



City of Barrie

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Final City Council

Monday, June 6, 2022

7:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual Meeting

CALLING TO ORDER BY THE DEPUTY CITY CLERK, MEGAN WILLIAMS

The meeting was called to order by the Deputy City Clerk 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.M. 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
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard
Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects, T. McArthur
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 Infrastructure, S. Diemart
Director of Operations, D. Friary
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 Taxation and Revenue, K. Jylha
Senior Manager of Accounting and Revenue, C. Smith
Senior Manager of Corporate Finance Investments, C. Gillespie

Service Desk Generalist, K. Kovacs
Supervisor of Revenue, F. Ferreira.

PLAYING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was played.

READING OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mayor J. Lehman read the Land Acknowledgement

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

22-A-059 The Minutes of the City Council meeting held on May 16, 2022 were adopted as printed and circulated.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

22-A-060 **RECOGNITION OF THE MAPLE RIDGE SECONDARY SCHOOL JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2022 JUNIOR GIRLS AAA GEORGIAN BAY SECONDARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (GBSSA) VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.**

Mayor, J. Lehman congratulated the Maple Ridge Secondary School Junior Girls Volleyball Team on a successful season. Mayor Lehman and Coach Michelle Moorehouse presented certificates to the team in recognition of the team winning the 2022 Junior Girls AAA Georgian Bay Secondary School Association (GBSSA) Volleyball Championship.

DEPUTATION(S) ON COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pursuant to Section 4(16) of Procedural By-law 2019-100, City Council considered deputation requests by Mary Ann Denny-Lusk, Suzanna McCarthy and Daisy Oliveros concerning motion 22-G-119, Barrie Police Services Board - Pan Handling and Criminal Activity and Rob Hilton concerning motion 22-G-116, Tenant Water Billing. Upon a vote of City Council being taken, Mary Ann Denny-Lusk, Suzanna McCarthy, Daisy Oliveros and Rob Hilton was permitted to address City Council.

22-A-061 **DEPUTATION CONCERNING MOTION 22-G-119, BARRIE POLICE SERVICES BOARD - PAN HANDLING AND CRIMINAL ACTIVITY**

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 during discussion and voting on the matter.

The following individuals provided Deputations concerning motion 22-G-119:

1. Sarah Tilley, on behalf of the Gilbert Centre and as a citizen of Barrie explained that the issue is lack of affordable housing, not any of the resulting behaviors or activities such as pan handling or sleeping on City property. She emphasized that unless people have places to live that there may not be a solution for homelessness, nor curbing what people may do to survive living on the streets.

Ms. Tilley felt that having the police respond and enforce incidents such as pan handling and sleeping on City streets is not considered the best option and could potentially decrease the safety of those unhoused in the Community.

She discussed the importance of shelters which should be prioritized and recommended that funding be continued for the hotel model pilot program that had been implemented during the pandemic. Ms. Tilley advised that shelters are meant to be a space of transition from one situation to another and they do not have the resources to help individuals locate affordable accessible housing units as there are not enough accommodations in Barrie.

Ms. Tilley provided an overview of the average rental rates in Barrie. She explained that renting in Barrie is often unattainable for individuals receiving Ontario Works and Ontario Works Study Program payments and this may result in shared accommodations that may be considered unliveable and unsafe and have a potential impact on their mental health and well-being.

Ms. Tilley advised creating encampments reduces the potential risks of violence for unhoused individuals and may provide a safer environment. Ms. Tilley felt that motion 22-G-119 should be amended to remove paragraph 1 to 3 and that garbage receptacles be placed at encampment locations. She advised that instead of having police respond to incidents, that the focus should be on social development and trying to reduce the social stigma surrounding homelessness.

Ms. Tilley suggested working with other levels of governments to ensure that shelters have enough funding to keep their beds open, advocate for better housing solutions and prioritizing funding to social services to create a healthy community. She recommended that financial support programs such Ontario Works and Ontario Works Study Payments be increased.

2. Mary Ann Denny Lusk, Chair of the Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness and Chief Executive Officer of Barrie Housing explained how the crime rate in Barrie is low and the City is ranked as one of the safest cities in Ontario. She described the vulnerability of pan handling individuals and those that are unhoused.

She advised that SCATEH are in favour of paragraphs 4 to 7 of motion 22-G-119. She advised that SCATEH is named one of the main action

partners for Barrie's Community Safety Well-Being Plan 2021 to 2024 but that no one has contacted them to discuss implementation of the fifteen actions items since the plan was adopted.

Ms. Denny-Lusk discussed concerns related to paragraphs 1 to 3 of motion 22-G-119 concerning the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, the intent of the plan to support vulnerable and marginalized populations, including those experiencing homelessness poverty, mental health issues and those substance use disorders, to improve their safety and well being. She explained that increased efforts to displace those living in encampments are in direct violation of their human rights and without housing options the safety and well-being of those living in encampments could be negatively impacted.

Ms. Denny-Lusk advised that SCATEH has observed negative impacts with encampments evictions, such as the loss of necessities for survival and quality of life and essentials for living and is not aligned with the stated purpose of the Community Safety Well-Being Plan. She also feels that the Barrie Police Service is not the best option to address homelessness, mental health crisis or addiction.

Ms. Denny-Lusk discussed concerns related to the interpretation of paragraph 3 of motion 22-G-119 and the request for the Ontario Provincial Police to address safety on the Highway 400 Ramps.

3. Suzanna McCarthy, Executive Director of the John Howard Society of Simcoe Muskoka discussed concerns related to motion 22-G-119 and she advised that many of the issues are included in Barrie's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. She highlighted that Barrie has seen rapid growth over the years but that the crime rate has remained low. She emphasized that it seems to be a sudden focus on the marginalized members of the City. She advised that many of the behaviors being penalized are not unique to unsheltered individuals and people who are housed also break the laws. Ms. McCarthy explained that resources are being used to penalize the unhoused individuals which should be directed elsewhere. She noted the fact that many of these individual lack the ability to pay fines and makes it more difficult to exit out of poverty and creating more barriers.

She explained that the eviction of unsheltered individuals from encampments and panhandlers being penalized is not the right solution to address concerns and often impacts individuals who are forced to take belongings they can carry leaving personal items behind for clean up by the City of Barrie. She questioned whether using the Barrie Police Service to respond to a social issue is the best direction.

Ms. McCarthy discussed concerns related to the shelters hotel pilot program ending and citizens being evicted. She asked that members of Council place their trust in the service providers to participate in developing effective responses to the issues of Community Safety and that criminalization of poverty and survival is not the answer.

4. Daisy Oliveros explained that the City of Barrie has a long history of supporting those less fortunate, has passionate volunteers and organizations and have earned a reputation of caring, through feeding and clothing and sheltering the homeless. She explained the importance of protecting the needs and safety of all citizens of Barrie.

Ms. Oliveros suggested a stronger police presence in the downtown area would keep everyone safe and potentially mitigate any incidents, restore and preserve the enjoyment of Barrie's beautiful downtown. She advised that as a taxpayer she would like to feel safe downtown. She commented that downtown businesses have been adjusting their hours or availability to cope with pan handling and those who may take shelters in doorways.

22-A-062

EMERGENCY DEPUTATION FROM ROB HILTON OF A.G. SECURE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT CONCERNING MOTION 22-G-116, TENANT WATER BILLING

Councillor, S. Morales stated that in consultation with the Integrity Commissioner concerning his code obligation under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* that he is declaring a potential pecuniary interest in the foregoing matter as he can be financially impacted as he is a landlord. 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.

Rob Hilton of AG Secure Property Management advised that landlords will be impacted if tenant water and wastewater billing is discontinued. He explained that there are potential three solutions such as maintaining status quo with tenant water billing, change billing information to landlord or charge a set up fee for water accounts. He suggested possibly researching how other service providers handle account set up charges.

He explained that if the tenants are paying their own water bills there is more opportunity for them to save costs and conserve water versus having the landlord pay the bill. Mr. Hilton advised that in accordance with the *Residential Tenancy Landlord Act* landlords are prohibited from cutting off services deemed vital if the tenant fails to pay. Mr. Hilton felt that the City should look at the unintended consequences of the proposal and focus on a solution that will provide value to the community at large.

Mr. Hilton highlighted that a simple account setup fee is one that recovers costs of usage with those utilizing the utility.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

22-A-063 Planning Committee Report dated May 17, 2022, Sections A, B and C.
(APPENDIX "A")

SECTION "A" - TO BE ADOPTED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward
Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That Section "A" of the Planning Committee Report dated May 17, 2022, as circulated, be adopted.

22-P-022 ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT - 108, 116 AND 122 HARVIE ROAD
(WARD 6)

22-P-023 OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATIONS -
290, 294, 298 AND 302 GEORGIAN DRIVE (TMD ATRIA CORPORATION)
(WARD 1)

CARRIED**SECTION "B" - TO BE RECEIVED**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward
Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That Section "B" of the Planning Committee Report dated May 17, 2022, as circulated, be received.

22-P-024 APPLICATION FOR ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT - 34, 36, 38, 40, 44
AND 50 BRADFORD STREET (WARD 2) (FILE: D30-006-2022)

22-P-025 APPLICATION FOR ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT - 129 COLLIER
STREET (WARD 2) (FILE: D30-005-2022)

CARRIED

SECTION "C" - TO BE ADOPTED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward
Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That Section "C" of the Planning Committee Report dated May 17, 2022, as circulated, be adopted.

22-P-026 2021 AFFORDABLE HOUSING MONITORING REPORT AND
AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGY UPDATE

CARRIED

22-A-064 First General Committee Report dated May 30, 2022 (APPENDIX "B").

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward
Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That the First General Committee Report dated May 30, 2022, as circulated, be adopted.

22-G-108 BARRIE HYDRO HOLDINGS INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MATTERS

Councillor, M. McCann declared a potential pecuniary interest on the foregoing matter as he owns a renewable energy company. He did not participate or vote on the foregoing matter. He stayed in the Council Chambers.

22-A-065 Second General Committee Report dated May 30, 2022, Sections A, B, C, D, E and F (APPENDIX "C").

SECTION "A" - TO BE ADOPTED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward
Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That Section "A" of the Second General Committee Report dated May 30, 2022, as circulated, be adopted.

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

22-G-110 HERITAGE PARK MASTER PLAN

22-G-111 CAPITAL PROJECT STATUS REPORT

[22-G-112](#) TEMPORARY DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

[22-G-113](#) PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON GEDDES CRESCENT

[22-G-114](#) CFB BORDEN REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR THE 2022 CANADIAN ARMED FORCES DAY AND AIR SHOW

CARRIED

SECTION "B" - TO BE ADOPTED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward
Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That Section "B" of the Second General Committee Report dated May 30, 2022, as circulated, be adopted.

[22-G-115](#) NEEDLE COLLECTION KIOSK PILOT PROGRAM - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CARRIED

SECTION "C" - TO BE ADOPTED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward
Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That Section "C" of the Second General Committee Report dated May 30, 2022, as circulated, be adopted.

[22-G-116](#) TENANT WATER BILLING

Councillor, S. Morales advised that in consultation with the Integrity Commissioner concerning his code obligations under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* that he is declaring a potential pecuniary interest in the foregoing matter as he can be financially impacted as he is a landlord. 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.

AMENDMENT #1

Moved by: Councillor, G. Harvey
Seconded by: Councillor, M. McCann

That motion 22-G-116 of Section "C" of the Second General Committee Report dated May 30, 2022 be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

1. That Staff Report FIN008-22 dated May 30, 2022 concerning Tenant Water Billing be received for information.
2. That staff in the Finance Department include any proposed changes and account set-up fees as part of the 2023 Budget.

CARRIED

Upon question of the original motion moved by Deputy Mayor, B. Ward and seconded by Councillor R. Thomson, the motion was **CARRIED AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENT #1**.

SECTION "D" - TO BE ADOPTED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward
Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That Section "D" of the Second General Committee Report dated May 30, 2022, as circulated, be adopted.

22-G-117 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

CARRIED**SECTION "E" - TO BE ADOPTED**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward
Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That Section "E" of the Second General Committee Report dated May 30, 2022, as circulated, be adopted.

22-G-118 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

CARRIED

SECTION "F" - TO BE ADOPTED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward
Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That Section "F" of the Second General Committee Report dated May 30, 2022, as circulated, be adopted.

22-G-119 PAN HANDLING AND CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

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.

AMENDMENT #1

Moved by: Councillor, K. Aylwin
Seconded by: Councillor, N. Harris

That motion 22-G-119 of Section "F" of the Second General Committee Report dated May 30, 2022 be amended by deleting paragraph 3 and replace with the following:

"3. That correspondence be sent to the OPP requesting them to connect with outreach workers in Barrie to follow-up with the needs of citizens staying within encampments along the Highway 400 ramps in order to address safety concerns as they arise and that a compassionate approach be taken in supporting people in these areas."

CARRIED**AMENDMENT #2**

Moved by: Councillor, K. Aylwin
Seconded by: Councillor, N. Harris

That motion 22-G-119 of Section "F" of the Second General Committee Report dated May 30, 2022 be amended by adding the following paragraph:

"8. That staff in the Operations Department investigate the provision of waste collection bins and/or the servicing of waste collection zones near informal encampment sites to prevent the accumulation of debris and to reduce fire risk and that the locations be identified in consultation with the Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness (SCATEH) Barrie Chapter and Enforcement Services and report back to General Committee."

CARRIED

Upon the question of the original motion moved by Deputy Mayor, B. Ward and seconded by Councillor, R. Thomson, the motion was **CARRIED AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENTS #1 AND #2.**

ENQUIRIES

Members of Council addressed enquires to City staff and received responses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of Council provided announcements concerning a number of matters.

BY-LAWS

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward
Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That leave be granted to introduce the following Bills and these Bills be read a first, second and third time this day and finally passed:

BY-LAW 2022-051

Bill #051

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to deem certain Plans of Subdivision or parts thereof not to be a Registered Plan of Subdivision. (12-G-247) (970 Mapleview Inc. - Unicorn Lane, Saxon Road and Regina Road, Plan 51M-781) (File: D26-970)

BY-LAW 2022-052

Bill #052

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to amend By-law 2009-141, a land use control by-law to regulate the use of land, and the erection, use, bulk, height, location and spacing of buildings and structures in the City of Barrie. (22-P-022) (Zoning By-law Amendment - 108, 116 and 122 Harvie Road) (Ward 6) (DEV011-22) (File: D30-018-2021)

BY-LAW 2022-053

Bill #053

A By-law of The Corporation of The City of Barrie to expropriate the lands described as Part of Lot 5 Concession 10, Innisfil, as in RO845305, further described as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on Plan 51R-43261, City of Barrie, County of Simcoe; being all of PIN 58100-0046(LT) (21-G-184) (918 Veteran's Drive) (File: L07-1191)

BY-LAW
2022-054**Bill #054**

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to amend Town of Innisfil By-law 054-04, a land use control by-law to regulate the use of land, and the erection, use, bulk, height, location and spacing of buildings and structures, formerly in the Town of Innisfil, now in the City of Barrie. (22-P-021) (Mapleview South (Innisfil) Limited - 953 Mapleview Drive East) (File: D30-015-2021)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward
Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill and this Bill be read a first, second and third time this day and finally passed:

BY-LAW
2022-055**Bill #055**

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 6th day of June, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Councillor, M. McCann
Seconded by: Councillor, J. Harris

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor, J. Lehman

Megan Williams, Deputy City Clerk