



City of Barrie

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Final General Committee

Monday, January 24, 2022

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT For consideration by Barrie City Council on January 31, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, J. Lehman at 7:05 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:

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
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 Information Technology, R. Nolan
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
Fire Chief, C. Mainprize
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine

General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Araniyasundaran
Legal Counsel, C. Packham
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-014 REQUEST TO PROVINCE FOR COMMUNITY REINTEGRATION OFFICERS FOR CENTRAL NORTH CORRECTIONAL CENTRE

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario announced its intent to strengthen public safety by hiring 25 new community reintegration officers to the successful transition of individuals in custody returning to their community;

AND WHEREAS Community reintegration officers are specifically trained probation and parole officer positions established to provide enhanced supports and services for offenders including information sharing and linkages to community supports;

AND WHEREAS none of the 25 new community reintegration officers are identified as being assigned to the Central North Correctional Centre;

AND WHEREAS the Central North Correctional Centre is a maximum security prison in Penetanguishene with Barrie as the largest urban centre in proximity for those who are being released from custody;

AND WHEREAS local social and community-based service providers have identified that individuals are being released without proper planning or supports which is placing additional pressure on sheltering/outreach system in Barrie.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

That a letter be sent to the Solicitor General of Ontario requesting that community reintegration officers be provided for the Central North Correctional Centre to improve individuals' transitions from custody to neighbouring communities, facilitate linkages to support services and reduce pressure on the Barrie area sheltering and outreach system. (Item for Discussion 8.2, January 24, 2022)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 1/31/2022.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "B"

22-G-015 PRESENTATION CONCERNING THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE TASK FORCE UPDATE

Councillor, J. Harris, Chair, Chuck Ruttan and Julie Underhill of the Performing Arts Centre Task Force provided a presentation concerning the Task Force's status, progress and recommendations for a Performing Arts Centre in the City of Barrie.

Councillor Harris, Mr. Ruttan and Ms. Underhill discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The mission of the Performing Arts Centre Task Force;
- The history of performing arts in the City;
- The community excitement and need for performing arts;
- Supporting statistics from Ontario's investment in the Arts associated to community health and wellbeing;
- Positive community survey results;
- A bar graph illustrating people's interest in participating or attending as audience members;
- The demographic patterns of Canadians that are avid art participants;
- The Task Force recommendations for a Performing Arts Centre;
- Potential usage and rental opportunities by community groups, and the community;
- A projection of audience numbers based on past events, educational and arts programming, interactive workshops and demographics;
- Repatriation of residents' spending on the arts and potential returns to Barrie;
- An Ontario comparison of economic impacts through performing arts and cinema ticket sales;
- Burlington Performing Arts Centre - Annual Reports from 2012 to 2016;
- The gross domestic product (GDP) calculations associated with performing arts;
- Future population and growth forecasts for Barrie and surrounding areas support the need for a Performing Arts Centre;
- A Performing Arts Centre adds economic benefits, lever and impacts, and repatriation of audience spending;
- Comparison of other municipalities associated to population, costs, theatre size and amenities;
- Additional Task Force recommendations and rationale to support the recommendations;
- Importance of bringing a Performing Arts Centre to the City; and
- Recognition of the Performing Arts Centre Task Force members.

Members of General Committee asked a number of questions to Councillor Harris, Mr. Ruttan and Ms. Underhill and City staff and received responses.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 1/31/2022.

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

SECTION "C"

22-G-016

PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE TASK FORCE

1. That the recommendations of the Performing Arts Centre Task Force detailed in its report dated January 24, 2022 be received, and Council support the continued development of a Performing Arts Centre in Downtown Barrie.
2. That based on the recommendations contained within Staff Report ECD017-20 dated December 7, 2020 that analyzed the Fisher Auditorium Project and in accordance with the Capital Project FC1138 that includes a creation of a theatre concept plan with approved funding in the 2022 Capital Plan, staff in the Corporate Facilities, Economic and Creative Development and Recreation and Culture Services Departments, engage the services of a professional firm with expertise in municipal theatres development, design and management to review the recommendations of the Performing Arts Task Force and report back to General Committee by way of memorandum detailing the recommendations of the Firm, including:
 - a) Project timelines;
 - b) Resource requests; and
 - c) Project design scope.
3. That once the memorandum has been circulated to City Council concerning the project scope, that staff in Corporate Facilities, Economic and Creative Development and Recreation and Culture Services Departments undertake the following:
 - a) Procurement of an architectural firm to complete a concept plan and Class 'D' cost estimate for a performing arts centre, with funding from the 2022 and 2023 Capital Budget under existing Project FC1138; and

- b) Report back to General Committee once the concept plan is complete with the proposed concept plan including the following details:
 - i) An implementation plan that includes timelines for construction;
 - ii) Recommendations for a fundraising program, and associated resourcing and timelines;
 - iv) Preliminary operating plan that identifies resource requirements; and
 - iv) Proposed budget, Capital Budget implications and annual operating budget costing. (Item for Discussion 8.1, January 24, 2022) (Note: Item C5 on the Circulation List dated January 24, 2022)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 1/31/2022.

ENQUIRIES

Members of General Committee did not address any enquires to City staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Lehman provided announcements concerning a number of matters.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

CHAIRMAN