



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Finance and Corporate Services Committee

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

For consideration at General Committee on April 15, 2019

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Councillor, D. Shipley at 7:00 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 5 - Councillor, D Shipley
Mayor, J. Lehman
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris

Absent: 1 - Deputy Mayor, B. Ward

STAFF:

Acting General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, A. Bourrie
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur
Deputy City Clerk, J. Carswell
Director of Engineering, B. Araniyasundaran
Director of Finance/Treasurer, C. Millar
Director of Internal Audit, S. MacGregor
Director of Transit and Parking Strategy, B. Forsyth
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine
Legal Counsel, P. Krysiak
Manager of Planning and Asset Management, K. Oakley
Supervisor of Transit, T. Turner.

Pursuant to Section 4.10 of Procedural By-law 2013-072 as amended, the order of business was altered such that the Report to Committee regarding the City of Barrie Act Charges for 685 Yonge Street was received prior to the presentation concerning the Barrie Transit 2019-2031 Fare Strategy.

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

CITY OF BARRIE ACT CHARGES FOR 685 YONGE STREET

Craig Millar, Director of Finance provided additional information related to the *City of Barrie Act* and the charges applied to the Tax Certificate for 685 Yonge Street. Mr. Millar advised that correspondence and supporting documentation was provided to the representative of 685 Yonge Street prior to the meeting with respect to the City of Barrie's authority to apply the *City of Barrie Act* charges for 685 Yonge Street.

Brendan Ruddick, a representative for 685 Yonge Street, advised he had provided written correspondence with further comments to his Open Delegation he provided at the February 5, 2019 Finance and Corporate Services Committee meeting. Mr. Ruddick asked to address the Report provided by staff dated April 3, 2019 concerning the legal authority for the *City of Barrie Act* charges of 685 Yonge Street.

Mr. Ruddick stated that his client had requested documents to support the City's legal authority to impose the *City of Barrie Act* charges for 685 Yonge Street by providing the related By-law passed or the delegated authority specific to that property approved by Council. Mr. Ruddick indicated that it was his opinion that the supporting documentation provided by staff did not provide the legal authority to impose the charge and that staff provided a general by-law and delegated authority related to the cost of services. He stated that he believes the City or its delegates cannot exercise that authority with a general by-law or delegated authority and that a specific by-law to allow the City to impose those charges must be passed. Mr. Ruddick noted that neither the Report nor By-law referenced the *City of Barrie Act*, the school board recovery of costs or the delegation of authority.

In conclusion, Mr. Ruddick summarized his opinion that the City has no basis to impose the *City of Barrie Act* charges on his client's property and his view is that the general delegation of authority cannot be relied upon on behalf of the school board. Mr. Ruddick stated that he does not believe the legal authority has been identified and the *City of Barrie Act* charges should be removed from the Tax Certificate for 685 Yonge Street.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions to Mr. Ruddick and City staff and received responses.

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

CITY OF BARRIE ACT CHARGES FOR 685 YONGE STREET

That the Report to Finance and Corporate Services Committee dated April 3, 2019 concerning the City of Barrie Act Charges for 685 Yonge Street, be received.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/15/19.

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

PRESENTATION CONCERNING THE BARRIE TRANSIT 2019-2031 FARE STRATEGY

Tyrell Turner, Supervisor of Transit provided a presentation concerning the proposed Barrie Transit 2019-2031 Fare Strategy.

Mr. Turner discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The five goals for the Transit Fare Strategy;
- The reasons why to invest in the future of transit;
- The maintenance of fiscal responsibility and affordability associated with transit;
- The reasons to streamline the products;
- The growth and benefits of transit ridership;
- Charts identifying the current transit fares and fare revenues;
- The highlights for the Barrie Transit 2019-2031 Fare Strategy;
- A review of information associated with monthly transit passes, cash fare, multi-ride cards, free transit for children 0-12, and free transit for seniors during the month of June to promote "Seniors' Month";
- Other opportunities for Barrie Transit; and
- The Transit Fare Strategy Timeline.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions to the presenter and City staff and received responses.

PRESENTATION REGARDING ASSET MANAGEMENT 101

Kelly Oakley, Manager of Planning and Asset Management provided an overview concerning Asset Management.

Ms. Oakley discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The key messages of Asset Management;
- The focus of Asset Management associated to services, risks and costs;
- What an Asset Management Plan contains;
- How an Asset Management Plan is created;
- Flow charts illustrating the importance of an Asset Management Plan;
- The incentives and recent regulations passed by the Province for municipalities to have an Asset Management Plan;
- A timeline illustrating the Province's regulations from July 1, 2019 to July 1, 2024;
- An outline of the City's projects associated with an Asset Management Plan;
- Information, goals and membership for the Asset Management Steering Committee (AMSC);
- A chart illustrating a draft work plan;
- Moving forward with the Asset Management Plan.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions to the presenter and City staff and received responses.

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 5, 2019

The Report of the International Relations Committee dated March 5, 2019, was received. (File: C05)

REPORT OF THE SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 11, 2019

The Report of the Seniors Advisory Committee dated March 11, 2019, was received. (File: C05)

REPORT OF THE TOWN AND GOWN COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 12, 2019

The Report of the Town and Gown Committee dated March 12, 2019, was received. (File: C05)

REPORT OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 14, 2019

The Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee dated March 14, 2019, was received. (File: C05)

REPORT OF THE SPORT EVENTS/FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 20, 2019

The Report of the Sport Events/Facilities Advisory Committee dated March 20, 2019, was received. (File: C05)

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "D"

FACILITY/EVENT OPPORTUNITIES - BARRIE TROJAN SWIM CLUB

That staff work in collaboration with the Barrie Trojan Swim Club and Isaacs Sports Group (ISG) to investigate the feasibility of locating a 50 metre Aquatic Facility within the City of Barrie and report back to the Sport Events/Facilities Advisory Committee.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/15/19.

**PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SPORT
EVENTS/FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

That staff in Access Barrie investigate opportunities to promote the Sport Events/Facilities Advisory Committee and report back to the Sport Events/Facilities Advisory Committee.

This matter was recommended (Section"D") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/15/19.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

CHAIRMAN