



City of Barrie

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Final Youth Council

Monday, June 2, 2025

5:30 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

For Consideration by the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee on November 19, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor J. Harris at 5:35 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 9 - Chair – Councillor J. Harris
Councillor, A. Courser
A. Onukwuba
H. Burak
K. Maloney-Aegerter
F. Jonathan
T. Ogunnaike
T. Olukoya
Y. Kamara

Absent: 7 - Councillor, S. Morales
M. Bentley
N. Donnelly
M. Fisher
K. Gallant
A. Johnson
LR. Sudsbury

STAFF:

Director of Recreation and Culture Services, K. Datema
Legislative Coordinator, D. Glenn
Recreation Programmer, H. Huften

The Youth Council met and reports as follows:

BARRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTATION

Laura LaFleshe, representative from the Barrie Public Library provided a presentation regarding the Barrie Public Library.

Ms. LaFleshe discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- Master Facilities Plan and overview of current libraries;
- Filling the gaps with outreach programs currently offered;
- Map of the Northwest and potential areas for the new library;
- Community consultation survey and teen survey results; and
- Community feedback and next steps.

Members of committee asked questions and received responses.

RECREATION AND CULTURE SERVICES PRESENTATION

Kevin Datema, Director of the Recreation and Culture Services Department and Heidi Huften, Recreation Programmer provided a presentation to the committee regarding the Recreation and Culture Services Department.

Mr. Datema and Ms. Huften discussed slides concerning the following:

- Key highlights the department focuses on;
- Department structure and staff that make up the department;
- Managed facilities and facilities capital improvements;
- Recreation programs currently offered and an overview of inclusion and accessibility;
- Current events hosted in the City and special event permitting process;
- Business and client services offered and customer service excellence; and
- Strategic goals, deliverables, and thriving community initiatives;

Members of Committee asked a number of questions and received responses.

WORK PLAN DISCUSSION

The committee agreed to invite the City of Barrie's Communications Department to the September meeting to discuss the possibility of creating a Youth Survey and a QR code. The committee also agreed to invite the Recreation and Culture Services Department to the September meeting to further discuss creating and having youth events take place the first week of May during Youth Week.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

CHAIRMAN