



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Town and Gown Committee

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

10:00 AM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on November 6, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Councillor C. Riepma at 10:03 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 7 - Councillor C. Riepma
R. Calvano - Georgian College
R. Cardwell - East End Household Association
J. Chevrier
R. Meier - East End Household Association
J. Morozuk
B. Muscat - Georgian College
Absent: 1 - T. Zubych - Georgian College

STAFF:

Supervisor of Administrative Support Services, L. Weiland
Supervisor of Enforcement Services, J. Forgrave
Supervisor of Traffic and Community Safety, J. Sharp
Zoning Enforcement Officer, M. Gallagher

The Town and Gown Committee met and reports as follows:

GENERAL UPDATES

Councillor C. Riepma advised that he had invited Kenta Shirakura, International Student Housing Coordinator at Georgian College to participate in today's orientation followup discussion, but he was unfortunately unable to attend. A post mortem of the transit ride with Georgian College students will

be discussed at the next meeting, which will include ideas to better link the City with the College.

Councillor Riepma advised that he has been appointed to the Town and Gown Association of Ontario.

Councillor Riepma advised that the Georgian College Environmental Class participated in the cutting of fragmites on the Dunsmore wetland. He noted that the event was attended by community members as well as members of the press. Councillor Riepma commented that the hope is to add invasive species to the curriculum and involve more classes/students.

J. Forgrave, Supervisor of Enforcement Services noted that overnight parking restrictions will commence on December 1st and run through to March 31st inclusive. He advised that overnight parking is prohibited on all streets between the hours of 12:00 am and 7:00 am, and between 3:00 am and 6:00 am in the Downtown, so as not to impede snow clearing operations.

J. Forgrave reminded everyone that there is zero tolerance in Zone 1 (College area) related to parking enforcement, which is at the direction of City Council, due to the number of complaints received in that area.

The Committee discussed ways to educate students on the parking restrictions, including providing information at orientation, posting on student portal, social media, link to information on City's webpage. J. Forgrave advised that the City is currently undertaking a Parking Strategy Study which could include a LPR pilot and a resident type parking pass, and is anticipated to go before Council prior to year end.

DEBRIEF FROM THE 2019 STUDENT ORIENTATION AT GEORGIAN COLLEGE

The Committee provided a post mortem of Georgian College's 2019 Student Orientation Session which was held on September 3, 2019.

The Committee discussed overall success of the orientation. B. Muscat noted that approximately 6,000 students received their U-Pass Transit Pass. He suggested that the transit pass be included on the student card, instead of using a sticker. This may be investigated for the Winter semester intake in January.

R. Calvano, Director of Campus Safety and Security at Georgian College noted that presentations were made by Barrie Police Service as well as many City of Barrie Departments. He advised that the Barrie Police Service did a presentation at the International Student Orientation, and felt that the presentation could be re-focused to be more informative for international students. He noted that a suggestion was made by the Barrie Police Service to do an 'active shooter' exercise at the Barrie campus, which would also include paramedics and Barrie Fire and Emergency Services. A campus safety video discussing sexual violence will be available on the Georgian

website.

The Committee provided suggestions for improvements to future orientations. M. Gallagher suggested providing students with more detailed off campus housing information with respect to the City's requirements. J. Morozuk indicated that it is important to have increased neighbour representation, and would also like to see continued representation by City of Barrie Councillor(s). It was also agreed that it is important to develop activities that better engage the students. J. Morozuk also noted that while there is a newcomer program at the library, winter is very difficult for International Students, especially during the holidays. She feels that it is especially important to foster relationships between students and neighbours at this time of year. R. Meier noted that connecting students with seniors in the community is included in the Shift Government project.

B. Muscat advised that Georgian College will be implementing safety measures for students with classes that end in the evenings. In order to keep up with growth and provide flexible class schedules, there are now approximately 89-90 classes that end between 7:00 and 10:00 p.m.

The Committee agreed that an orientation plan for the Winter intake be ready for discussion at the November 28th meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

CHAIRMAN