



# City of Barrie

70 Collier Street  
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## Final General Committee

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Monday, April 25, 2022

7:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual Meeting

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### GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

**For consideration by Barrie City Council on May 2, 2022.**

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor, B. Ward at 7:01 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

- Present:** 10 - 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
- Absent:** 1 - Mayor, J. Lehman

#### STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse  
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke  
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard  
Deputy City Clerk, M. Williams  
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, S. Diemart  
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, B. Araniyasundaran  
Manager of Business Planning and Budget, J. Kuehl  
Manager of Taxation and Revenue, K. Jylha

Senior Manager of Accounting and Revenue, C. Smith  
Senior Manager, Corporate Finance Investments, C. Gillespie  
Service Desk Generalist, K. Kovacs  
Supervisor of Development Services, M. Villeneuve.

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

### **SECTION "A"**

#### **22-G-076 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE DATED APRIL 5, 2022.**

The Report of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee dated April 5, 2022, was received.

This matter was recommended for receipt (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 5/2/2022.

#### **22-G-077 REPORT OF THE CITY BUILDING COMMITTEE DATED APRIL 12, 2022.**

The Report of the City Building Committee dated April 12, 2022, was received.

This matter was recommended for receipt (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 5/2/2022.

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

### **SECTION "B"**

#### **22-G-078 INVESTIGATE CITY PROCEDURES AND POLICIES TO ENCOURAGE GREATER DIVERSITY ON CITY COMMITTEES**

That staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department, in consultation with the Anti-Racism Task Force, revise the Discretionary Committee application procedures and policies to encourage and recruit a greater diversity of membership on City committees 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 5/2/2022.

**22-G-079 PARTICIPATION IN THE "IT STARTS WITH ME" INITIATIVE**

That staff in Access Barrie, in consultation with the Anti-Racism Task Force and the County of Simcoe, investigate opportunities for the City of Barrie to participate in the "It Starts with Me" initiative 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 5/2/2022.

**22-G-080 NOMINATING A SENIOR OF THE YEAR**

That the following matter be referred to the next Spirit Catcher Committee meeting:

"That staff in the Legislative and Court Services, in consultation with the Seniors Advisory Committee, establish an award in recognition of seniors and be included as part of the Annual Spirit Catcher Award."

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/2/2022.

**22-G-081 MUNICIPAL HERITAGE REGISTER - 56 WILLIAM STREET**

That the property known municipally as 56 William Street be added to the Municipal Heritage Register as a listed property.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/2/2022.

**22-G-082 HERITAGE DESIGNATION 125 TO 127 DUNLOP STREET EAST**

1. That the Heritage Evaluation Report prepared by Su Murdoch Consulting Services dated December, 2021 has been evaluated by the Heritage Barrie Committee at their meeting dated March 9, 2022 and deemed to demonstrate that 125 to 127 Dunlop Street East is of heritage value or interest to the community.
2. That consent be granted in accordance with Section 29 (1.1) *Ontario Heritage Act* to proceed with the issuance of the Notice of the Intention to designate 125 to 127 Dunlop Street East.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/2/2022.

**22-G-083****2021 BUDGET AND BUSINESS PLAN YEAR-END REPORT**

1. That Staff Report EMT001-22 concerning the 2021 Budget and Business Plan Year-End Report be received.

**Safe Restart**

2. That \$1,406,509 of Safe Restart Funding (Municipal Operations) be used in 2021 in addition to the budgeted \$1,322,000 of Safe Restart Funding to offset COVID-19 pressures related to expenses and lost revenues associated with Tax Rate supported services.
3. That \$1,044,533 of Safe Restart Funding (Municipal Operations) be used in 2021 to offset COVID-19 pressures related to expenses and lost revenues associated with Parking Services.
4. That \$270,010 of Safe Restart Funding (Municipal Operations) be used in 2021 to offset COVID-19 pressures related to lost revenue in Wastewater Services as a result of freezing the rates at 2020 levels.
5. That \$1,958,872 of Safe Restart Funding (Transit) be used in 2021 to offset COVID-19 pressures related to expenses and lost revenues associated with Transit services, and that the equivalent draw from the Provincial Gas Tax Reserve be eliminated in 2021 in order to support the reserve balance for ongoing Transit pressures in 2022.

**Reserve Transfers**

6. That after the tax related Safe Restart funding allocations, and the following list of adjustments, the remaining Tax Rate surplus of \$579,862 be allocated 70% to the Tax Capital Reserve and 30% to the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve in accordance with the City's Financial Policies:
  - a) \$1,886,627 be transferred to the County of Simcoe Capital Reserve to support future capital requirements;
  - b) \$800,000 be transferred to the WSIB Reserve to fund anticipated 2022 expenses;
  - c) \$356,379 be transferred to the Fleet Management Reserve related to capital gains on sale of fleet vehicles;
  - d) \$350,000 be transferred to the Tax Capital Reserve for leasehold improvements of the Holly Library;
  - e) \$225,000 be transferred to the Tourism Reserve to offset diminished revenue throughout 2021;

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- f) \$400,000 be transferred from the DC Discounts Reserve to offset impact of DC Discounts; and
  - g) \$150,000 be transferred from the Legal Reserve to cover increased expenses for summary judgement hearing preparation.
- 7. That the Water Rate surplus of \$1,153,401 be allocated 70% to the Water Capital Reserve and 30% to the Water Rate Stabilization Reserve in accordance with the City's Financial Policies.
  - 8. That after the wastewater related Safe Restart funding allocations, the Wastewater Rate surplus of \$732,017 be allocated 70% to the Wastewater Capital Reserve and 30% to the Wastewater Rate Stabilization Reserve in accordance with the City's Financial Policies.
  - 9. That after the parking related Safe Restart funding allocations, the Parking Rate surplus of \$887,504 be allocated to the Parking Capital Reserve.
  - 10. That a new capital project be created for Holly Library Leasehold Improvements with a budget of \$350,000 funded from the Tax Capital Reserve.

**Other**

- 11. 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.
- 12. That \$2,921,754 in discretionary Development Charge discounts and exemptions granted during the year be recovered from the related rates as follows:
  - a) \$2,033,239 from the 2021 year-end Tax supported operating results;
  - b) \$301,489 from the 2021 year-end Water Rate operating results; and
  - c) \$587,026 from the 2021 year-end Wastewater Rate operating results.

(EMT001-22) (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/2/2022.

**22-G-084      2021 YEAR END DEVELOPMENT CHARGE REPORTS AND TREASURER'S STATEMENT**

That the following 2021 Annual Development Charge Statements be received:

- a) Annual Treasurer's Development Charge Reserve Fund Statement attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report FIN001-22;
- b) Municipal Development Charge Reserve Fund Statement with Project Activity attached as Appendix "B" to Staff Report FIN001-22;
- c) Listing of Section 13 Credits attached as Appendix "C" to Staff Report FIN001-22 owing where a front ending agreement existed prior to the first City by-law under the *Development Charges Act, 1997*; and
- d) Listing of Section 38 Credits attached as Appendix "D" of Staff Report FIN001-22 owing where a front ending agreement exists subsequent to the first City by-law under the *Development Charges Act, 1997*. (FIN001-22) (File: F21A)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/2/2022.

**22-G-085      2021 YEAR END CASH IN LIEU OF PARKLAND REPORT AND TREASURER'S STATEMENT**

That the following 2021 Annual Cash in Lieu of Parkland Statements be received:

- a) Cash in Lieu of Parkland Reserve Fund Statement attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report FIN002-22; and
- b) Cash in Lieu of Parkland Project Activity attached as Appendix "B" to Staff Report FIN002-22. (FIN002-22) (File: F20)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/2/2022.

**22-G-086      2022 TAX RATIOS AND CAPPING POLICIES**

1. That the tax ratios for the 2022 taxation year be established as follows:

a)	Residential/farm property class	1.000000
b)	New Multi-residential	1.000000
c)	Multi-residential	1.000000
d)	Commercial Occupied	1.433126
e)	Industrial Occupied	1.516328
f)	Pipelines	1.103939
g)	Farmlands	0.250000
h)	Managed forest	0.250000

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- i) Landfills 1.067122
2. That the capping phase-out option for the commercial class be discontinued as there are no properties remaining within the capping parameters.
3. That two sub-classes for Farmland Awaiting Development be maintained in each of the multi-residential, commercial, and industrial property classes at the following discounts:
- a) Phase I - 25% discount from the residential tax rate; and,
- b) Phase II - 0% discount from the applicable property class tax rate.
4. That the City of Barrie (City) continue with its existing Rebates for Charitable and Non-Profit Organizations Program providing a tax rebate at a rate of 40% of the current year's taxes applicable only to the leased space occupied by the organization and that the eligible organizations continue to submit an annual application and provide evidence of taxes paid satisfactory to the Treasurer or his/her designate.
5. That the City Clerk be authorized to prepare all necessary by-laws to establish the 2022 taxation ratios as described herein. (FIN003-22) (P59/19) (File: F22)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/2/2022.

**22-G-087      SOUTHSHORE COMMUNITY CENTRE FACILITY USER AGREEMENT RENEWAL**

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a renewed Southshore Community Centre Facility Use Agreement with the Barrie Canoe and Kayak Club, the Barrie Rowing Club, the Rotary Club of Barrie, and the Rotary Club of Barrie-Hurononia, subject to the agreement conforming to the following.

- a) The term of the agreement shall be for a period commencing on the 1st day of May 2022 and ending on the 31st day of December 2026, with an option to extend for an additional five (5) years, subject to such rights of renewal as may be set out in the agreement.
- b) The Barrie Rowing Club and Barrie Canoe and Kayak Club shall continue to enjoy the exclusive use of the lower level of the Southshore Community Centre;
- c) The Rotary Club of Barrie-Hurononia and the Rotary Club of Barrie shall continue to be provided with right-of-first-refusal to book the Community Hall at the Southshore Community Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays respectively, for the purpose of holding their weekly lunch hour meetings;

- d) The Community Partners shall be responsible for funding facility improvements, as follows:
  - i) The Rotary Clubs shall fund facility technological improvements focused on enhanced internet connectivity with a value between \$40,000 to \$50,000; and
  - ii) The Rowing and Canoe Clubs shall fund facility repairs with a value between \$8,000 and \$10,000.
- e) The rental rates paid by the Barrie Rowing Club to the City shall be inclusive of all occupancy costs including electricity, water, and natural gas in the amount of \$1,110 per annum payable by January 1st of each year of the term, with the fee subject to an annual increase based on the consumer price index (CPI).
- f) The rental rates paid by the Barrie Canoe & Kayak Club, shall be paid to the City which shall be inclusive of all occupancy costs including electricity, water, and natural gas in the amount of \$1,110 per annum payable by January 1st of each year of the term, with the fee subject to an annual increase based on the consumer price index (CPI); and
- g) The agreement contains any other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the General Manager of Community & Corporate Services, and the form of the agreement shall be prepared to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services. (REC004-22) (File: R05)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/2/2022.

**22-G-088**

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY - COLLIER STREET AND BAYFIELD STREET INTERSECTION**

That staff in the Development Services Department investigate pedestrian and cyclist safety and possible signaled crossings at the intersection of Collier Street and Bayfield Street and report back to General Committee. (Item for Discussion 8.1, April 25, 2022)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/2/2022.



**22-G-089**      **BEING AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONTROLLED DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES ACT AND TO ENACT THE EXPUNGEMENT OF CERTAIN DRUG-RELATED CONVICTIONS ACT AND THE NATIONAL STRATEGY ON SUBSTANCE USE ACT.**

That correspondence be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Dr. Carolyn Bennett in support of Private Member's Bill C-216, being "An Act to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and to enact the Expungement of Certain Drug-related Convictions Act and the National Strategy on Substance Use Act. (Item for Discussion 8.3, April 25, 2022)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/2/2022.

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

**SECTION "C"**

**22-G-090**      **BIKE THE NIGHT**

That staff in Access Barrie work with the Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee to produce promotional materials for the Bike the Night event, including printed material and social media assets, with a budget of \$2000.00 to be funded by an internal transfer from Councillor Aylwin's expense budget.

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/2/2022.

**SECTION "D"**

**22-G-091**      **MUNICIPAL NAMES REGISTRY - ADDITIONAL NAMES**

1. That the following proposed names, as identified in Appendix "A" to Staff Report DEV010-22, be approved and added to the City's Municipal Names Registry:
  - a) Kenyon
  - b) McPhee
  - c) Woolvett
  
2. That staff in the Development Services Department give consideration to adding the names of the Barrie Flyer's players identified in the correspondence dated March 30, 2022 to Councillor

Kungl from C. Gariepy and A. Gariepy to the Street Name Listing and report back to General Committee. (DEV010-22)

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/2/2022.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

## **SECTION "E"**

### **22-G-092 JONATHAN COURT CATWALK**

The Committee met and discussed the Item for Discussion concerning the Jonathan Court Catwalk:

"That staff in the Operations Department investigate the feasibility of closing the access to the catwalk from Jonathan Court to Davidson Street due to ongoing safety issues and report back to General Committee before summer recess.(Item for Discussion 8.2, April 25, 2022)"

A vote was taken and the motion LOST. The Committee provided no further direction with respect to the Item for Discussion concerning the Jonathan Court Catwalk.

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 5/2/2022.

## **ENQUIRIES**

A member of General Committee addressed an enquiry to City staff and received a response.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

CHAIRMAN