



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Finance and Corporate Services Committee

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

For consideration by the General Committee on October 19, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Councillor, S. Morales at 7:01 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 6 - Councillor, Sergio Morales
Mayor, J. Lehman
Deputy Mayor, B. Ward
Councillor, R. Thomson
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, K. Aylwin
Councillor, A. Kungl
Councillor, N. Harris
Councillor, M. McCann.

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard
Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur
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, A. Miller
Manager of Digital Transformation, R. Emerson.

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

SECTION "A"

OPEN DELEGATION BY MYRNA CLARK CONCERNING TRAFFIC NOISE AND SPEEDING VEHICLES

Myrna Clark provided an Open Delegation concerning the traffic noise and speeding vehicles on City of Barrie streets.

Ms. Clark advised that she would like consideration to be given to increasing the number of photo radar sites throughout Barrie. She noted that she felt that this would decrease the number of vehicle-related injuries and deaths. Ms. Clark also noted she wanted to seek further input from the Committee as to what can be done and for possible suggestions to curtail the dangerous driving behaviour.

Ms. Clark described her 16-month quest to decrease the level of speeding and to make streets safer. She noted that she had reached out to her Ward Councillor, the Barrie Police Service as well as writing a number of letters to local news media addressing her concerns. She commented that she has observed minimal decreases in the number of speeders or changes in driving patterns. Ms. Clark acknowledged the many issues the City is currently experiencing due to COVID-19 and she noted that she felt that traffic safety needs to be a priority as it is also an issue that affects everyone. She discussed her experience related to reporting incidents to the non-emergency police line, but that she was unable to provide the licence plate numbers for the vehicles due to their passing her at excessive speed. Ms. Clark stressed that Barrie streets are not safe as she feels it is a vehicle dominant City with the vehicles pushing through traffic lights.

Ms. Clark provided suggestions of increased radar presence and speeding ticket issuance to help contribute to safer streets and treating the dangerous behaviour with a more concerted intent for the safety of the citizens and before Barrie streets become worse. She commented on the number of vehicle accidents over the summer and she noted that she felt that speed was a contributing factor in most incidents and that excessively noisy vehicles with modified exhausts continue to be ever dangerous. Ms. Clark advised that she has spoken with Barrie Police Service to discuss her concerns associated with speeding and noise. She indicated that Barrie Police had conducted a blitz to try to address modified noisy vehicle exhausts in June, 2020 but noted that she has observed that these issues still exist.

In conclusion, Ms. Clark advised of her concerns that there has been little to no change in the dangerous driving habits of drivers in the City. She suggested that the Committee consider the use of photo radar as she felt that an increased radar presence and significant fines would deter dangerous drivers and send them a clear message.

Members of the Committee and Ms. Clark asked several questions associated to her Open Delegation and received responses from Ms. Clark, Committee members, and City Staff.

Pursuant to Procedural By law 2019-100, as amended, Section 4, Subsection 10, the order of business was altered such that the Presentation by Cornerstone concerning the Clothing/Textile Curbside Collection Pilot Program and the Referred Item concerning the Memorandum by S. Brunet, Manager of Business Performance and Environmental Sustainability dated September 28, 2020 regarding the Clothing/Textiles Curbside Collection Pilot Program were considered prior to the Presentation concerning the 2019 Barrie Fire and Emergency Service Annual Report.

PRESENTATION BY CORNERSTONE CONCERNING THE CLOTHING/TEXTILE CURBSIDE COLLECTION PILOT PROGRAM

Blaine Hobson and Peter Brewitt from Cornerstone provided a presentation concerning the Cornerstone to Recovery Program.

Mr. Hobson discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An overview of the Cornerstone Recovery Organization and programs;
- Cornerstone's mission and vision statements;
- A summary of the growth of the Cornerstone organization and programs between 2004 to 2020;
- The usage of a Social Enterprise as the primary funder for the organization;
- A description of the Cornerstone residential model and the programs methodology, features, recovery team, and costs;
- The achievements and successes from the Cornerstone to Recovery Program;
- The statistics and breakdowns associated to addiction, the gender-based crisis, and treatment shortages for women;
- The proposal for a women's residential treatment centre in Barrie;
- The financial breakdown for the proposed women's treatment centre; and
- The proposed partnership between the City of Barrie and Cornerstone.

Members of Committee and members of Council asked several questions and received responses from City staff, Mayor Lehman and the Cornerstone Representatives.

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

SECTION "B"

SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH CORNERSTONE RESIDENTIAL - CLOTHING BINS LOCATIONS

1. That Cornerstone Residential's proposed Women's Residential Treatment Centre to be in the City of Barrie, be endorsed as it will serve as an important component in the battle against opioids.
2. That staff in Corporate Facilities enter into a sole source agreement for a period of two years with an option to renew for an additional two years with Cornerstone Residential to place clothing bins at City Facilities or at mutually agreed upon locations on public lands for the sole purpose of funding their residential recovery services.

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-10-19.

FUNDING FOR CORNERSTONE TO RECOVERY - WOMEN'S RESIDENTIAL ADDICTION RECOVERY FACILITY

1. That the City of Barrie provide an interest free loan in the amount of \$400,000 to Cornerstone to Recovery to be funded from the Community Benefit Reserve for the purpose of renovating a building to operate a women's residential addiction recovery facility in Barrie and that the loan be secured against the building and be repaid in equal installments beginning in 2021, over a 20 year period.
2. That Cornerstone to Recovery make best efforts to pursue funding opportunities and if secured repay any outstanding loan payments to the City, upon receipt of funding.

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-10-19.

MEMORANDUM FROM W. COOKE, DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AND COURT SERVICES DATED MARCH 9, 2020 REGARDING A RESPONSE TO MOTIONS 19-G-218 AND 19-G- 255 - NOISE BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

That the memorandum from W. Cooke, Director of Legislative and Court Services dated March 9,2020 regarding a response to motions 19-G-218 and 19-G-255 concerning Noise By-law Enforcement be deferred to the next meeting of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee Meeting.

This matter was deferred to the next meeting of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee.

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

SECTION "C"

PRESENTATION CONCERNING THE 2019 BARRIE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT

Cory Mainprize, Fire Chief/Director of Emergency Services provided a presentation concerning the 2019 Barrie Fire and Emergency Service (BFES) Annual Report.

Fire Chief Mainprize discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The 2019 statistics;
- The Vision, Mission, and Values of BFES and their organizational structure;
- An profile of the five Branches of BFES;
- The operating and capital budgets;
- A 2019 snapshot of the additional programs and occurrences;
- The 2019 fire prevention and public education activities;
- The BFES response times, fire calls and emergency incidents 2015-2019;
- A heat map identifying areas of higher incident frequency for 2019;
- Maps identifying emergency incident locations, dollar loss amount per emergency;
- Staff recruitments and retirements;
- Future goals and objectives; and
- The BFES staff recognitions and achievements in 2019.

Members of Committee asked several questions to the Fire Chief and received responses.

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 3, 2020

The Report of the International Relations Committee dated March 3, 2020 was received.

REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT BOARD DATED MARCH 11, 2020

The Report of the Investment Board dated March 11, 2020 was received.

**REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY WELL-BEING COMMITTEE
DATED JULY 6, 2020**

The Report of the Community Safety Well-Being Committee dated July 6, 2020 was received.

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

SECTION "D"

DRAFT COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING PLAN

1. That the draft Community Safety Well-Being Plan as presented by A. Way of Mass LBP on July 6, 2020 be received.
2. That the members of the Community Safety and Well-being Plan Committee contact Chief Greenwood and A. Way to identify initiatives that they would like to support or co-lead to continue to support the development of the plan.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

CHAIRMAN