



City of Barrie

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Final General Committee

Monday, May 30, 2022

7:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual Meeting

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by Barrie City Council on June 6, 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 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, S. Diemart
Director of Recreation and Culture Services, R. Bell
Director of Transit and Parking Strategy, B. Forsyth
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 Business Planning and Budget, J. Kuehl
Manager of Corporate Asset Management, K. Oakley
Manager of Taxation and Revenue, K. Jeylan
Senior Manager of Accounting and Revenue, C. Smith
Senior Manager, Corporate Finance Investments, C. Gillespie
Supervisor of Revenue, F. Ferreira
Service Desk Generalist, K. Kovacs
Service Desk Generalist, B. Manwell.

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-109 DOWNTOWN BARRIE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (BIA) GOVERNANCE BY-LAW AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

1. That the City Clerk be authorized to present the draft by-law attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report CCS004-22 concerning Downtown Barrie Business Association (BIA) governance, to City Council for consideration.
2. That the BIA Board of Management be directed to provide to the City Clerk by the end of Q2 2022, the following mandatory governance documents that include the minimum provisions as identified in Staff Report CCS004-22:
 - a) A procedural by-law/constitution pursuant to Subsection 238(2) and 238(2.1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as set out in Schedule 1 of Appendix "A" to Staff Report CCS004-22;
 - b) Policies pursuant to Subsection 270 (2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* with respect to sale and other disposition of land, hiring of employees and procurement of goods and services, as set out in Appendix "A" to Staff Report CCS004-22;
 - c) A records retention and disposition policy pursuant to Section 255(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* as set out in Schedule 2 of Appendix "A" to Staff Report CCS004-22; and
 - d) An election-related resources policy pursuant to Section 88.18 of the *Municipal Elections Act*, as set out in Schedule 3 of Appendix "A" to Staff Report CCS004-22.

3. That the BIA Constitution and By-laws attached as Appendix “B” to Staff Report CCS004-22 be approved.
4. That staff in the Economic and Creative Development Department develop an operational Memorandum of Understanding between the BIA and City of Barrie to be presented to General Committee for consideration, under the following principles:
 - a) Role and Services provided by the BIA - In alignment with the *Municipal Act, 2001* the improvement, beautification and maintenance of municipality owned lands within the BIA boundary not generally provided by the municipality and to promote the BIA;
 - b) Role and Services provided by the City; and
 - c) Meridian Place Programming, Special Events and Meridian Place Storage Container. (CCS004-22) (File: A01-BIA)

This matter was recommended (Section “A”) to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/6/2022.

22-G-110

HERITAGE PARK MASTER PLAN

1. That the Heritage Park Master Plan Final Report dated April 29, 2022 as prepared by SHIFT Landscape Architecture attached as Appendix “C” to Staff Report DEV012-22, be approved in principle.
2. That the Heritage Park project with an estimated total capital cost of \$11,167,292 be considered when preparing the 2023 - 2032 10-year Capital Plan including an estimate of the annual operational expenses required upon completion of the project. (DEV012-22) (File: R04-HE)

This matter was recommended (Section “A”) to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/6/2022.

22-G-111

CAPITAL PROJECT STATUS REPORT

1. The staff be authorized to close completed and cancelled projects as described in Appendix “A-1” (City Build Capital Project Status) and Appendix “A-2” (Developer Build Capital Project Status) to Staff Report FIN007-22.
2. That staff be authorized to undertake the new capital projects as identified in Appendix “B-1” (New Capital Projects) and add the funding commitments in the amount of \$5,924,468 as described in Appendix “B-2” (Summary of New Capital Projects Funding) to Staff Report FIN007-22.
3. That staff be authorized to release funding commitments in the amount of \$41,712,820 and adjust funding plans as described in Appendix “C-1” (Projects with Excess Committed Funding) and

Appendix "C-2" (Summary of Excess Committed Funding Adjustments) to Staff Report FIN007-22.

4. That staff be authorized to increase funding commitments in the amount of \$6,240,921 and adjust funding plans as described in Appendix "D-1" (Projects Requiring Additional Funding) and Appendix "D-2" (Summary of Additional Funding Adjustments) to Staff Report FIN007-22.
5. That staff be authorized to reallocate funding commitments among project phases resulting in net budget release in the amount of \$2,099,808 and adjust funding plans as described in Appendix "E-1" (Projects Reallocating Budget Among Phases) and Appendix "E-2" (Summary of Funding Adjustments for Phase Reallocation) to Staff Report FIN007-22. (FIN007-22) (File: F05)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/6/2022.

22-G-112

TEMPORARY DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. That in accordance with the City of Barrie Delegation of Powers and Duties Policy, the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) be delegated temporary authority during the period of June 28, 2022 to December 31, 2022, to undertake the following actions:
 - a) To award or accept (proceed with the purchase of goods, services, or construction from one or more selected suppliers/contractors) contracts where Section 15 of the Procurement By-law would normally apply, subject to:
 - i) The ability to manage through total budget management as appropriate; and
 - ii) The award and availability of sufficient funds is to the satisfaction of the Director of Finance/Treasurer.
 - b) To adjust capital project funding including draws from reserves when bid prices exceed the lesser of 10% or \$500,000, under the following circumstances:
 - i) The adjustment is in the best interest of The Corporation as delays would result in significant financial loss to The Corporation or the adjustment is required to fulfil an existing obligation of the City; and
 - ii) Such adjustment is to the satisfaction of the Director of Finance/Treasurer.
 - c) To authorize extensions in the period to start construction for a maximum of two years, for lands purchased from the City,

with said extension to be deemed satisfactory in consultation with the Director of Economic and Creative Development and Director of Legal Services and subject to the following:

- i) The provision of a written undertaking to commence construction within one year, and to complete construction within two years;
 - ii) That all undertakings be received within 30 days of the notification from the City of the extension, and if not received within the 30 days, the City may exercise its option to repurchase;
 - iii) If construction is not commenced or completed as granted by the extension, the owner immediately deed back the lands unencumbered to the City;
 - iv) The purchaser has demonstrated commitment and made an investment in the property to facilitate the proposed development; and
 - v) That the owner reimburses the City for administration and legal costs in the amount of \$1,400.00 per the current Fees By-law.
- d) To waive a right of repurchase for a property and remove any restrictive covenants registered on title, under the following circumstances:
- i) The purchaser has an offer to purchase the property from a business that would generate employment in the community and/or would result in the development of lands that would otherwise be vacant for an extended period of time;
 - ii) The proposed use for the property conforms to the general purpose and intent of the City's Official Plan and Zoning By-law;
 - iii) The purchaser is deemed to not be 'flipping' the property for the purpose of generating 10% profit beyond the original land sale price; and
 - iv) The terms of any agreements required are to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services and Director of Economic and Creative Development.
- e) To provide direction in regard to the conduct of litigation or potential litigation, including, without limiting the foregoing, the settlement of litigation or potential litigation where the

settlement is deemed fair and reasonable and in the best interest of The Corporation by the CAO in consultation with the appropriate General Manager and the Director of Legal Services.

- f) To approve of negotiated agreements of purchase and sale or expropriation settlements in a form satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services resulting from previous Council direction that:
 - i) Declared the property to be surplus to the City's needs; or
 - ii) Directed staff to acquire the property.
- g) To consider the report of an inquiry officer and approve or not approve a proposed expropriation or approve the proposed expropriation with such modifications as the approving authority considers proper in accordance with the provisions of the *Expropriations Act*.

2. That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute any documents that may be requisite to give effect to the actions identified above. (LCS001-22) (File: C00)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/6/2022.

22-G-113

PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON GEDDES CRESCENT

That staff in the Development Services Department investigate the feasibility of implementing parking restrictions on Geddes Crescent, especially the area of the bend on the north end, and report back to General Committee. (Item for Discussion 8.1, May 30, 2022)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/6/2022.

22-G-114**CFB BORDEN REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR THE 2022 CANADIAN ARMED FORCES DAY AND AIR SHOW**

That in response to a request from the Canadian Forces Base Borden (CFB Borden) seeking support towards the 2022 Canadian Armed Forces Day and Air Show June 18-19, 2022, the following be provided to CFB Borden:

- a) \$10,000 to be funded from the Tourism Reserve Fund; and
- b) The waiving of rental fees for their use of the Southshore Community Centre. (Item for Discussion 8.2, May 30, 2022)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/6/2022.

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

SECTION "B"**22-G-115****NEEDLE COLLECTION KIOSK PILOT PROGRAM - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- 1 That Staff Report BFES002-22 concerning the Needle Collection Kiosk Pilot Program - Additional Information, be received.
2. That the pilot program be extended for a further year, utilizing a modified version of the current kiosks, with a total estimated cost of \$22,000, to be funded from the Community Benefit Reserve. (BFES002-22) (File: S08)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/6/2022.

SECTION "C"**22-G-116****TENANT WATER BILLING**

1. That staff be directed to update the Water and Wastewater Billing By-law 2016-115 to reflect the following:
 - a) The practice of permitting property owners to redirect a property's water and wastewater bill to a residential tenant be discontinued effective November 1, 2022; and
 - b) Water accounts directed to residential tenants as of October 31, 2022, be grandfathered such that the bills will continue to be issued to the tenant(s) until the earlier of October 31, 2023, or such time as the existing tenant(s) vacates the property.
2. That staff in the Finance and Access Barrie Departments develop and implement a communication strategy to advise property owners of the changes to third-party utility billing. (FIN008-22) (File: F29)

Councillor, S. Morales declared a potential pecuniary interest in the foregoing matter as he can be financially impacted and is a landlord. He stated that he would consult with the Integrity Commissioner concerning his code obligations under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* prior to the City Council meeting on June 6, 2022. He did not participate or vote on the foregoing matter. He left the Council Chambers during discussion and voting on this matter.

Councillor, J. Harris declared a potential pecuniary interest in the foregoing matter as he can be financially impacted and is a landlord. He left the Council Chambers during discussion and voting on this matter.

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/6/2022.

SECTION "D"**22-G-117 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

1. That Standing Committee and Council meetings be moved to Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., effective for the 2022-2026 Council term, with the Procedural By-law being amended accordingly.
2. That the 2022 Council Meeting Schedule be amended to remove the Council meeting cycle in August and the second meeting cycle in September.
3. That staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department investigate the feasibility of amalgamating General Committee and Planning Committee Meetings and report back to General Committee at the beginning of the 2022-2026 Council term. (Item for Discussion 8.3, May 30, 2022)

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/6/2022.

SECTION "E"**22-G-118 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY**

That the Director of Economic and Creative Development present to Council on June 27, 2022, and provide a memorandum within 60 days, detailing the following:

- a) Expectations for economic growth and housing affordability in 2022;
- b) Business attraction/retention in 2022;
- c) Areas where businesses have asked for assistance during the 2018-2022 term;
- d) Business prospects including successes, lessons learned and potential outcomes for 2022;
- e) Barrie's competitive advantages and disadvantages provided through business feedback;
- f) Methodology that Barrie uses to build investor confidence;
- g) Number of housing units approved in 2022 and the potential number of units to be built; and

- h) Rationale to why the number of units approved are not all slated for construction. (Item for Discussion 8.4, May 30, 2022)

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/6/2022.

SECTION "F"

22-G-119

PAN HANDLING AND CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

1. That the Barrie Police Service be requested to present an implementation framework to City Council outlining how they are going to carry out their legislated responsibility to meet the objectives of the provincially-legislated City of Barrie Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, and continued collaboration efforts with all service partners to support those experiencing mental health crisis, addiction and homelessness.
2. That as part of their 2023 Budget, the Barrie Police Services Board present Council with a budget inclusive of the full complement of members required to support the Community and Safety Well-Being Plan and implementation of the Barrie Police Service Strategic Plan.
3. That correspondence be sent to the Ontario Provincial Police requesting them to continue their efforts to address the safety of the Highway 400 ramps.
4. That correspondence be sent to the Provincial Government and local MPPs requesting them to make increased investment in resourcing social service agencies and continuing to collaborate on the important work of improving discharge planning from provincial institutions, such as hospitals, correctional institutions, and mental health facilities a priority.
5. That correspondence be sent to the Federal and Provincial Governments requesting them to make significant investments in housing for low income individuals and families to address the current housing and homelessness crisis.
6. That correspondence be sent to local MPPs, the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, and the Premier in support of immediately raising Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) social assistance rates above the poverty line.
7. That staff investigate the feasibility of a pilot program to retain outreach workers and/or social workers and consult with the Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness (Barrie Chapter) to assist people experiencing homelessness and living in poverty to connect to services and to act as a resource for downtown residents and

businesses and report back to General Committee. (Item for Discussion 8.5, May 30, 2022)

Councillor, G. Harvey declared that to remain in compliance with his statutory obligations under Section 17(3) of the *Police Services Act* he was unable to participate in the discussions or vote on the foregoing matter. He left the Council Chambers.

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/6/2022.

ENQUIRIES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of General provided announcements concerning a number of matters.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

CHAIRMAN