

Legislation Text

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COMMENTS FROM OUTGOING STUDENT MAYOR(S)

Elijah Wachowiak of St. Monica's Catholic School commented that the past month will be a time of note in his life experience being at Barrie City Council and having the opportunity to sit next to Mayor Lehman. Elijah thanked everyone involved in the Student Mayor program including his teacher, Ms. Lancaster by providing him the opportunity to learn firsthand about municipal government and the engine that fuels the City. Elijah commented on knowing little about City Council other than it governed our city and its importance, but noted it was much more of a nebulous concept. He provided examples from the Committee/Council meetings that he felt linked municipal government with his daily life such as the absentee landlord situation in the Georgian College area, the history of Barrie the presentation concerning the His Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Barrie Painting and the Shift Government Plan tackling urgent social issues.

In conclusion, Elijah thanked the Student Mayor Program and City Council for widening his views on municipal government and helping him make connections between politics and his own life.

Liam Dodds of Sister Catherine Donnelly Catholic School advised that during the past month at City Council he has learned dignity, politician jokes, and the history behind the naming of City of Barrie. He commented on his experiences as Student Mayor including the MacLaren Art Centre presentation as he has an appreciation for the arts as an art student. Liam expressed his appreciation for the Student Mayor Program as it was an interesting, fun and a memorable opportunity. He thanked his fellow students for encouraging him to be Student Mayor along with his family.

Mayor Lehman presented Elijah and Liam with a Certificate commemorating their time as Student Mayor.

SWEARING IN OF NEW STUDENT MAYOR(S)

Tara McArthur, Acting Deputy City Clerk called upon Anderson Richer, École Secondaire Catholique Nouvelle Alliance and Bridget Epstein, Innisdale Secondary School to be sworn into office as Student Mayors. After being sworn into office, Liam and Elijah assumed their seats next to Mayor Lehman.

Mayor Lehman introduced the members of Council to Anderson and Bridget and he noted the members of City staff and that representatives of the community's media were also in attendance.