



City of Barrie

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Final Executive Committee

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by General Committee on October 29, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, A. Nuttall at 5:00 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 5 - Mayor A. Nuttall
Deputy Mayor R. Thomson
Councillor C. Nixon
Councillor G. Harvey
Councillor B. Hamilton

Absent: 2 - Councillor J. Harris
Councillor S. Morales

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, N. Nigussie.

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects, T. McArthur
Deputy City Clerk, T. Macdonald
Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
Executive Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
Fire Chief, K. White
General Manager of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Araniyasundaran
Interim Director of Finance, C. Smith
Manager of Purchasing, S. Jones
Senior Policy Advisor and Legislative Coordinator, E. Chappell
Service Desk Specialist, M. Burry.

The Executive Committee recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "A"

STREET PARKING - INDIAN ARROW ROAD AT JOHNSON STREET

That staff investigate the feasibility of establishing a no parking zone on the north side of Indian Arrow Road from Johnson Street easterly to the first driveway and report back to the Parking Ad-hoc Advisory Committee. (Item for Discussion 1.1, September 24, 2025) (Sponsor: Councillor, C. Riepma)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2025-10-29.

STREET PARKING - STEEL STREET BETWEEN JOHNSON STREET TO PENETANGUISHENE ROAD

That staff investigate the feasibility of establishing a no parking zone on one side of Steel Street between Johnson Street and Penetanguishene Road and report back to the Parking Ad-hoc Advisory Committee. (Item for Discussion 1.2, September 24, 2025) (Sponsor: Councillor, C. Riepma)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2025-10-29.

STAIRS FROM KEMPENFELT DRIVE SIDEWALK TO NORTH SHORE TRAIL AT RODNEY STREET

That the following be referred to staff in the Development Services Department for consideration in preparation of the North Short Trail Master Plan:

"That staff in the Operations Department be directed to leave the stairs from the Kempenfelt sidewalk to the North Shore Trail unchained in the winter and place a "no maintenance in winter" sign on the stairs instead. (Item for Discussion 1.3, September 24, 2025) (Sponsor: Councillor, C. Riepma)"

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2025-10-29.

FOUR WAY STOP - PENVILL TRAIL AND MCINTYRE DRIVE

That the following be deferred to the next Executive Committee meeting:

“That staff in the Development Services Department add stop signs to create a four way stop at the intersection of Penvill Trail and McIntyre Drive. (Item for Discussion 1.4, September 24, 2025) (Sponsor: Councillor, N. Nigussie)”

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2025-10-29.

SENIORS AND EXPECTANT MOTHER PARKING PILOT PROJECT - PEGGY HILL TEAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

That staff in Recreation and Culture Services make arrangements to allocate a minimum of eight (8) parking spaces near the front entrance of the Peggy Hill Team Community Centre for Senior and Expectant Mother Parking, as part of a 12-month pilot project, with appropriate signage to be installed no later than December 1, 2025; and

That staff report back to Executive Committee after 6-month into the pilot project to report on the benefits and utilization of the project and any opportunities to implement in other facilities. (Item for Discussion 1.5, September 24, 2025) (Sponsors: Councillor, G. Harvey and Councillor, N. Nigussie)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2025-10-29.

The Executive Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "B"**STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES**

Rick Pews, Director of Corporate Facilities, provided an update on the following items:

a) Performing Arts Centre

Herrari Pontarini Architects are continuing to work through the design development and costing for the facility in collaboration with the City's Recreation, Development Services, Parks Planning and Corporate Facilities Teams. This includes additional design development and costing work related to the restaurant and waterfront park elements. Staff expect to bring final recommendations to the October 29th General Committee meeting for approval.

b) Lakehead University

With the opening of the new Barrie Allandale Transit Terminal at 20 Essa Road, transit services have now relocated to the new facility. Transit staff will maintain a presence at 24 Maple Street until the end of day Sunday to redirect commuters who are not aware of the relocation. The fit-out of space at 55 Mulcaster Street to replace Barrie Police's current downtown detachment is underway, and we expect Barrie Police to be able to relocate to this new space in October. Interior demolition work at 24 Maple Street will start shortly and significant redevelopment work is expected to be completed throughout the fall and early winter months. Design development plans are currently under review by the City's Building Department for the additional space required by Lakehead. Staff continue to work with our Lakehead colleagues on financial and operational details. To this end, members of Council will receive a staff report for review and consideration at the October 1st General Committee meeting.

c) Recreation Centre

The purchase of property for the new South Barrie Mixed Use Recreation Centre and Library Complex is now finalized. The immediate focus for staff is on planning for the necessary site services to support the development. Staff also anticipate starting property site due diligence work and studies required to advance the development.

d) Cadets/Southshore

With Council's final endorsement of the recommended development plan at last week's City Council meeting, the Team is working on the facility's design development package in advance of a pre-consultation meeting scheduled for October 16th. The full detailed design and development of construction documentation is expected to be completed by late November. Fieldwork for site investigations is complete, and the staff and design team are awaiting the final reports. A draft project schedule has been developed which will be further refined through the pre-consult and construction document development process. The final schedule will be shared with General Committee when available, and a project-specific website is currently being set up to keep the public informed of progress along the way.

e) Library

A lease for space at 420 Leacock Drive has been executed and the landlord is currently working through their own design development and review process. That work will help to inform project details and, importantly, the project schedule. A memo outlining the general terms and conditions of the lease terms will be provided to Council shortly.

Wendy Cooke, City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services provided an update on the Encampments.

f) Encampments

Since the declaration of the State of Emergency on September 9, 2025, coordinated efforts between the City and the County of Simcoe have led to measurable progress in addressing encampment-related challenges on City owned property. Outreach teams have prioritized compassionate engagement, offering shelter options throughout the County and storage tailored to individual needs.

As of today, September 24, the County has provided outreach services to several encampment sites throughout the city, and has been successful in providing alternate shelter at the following locations:

- Mulcaster Street: Encampment has been fully addressed, and 39 of 44 individuals have secured alternate shelter and storage for their belongings. City operations have successfully completed the cleanup efforts of boulevards and roadways.
- Sam Cancilla Park: One tent has been cleared and the individual has secured an alternate shelter.
- Bradford Street: Action has been taken to address multiple encampments along Bradford Street. Outreach has confirmed that 10 of 18 individuals were supported with appropriate spaces. Those who accept support and offers of indoor spaces include both individuals and couples, as well as those with pets. As of this afternoon, all individuals have left the site and cleanup is underway.
- Clean up on the south side of the former Anne Street encampment has been cleared and the contractor is wrapping up on the north side which should be completed by next week.

City staff, along with our partners at the County of Simcoe and Barrie Police, will continue to work collaboratively in addressing further encampments in the City. Staff will continue to provide weekly updates to Council during this emergency order.

Councillor Hamilton inquired about the police satellite office located downtown and its planned relocation.

Rick Pews, Director of Corporate Services, advised that the police satellite office will be relocating to 55 Mulcaster Street. As soon as they move out, we will be able to demolish your space and prepare it for Lakehead.

MEMORANDUM FROM COLLEEN SMITH, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2025, REGARDING FINANCIAL IMPACTS OF TARIFFS.

The Memorandum from Colleen Smith, Interim Director of Finance dated September 24, 2025, regarding Financial Impacts of Tariffs, is received

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN