



# City of Barrie

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## Minutes - Final City Council

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Monday, March 30, 2020

5:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room/Virtual Meeting

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### SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

#### CALLING TO ORDER BY THE CITY CLERK, WENDY COOKE

The meeting was called to order by the City Clerk at 5:00 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

**Present:** 11 - Mayor, J. Lehman  
Deputy Mayor, B. Ward  
Councillor, C. Riepma  
Councillor, K. Aylwin  
Councillor, A. Kungl  
Councillor, R. Thomson  
Councillor, N. Harris  
Councillor, G. Harvey  
Councillor, J. Harris  
Councillor, S. Morales  
Councillor, M. McCann

#### STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse  
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke  
Director of Finance/Treasurer, C. Millar  
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan  
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters  
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.

Mayor Lehman welcomed members of the public to the City's first electronic Council meeting due to the Covid-19 pandemic physical distancing measures and the Order of Council restricting public gatherings to five people or less. He advised that City Council is practicing physical distancing and that all of the Councillors and the Executive Management are participating via video conference. Mayor Lehman noted that the members of Executive Management Team and Chief Mainprize are not visible, but are available to answer any questions.

Mayor Lehman reviewed the protocol for the members of Council participating via video conference.

Pursuant to Procedural By-law 2019-100, as amended, Section 4, Subsection 10, the order of business was altered such that the Direct Motion and By-law to amend the Procedural By-law concerning Electronic Meeting Participation was discussed prior to the other business on the Agenda.

## **DIRECT MOTIONS**

### **20-A-035      AMENDMENT TO PROCEDURAL BY-LAW 2019-100 - ELECTRONIC MEETING PARTICIPATON DURING AN EMERGENCY**

Moved by:            Deputy Mayor, B. Ward  
Seconded by:        Councillor, R. Thomson

That pursuant to the *Municipal Emergency Act*, 2020, Procedural By-law 2019-100, be amended to provide that members of Council or local board can participate electronically and count towards quorum at any Council or Committee Meeting open or closed to the public during any period where an emergency has been declared to exist all or in part of the municipality under Section 4 or 7.0.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*.

## **CARRIED**

## **BY-LAWS**

Moved by:        Deputy Mayor, B. Ward  
Seconded by:    Councillor, R. Thomson

That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill and this Bill be read a first, second and third time this day and finally passed:

### **BY-LAW            Bill #032 2020-031**

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to amend By-law 2019-100 being a by-law to govern the proceedings of Council. (Procedural By-law - Electronic Meeting Participation during Emergencies)

## **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Pursuant to Procedural By-law 2019-100, as amended, Section 4, Subsection 10, the order of business was altered such that the Presentation by M. Prowse, Chief Administrative Officer concerning an update on the COVID-19 pandemic be provided prior to consideration of the Direct Motions.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **20-A-036**

#### **PRESENTATION BY M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER CONCERNING A COVID-19 UPDATE**

Mayor Lehman advised that M. Prowse, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) will be providing a presentation concerning an update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Lehman provided a brief introduction to the presentation, and he advised that COVID-19 is not a short term event and is an unusual type of emergency that will be with us for possibly weeks or months. Mayor Lehman discussed the CAO's delegated authority that exists under normal circumstances and then once the emergency was declared.

Mr. Prowse discussed the context of the Emergency Operations Control Group. He advised that the group consists of the City's Executive Management Team (EMT) and representation from the Barrie Fire and Emergency Service (BFES), the Barrie Police Service (BPS), the Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit (SMDHU), and he hoped to soon add the Royal Victoria Health Centre (RVH) so that they may share information with group. Mr. Prowse advised that the Group meets regularly, sometimes several times a day as required with the goal of responding to the current emergency and to make decisions in the best interest of the City.

Mr. Prowse discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An overview on the current status of the City's Emergency Operations Control Group, the emergency declaration, the confirmed numbers and status of COVID-19 cases, the evidence of community transmission and importance of physical distancing;
- The daily updates and medical advice provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) and the Royal Victoria Health Centre (RVH);
- A summary of Barrie Police Service (BPS) COVID-19 Response associated with the BPS Operations Centre, staffing, objectives, goals and daily briefing cycle updates;
- A summary of the Barrie Fire and Emergency Service (BFES) execution of the City's Pandemic Plan initiated on March 9th, 2020, the essential services being maintained, staffing levels, implementation of screening protocols, and contingency planning;
- The status of staffing levels and operations of City Departments;

- A summary of the service deliveries keeping the City's development moving forward;
- The temporary changes the City has put in place to help Barrie residents with the financial burdens during the COVID-19 Pandemic;
- Communications from Mayor Lehman as the Chief Spokesperson during an emergency to deliver key messages to the public;
- The key messages developed to stop the spread of COVID-19:
  - Stay home;
  - Physical distancing of 2 metres / 6 feet;
  - Washing your hands more frequently; and
  - Self-isolation for 14 days if symptoms, travel or contact of confirmed case.
- The increases in social media followers by 502%; and
- A garbage collection assistance program to deal with waste collection to residents, and to control the level.

Members of Council asked a number of questions to City staff and received responses.

## **DIRECT MOTIONS**

### **20-A-037**

#### **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT - SIMCOE MUSKOKA DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT BOARD**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward  
Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That By-law 2018-146, as amended being a By-law to appoint members to various committees, boards and commissions, be further amended to appoint Councillor, A. Kungl to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Board to replace Councillor, M. McCann.

#### **AMENDMENT #1**

Moved by: Councillor, J. Harris  
Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That the Direct Motion concerning the Committee Appointment - Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Board be amended by deleting paragraph 1 and replacing it with the following:

That By-law 2018-146, as amended being a By-law to appoint members to various committees, boards and commissions, be further amended as follows:

- a) To appoint Councillor, R. Thomson to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee to fill the vacant position;
- b) To appoint Councillor, A. Kungl to the City Building Committee to replace Councillor, R. Thomson;

- c) To increase the composition of the Seniors Advisory Committee by adding an additional Councillor representative and that Councillor, A. Kungl be appointed to the Seniors Advisory Committee;
- d) To appoint Councillor, A. Kungl to replace Councillor, S. Morales on the Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee;
- e) To appoint Councillor, A. Kungl to the County of Simcoe Human Services Committee to fill the vacant position and to replace Deputy Mayor, B. Ward on the County of Simcoe Affordable Housing Advisory Committee;
- f) To appoint Councillor, A. Kungl to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Board to replace Councillor, M. McCann;
- g) To appoint Councillor, M. McCann to represent Barrie City Council on the Naming Committee for the new South Barrie Secondary School; and
- h) To appoint Councillor, J. Harris to the Downtown Barrie Business Association (BIA).

Upon the question of the original motion moved by Deputy Mayor, B. Ward and seconded by Councillor, R. Thomson the motion was **CARRIED AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENT #1.**

## **CARRIED**

### **20-A-038**

#### **GARBAGE BAG TAGS**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward  
Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That upon request by phone or email, a maximum of three free garbage bag tags be provided per dwelling unit through the mail up until June 30, 2020 and that the cost of this initiative be funded through the Council Strategic Priorities account, with the account to be reimbursed should a higher level of government provide funding assistance for COVID-19 pandemic response expenses.

## **CARRIED**

## **ENQUIRIES**

Members of Council addressed enquires to City staff and received responses.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members of Council provided announcements concerning a number of matters.

**BY-LAWS**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward

Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill and this Bill be read a first, second and third time this day and finally passed:

**BY-LAW**  
**2020-032****Bill #033**

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to delegate authority to the Chief Administrative Officer in the event of an emergency or extraordinary circumstances.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward

Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill and this Bill be read a first, second and third time this day and finally passed:

**BY-LAW**  
**2020-033****Bill #034**

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to further amend By-law 2018-146, being a by-law to appoint members to various committees, boards and commissions. (Appointment - Councillor, A. Kungl - Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit)

**AMENDMENT #1**

Moved by: Councillor, J. Harris

Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That Bill #034 be amended by replacing Schedule "A" with a revised Schedule "A" as amended to reflect the addition of further committee appointments approved by City Council on March 30, 2020.

Upon the question of the original Bill, moved by Deputy Mayor, B. Ward and seconded by Councillor, R. Thomson, the Bill was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENT #1.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, B. Ward

Seconded by: Councillor, R. Thomson

That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill and this Bill be read a first, second and third time this day and finally passed:

**BY-LAW**  
**2020-034**

**Bill #035**

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 30th day of March, 2020.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Councillor, N. Harris

Seconded by: Councillor, C. Riepma

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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**Mayor, J. Lehman**

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**Wendy Cooke, City Clerk**