-G-004 REINSTATING PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTS SUPPORTING LOCAL RESTAURANTS - PARKING TICKETS**

That the Program for Residents Supporting local restaurants approved in Council motion 21-A-045 be reinstated for persons receiving a ticket in paid parking areas for any period that restaurants are closed for in-person dining and restricted to take-out only due to COVID-19 mandates in 2022. (Item for Discussion 8.4, January 10, 2022)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 1/17/2022.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

**SECTION "B"**

**22-G-005 PRESENTATION CONCERNING A HOUSING AFFORDABILITY TASK FORCE UPDATE**

Mayor, J. Lehman, Chair, Ray Duhamel and Andy Thomson, members of the Housing Affordability Task Force provided presentation concerning the Task Force Work Plan and recommendations moving forward towards housing affordability in the City.

Mayor Lehman, Mr. Duhamel and Mr. Thomson discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An overview of affordable housing versus housing affordability;
- The problem statement and members of the Task Force;
- The scale of the problem for housing affordability by simple math;
- Breaking down the problems, the need for investment in supportive housing, new policies/programs for affordable rental markets, and high cost of home ownership;
- The focus on two key issues; land availability and funding for supportive and subsidized housing;
- Recommendations for housing on institutionally and commercially zoned sites;
- A map and aerial photograph illustrating commercially zoned and sample sites;
- The Task Force recommendations:
  - To reduce parking requirements;
  - Dedicated City resources;
  - Develop innovative building practices and establish monitoring review team;
  - Tiny homes and innovative design;

- Parcels for community partnership;
  - Community benefits charges and housing in-lieu;
  - Supportive housing;
  - Immediately fund supportive housing and develop targets and agreement with the County of Simcoe for new social/supportive units;
  - Organize a philanthropy summit for supportive housing and social service projects; and
  - Explore innovative housing partners models i.e., Community Land Trust.
- Ideas and future work housing affordability.

In conclusion, Mayor Lehman thanked Council, City staff, members of the Task Force, and volunteers for their efforts, collaborations, and support to making affordable housing a priority for the City of Barrie.

Members of General Committee asked a number of questions to Mayor Lehman, Mr. Duhamel and Mr. Thomson and received responses.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 1/17/2022.

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

### **SECTION "C"**

#### **22-G-006**

#### **HOLLY COMMUNITY CENTRE NAMING RIGHTS**

1. That the Executive Director of Access Barrie be authorized to execute an 8-year Naming Rights Agreement with The Peggy Hill Team, in a form acceptable to the Director of Legal Services for the Holly Community Centre located at 171 Mapleton Avenue for an amount not less than \$640,000 to be paid in yearly instalments of \$80,000 over 8 years of the agreement commencing March 1, 2022 and ending February 28, 2030.
2. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to adjust the start or end dates of the Naming Rights Agreement with The Peggy Hill Team to reflect a time period associated with an extended closure, three months or greater, of the entire facility in a form acceptable to the Executive Director of Access Barrie.
3. That the new name of the Holly Community Centre be the "Peggy Hill Team Community Centre" and be included in the 8-year Naming Rights Agreement.

4. That the first year's instalment is to be paid upon acceptance of this agreement of the naming rights and be used towards the fabrication and installation of the new signage and Naming Right Benefits.
5. That the Heritage Barrie Committee be consulted on the development of an installation at the Community Centre to showcase the history of the Holly Community. (ACC001-22)

**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*, she 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 1/17/2022.

## **SECTION "D"**

### **22-G-007**

#### **HOUSING AFFORDABILITY TASK FORCE**

1. That the recommendations of the Housing Affordability Task Force Report dated January 10, 2022 be supported in principle.
2. That staff in the Development Services and Building Departments, and Mayor's Office report back to General Committee by February 14, 2022 via memo with intended timelines and resource requests associated with implementing the Housing Affordability Task Force recommendations, if any.
3. That staff in the Development Services Department be authorized to apply to the Federal Housing Accelerator Fund or any other funding opportunities for a grant to resource and support the recommendations within the Housing Affordability Task Force Report dated January 10, 2022, as soon as possible.
4. That the Housing Affordability Task Force recommendation to hire a dedicated position in the Development Services Department to expand and oversee all housing affordability initiatives be actioned immediately, with funding for the position to be provided from the Reinvestment Reserve if grant funding is not received.
5. That the Housing Affordability Task Force recommendation to allocate funding from the Reinvestment Reserve to a new Supportive Housing Fund in 2022 and potential supportive housing projects be subject to an in-camera Council discussion concerning potential supportive housing projects, to be scheduled on or before January

- 31, 2022, and conditional as well on support from the County of Simcoe.
6. That, in the interest of creating more subsidized housing in the City of Barrie, the County of Simcoe be requested to examine the potential for increased density for the proposed Simcoe County Housing Corporation (SCHC) project at the former OPP Station site at Rose Street/Highway 400.
  7. That a one-time grant of \$20,000 funded from the Reinvestment Reserve be provided to the County of Simcoe through the John Howard Society of Simcoe Muskoka to fund additional overnight warming capacity in the City of Barrie, and that the County of Simcoe be requested to match this funding.
  8. That the City open a warming only facility, when an extreme cold weather alert is issued by Environment Canada or the temperature or wind chill is expected to reach -20°C for at least two (2) hours. (Item for Discussion 8.3, January 10, 2022)

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 1/17/2022.

#### **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 10:16 p.m.

CHAIRMAN