

Minutes - Final City Council

Monday, March 9, 2015

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

CALLING TO ORDER BY THE CITY CLERK, DAWN A., MCALPINE

The meeting was called to order by the City Clerk at 7:03 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present:

Mayor, J. Lehman
Councillor, B. Ainsworth
Councillor, R. Romita
Councillor, B. Ward
Councillor, P. Silveira
Councillor, M. Prowse
Councillor, J. Brassard
Councillor, A. Khan
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, M. McCann.

Absent:

Councillor, D. Shipley.

**Student
Mayor(s):**

Daniel Stein, Maple Grove Public School
Julia Lavalle, Mapleview Heights Public School
Emma Ryder, Trillium Woods Elementary School
Norma Ali-Ahmad, Ardagh Bluffs Elementary School.

Staff:

Acting Director of Planning Services, R. Windle
Chief Administrative Officer, C. Ladd
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, D. McAlpine
Committee and Print Services Supervisor, L. Pearson
Deputy Treasurer, M. Jerney
Director of Building and By-law Enforcement, G. Alison
Director of Culture, R.Q. Williams
Director of Engineering, J. Weston
Director of Environmental Services, J. Thompson
Director of Facilities and Transit, K. Bradley
Director of Information Technology, C. Glaser
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
Director of Recreation Services, B. Roth
Director of Roads, Parks and Fleet, D. Friary
Executive Director of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
Executive Director of Innovate Barrie, R. Bunn
Executive Director of Invest Barrie, Z. Lifshiz
Fire Chief, J. Lynn
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, P. Elliott-Spencer
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, R. Forward
Infrastructure Program Engineer, K. Oakley
Manager of Business Services, R. Emerson
Manager of Facility Planning and Development, G. King
Manager of Greater Barrie Business Enterprise Centre, S. Schlichter.

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE BY MAYOR J. LEHMAN

Mayor J. Lehman opened the meeting with a prayer for guidance and welcomed the visitors in attendance.

STUDENT MAYOR(S)**15-A-026 COMMENTS FROM OUTGOING STUDENT MAYORS**

Daniel Stein of Maple Grove Public School commented that his term as Student Mayor was a fantastic experience. He noted that he was able to learn what is done behind the scenes and how smoothly the City runs. He stated that he learned from the budget presentation how difficult it is to make decisions about the City's many services particularly emergency services. He explained that he looked forward to visiting the facilities to provide him with a firsthand understanding of what each facility does on a daily basis. In closing, Daniel thanked his teachers at Maple Grove Public School and City Council for the opportunity to be Student Mayor. He noted that he feels the City of Barrie is in very good hands.

Julia Lavalle of Maplevue Heights Elementary School commented that it was an absolute honour to be given the opportunity to be Student Mayor. She noted that it was an incredible learning experience that improved her knowledge of the City. She stated that she found the City budget process interesting and she now has a better understanding of the complexities of the decision. She noted that she will share all that she has learned with other students at her school, as she feels it is important for students to stay informed. In closing, she expressed her thanks to all who are helping to make Barrie a city to be proud of.

Mayor Lehman presented Daniel and Julia with certificates in recognition of their term as Student Mayors.

15-A-027 SWEARING IN NEW STUDENT MAYORS

Lisa Pearson, Committee and Print Services Supervisor called upon Emma Ryder of Trillium Woods Elementary School and Norma Ali-Ahmad of Ardagh Bluffs Public School to be sworn into office as Student Mayors.

After being sworn into office, Emma and Norma assumed their seats on the dais next to Mayor Lehman. Dawn McAlpine, City Clerk introduced the members of City Council to Emma and Norma. She noted that the members of City staff and representatives of the community's media were also in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

15-A-028 The minutes of the City Council meeting held on February 18, 2015 were adopted as printed and circulated.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**15-A-029 RECOGNITION OF RECREATION SERVICES STAFF, OLIVIA DYMEK, MEGAN GRINNELL, KELLEE HOGAN, KIM FORSTER, MATT KASIUK AND DEZIREE MILLETT FOR THE ACTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH SAVING A LIFE AT THE HOLLY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Mayor Lehman recognized Deziree Millett and Recreation Services Staff Olivia Dymek, Megan Grinnell, Kellee Hogan, Kim Forster, and Matt Kasiuk for their actions associated with saving a life at the Holly Recreation Centre in June, 2014. He commented that worked together with the County of Simcoe Emergency Services and Barrie Police Service to revive a youth who was found outside of the Holly Community Centre with no vital signs. Mayor Lehman outlined the details associated with the event and noted that their skills were instrumental in saving the youth's life.

The Steffler family expressed their appreciation for saving their son's life. On behalf of City Council, Mayor Lehman presented certificates and a City Award of Merit Medallion to Olivia Dymek, Kellee Hogan, Kim Forster, Matt Kasiuk and Deziree Millett in recognition of their efforts.

15-A-030 PRESENTATION BY COUNCILLOR B. WARD AND GRAEME KING, MANAGER OF FACILITY PLANNING OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S ONTARIO HERITAGE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CONSERVATION FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE FORMER ALLANDALE TRAIN STATION

Councillor, B. Ward and Graeme King, Manager of Facility Planning presented Mayor Lehman with the 2014 Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for the restoration of the Allandale Train Station. Councillor Ward commented that the City of Barrie project team received the award on Friday, March 6 for the conservation of the Allandale Train Station by restoring many of its historic elements to the appropriate time period. Councillor, B. Ward commented that the building is a nationally significant site. G. King as project manager for the restoration work was commended for his efforts. Mr. King explained his appreciation for providing him with an opportunity to manage a project of such significance to the community.

Mayor Lehman commented that the Allandale Train Station is an important heritage building and a landmark for the City. He commented that he has received many positive comments regarding the restoration and the looks forward to then opening for the public..

COMMITTEE REPORTS

15-A-031 General Committee Report dated March 2, 2015, Sections A, B, C and D.

SECTION "A" - Adoption of this Section

Moved by: Councillor, P. Silveira
Seconded by: Councillor, B. Ward

That Section "A" of the General Committee Report dated March 2, 2015 now circulated, be adopted.

15-G-047 CONFIRMATION OF THE COUNTY OF SIMCOE'S AND TOWNSHIP OF ORO-MEDONTE'S APPOINTMENTS TO THE LAKE SIMCOE REGIONAL AIRPORT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CARRIED

SECTION "B" - Receipt of this Section

Moved by: Councillor, P. Silveira
Seconded by: Councillor, B. Ward

That Section "B" of the General Committee Report dated March 2, 2015 now circulated, be received.

15-G-048 2015 BUSINESS PLAN PRESENTATION

CARRIED

SECTION "C" - Adoption of this Section

Moved by: Councillor, P. Silveira
Seconded by: Councillor, B. Ward

That Section "C" of the General Committee Report dated March 2, 2015 now circulated, be adopted.

15-G-049 2015 BUSINESS PLAN

AMENDMENT #1

Moved by: Councillor, M. Prowse
Seconded by: Councillor, J. Brassard

That motion 15-G-049 of Section "C" of the General Committee Report dated March 2, 2015 concerning the 2015 Business Plan be amended by deleting 15 a) and b) and adding the words "and with the fee changes identified in the approved service level change forms" after the reference to Pages 327-367.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT #2

Moved by: Councillor, M. Prowse
Seconded by: Councillor, J. Brassard

That motion 15-G-049 of Section "C" of the General Committee Report dated March 2, 2015 concerning the 2015 Business Plan be amended by deleting paragraph 3 b) and adding the following paragraph:

- "25. That staff in the Environmental Services Department develop a multi-residential front-end garbage bin tipping service or a rebate for same and report back to General Committee with respect to the preferred plan for implementation, the annualized costs of the plan and the implications associated with implementing such a program as it relates to potential future requests from the Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Sector to be added to the service/rebate."

CARRIED

AMENDMENT #3

Moved by: Councillor, M. McCann
Seconded by: Councillor, B. Ward

That motion 15-G-049 of Section "C" of the General Committee Report dated March 2, 2015 concerning the 2015 Business Plan be amended by deleting paragraph 3 c) and replacing it with the following:

- "3. c) That staff in the Environmental Services Department develop a diaper disposal subsidy program to permit the free disposal at the landfill site during the period of May 1 to October 31 of each year, of up to two clear bags consisting solely of diapers per week with a maximum weight of 20 kg/bag from Barrie residents, effective May 1, 2015 with an estimated net increase to the tax supported levy of \$10,500 in 2015 (\$13,500 on an annual basis)."

CARRIED

Mayor Lehman left the chair at 7:42 p.m. and Acting Mayor P. Silveira assumed the Chair.

AMENDMENT #4

Moved by: Mayor, J. Lehman
Seconded by: Councillor, B. Ward

That motion 15-G-049 of Section "C" of the General Committee Report dated March 2, 2015 concerning the 2015 Business Plan be amended by adding the following paragraph:

- "26. That the forthcoming update to the long-range financial plan include a target for substantially increased "pay as you go" funding for asset management, infrastructure renewal, and capacity expansion, funded if appropriate through a combination of the Dedicated Infrastructure Renewal Fund, Federal Gas Tax, Debt Retirement Savings, and savings through Service Innovations; and that 2015 be considered year one of a five-year plan to increase pay as you go funding."

CARRIED

Mayor Lehman resumed the chair at 7:49 p.m.

Upon the question of adoption of the original motion, moved by Councillor, P. Silveira and seconded by Councillor, B. Ward as amended by Amendments #1, #2, #3 and #4, the vote was taken as follows:

Yes: 10 - Mayor, J. Lehman; Councillor, B. Ainsworth; Councillor, R. Romita; Councillor, B. Ward; Councillor, P. Silveira; Councillor, M. Prowse; Councillor, J. Brassard; Councillor, A. Khan; Councillor, S. Morales and Councillor, M. McCann

Absent: 1 - Councillor, D. Shipley

SECTION "D" - Receipt of this Section

Moved by: Councillor, P. Silveira
Seconded by: Councillor, B. Ward

That Section "D" of the General Committee Report dated March 2, 2015 now circulated, be received.

15-G-050 INVESTIGATION OF THE PROHIBITION OF ELECTRIC CICYCLES ON WALKING TRAILS AND SIDEWALKS

CARRIED

DIRECT MOTION

15-A-032 Moved by: Councillor, B. Ainsworth
Seconded by: Councillor, S. Morales

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE - FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AN AGE FRIENDLY BARRIE

That pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Procedural By-law 2013-072, permission be granted to introduce a motion without notice concerning pursuit of funding opportunities for an Age Friendly Barrie.

CARRIED WITH A TWO-THIRDS VOTE

15-A-033 Moved by: Councillor B. Ainsworth
Seconded by: Councillor S. Morales

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AN AGE FRIENDLY BARRIE

That the continued efforts of the Seniors Advisory Committee, in partnership with the Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Simcoe County District Health Unit, in their pursuit of funding opportunities to create an Age Friendly Barrie, be supported and the Ministry be so advised.

CARRIED

ENQUIRIES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of City Council provided announcements concerning a number of matters.

BY-LAWS

Moved by: Councillor, P. Silveira
Seconded by: Councillor, B. Ward

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 019**
2015-018

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to appoint members to various committees, boards and commissions. (15-G-045) (Appointments to Advisory Committees) (CLK004-15) (File: C06)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Moved by: Councillor, P. Silveira
Seconded by: Councillor, B. Ward

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 020**
2015-019

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 9th day of March, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor, J. Brassard
Seconded by: Councillor, M. McCann

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

APPENDIX “A”

**General Committee Report dated
March 2, 2015**

**Minutes - Final
General Committee**

Monday, March 2, 2015

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

GENERAL COMMITTEE

For consideration by the Council of the City of Barrie on March 9, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lehman at 7:00 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 11 - Mayor, J. Lehman; Councillor, B. Ainsworth; Councillor, R. Romita; Councillor, D. Shipley; Councillor, B. Ward; Councillor, P. Silveira; Councillor, M. Prowse; Councillor, J. Brassard; Councillor, A. Khan; Councillor, S. Morales; and Councillor, M. McCann

STAFF:

Acting Director of Planning Services, R. Windle
Chief Administrative Officer, C. Ladd
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, D. McAlpine
Deputy City Clerk, W. Cooke
Deputy Treasurer, M. Jermey
Director of Building and By-law Enforcement, G. Allison
Director of Business Development, H. Kirolos
Director of Engineering, J. Weston
Director of Environmental Services, J. Thompson
Director of Facilities and Transit, K. Bradley
Director of Human Resources, A.M. Langlois
Director of Information Technology, C. Glaser
Director of Recreation, B. Roth
Director of Roads, Parks and Fleet, D. Friary
Executive Director of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
Executive Director of Innovate Barrie, R. Bunn
Executive Director of Invest Barrie, Z. Lifshiz
Fire Chief, J. Lynn
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, P. Elliott-Spencer
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, R. Forward

Infrastructure Program Engineer, K. Oakley
Manager of Business Services, R. Emerson
Manager of Traffic and Parking Services, S. Rose
Waste Reduction Coordinator, T. Quann-Strasser.

The General Committee recommends adoption of the following recommendation which was dealt with on the consent portion of the agenda:

SECTION "A"

15-G-047

CONFIRMATION OF THE COUNTY OF SIMCOE'S AND TOWNSHIP OF ORO-MEDONTE'S APPOINTMENTS TO THE LAKE SIMCOE REGIONAL AIRPORT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. That in accordance with Section 6.09 of the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport Agreement, the City of Barrie approves of the County of Simcoe's appointment of Deputy Warden Terry Dowdall and Councillor Mike Burkett to Lake Simcoe Regional Airport Board of Directors for a term of office ending December 31, 2015.
2. That in accordance with Section 6.09 of the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport Agreement, the City of Barrie approves of the Township of Oro-Medonte's appointment of Deputy Mayor Hough and Scott Running to the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport Board of Directors for a term of office ending December 31, 2016.
3. That the County of Simcoe and the Township of Oro-Medonte be advised of the City of Barrie's approval of each municipality's appointments. (Item for Discussion 8.2, March 2, 2015) (File: C05)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 09/03/2015.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "B"

15-G-048 2015 BUSINESS PLAN

Patti Elliott-Spencer, General Manager of Community and Corporate Services provided a slide presentation concerning the 2015 Business Plan providing updates since the binder distribution on February 2, 2015 and the workshop held on February 10, 2015.

Ms. Elliott-Spencer discussed the following topics:

- A summary of the proposed budget;
- An overview of the tax-supported base budget adjustments;
- Adjustments to Scenario A (Service Level Changes), Scenario B (Service Partner Changes) and Scenario C (Parking);
- Scenario D - Dedicated Infrastructure Fund;
- Information related to multi-residential front-end garbage collection, organics collection program enhancement (diapers), operations rightsizing, changes to drop-in programs, and the downtown parkade as detailed in Staff Report EMT001-15; and
- The total tax impact on an average home.

A member of General Committee asked a question regarding the information presented and received a response.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 09/03/2015.

The General Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "C"

15-G-049 2015 BUSINESS PLAN

1. That the 2015 tax-supported base operating budget for municipal operations, with total gross expenditures of \$200.1 million and a net property tax levy requirement of \$120.8 million, be approved with the following amendments to reflect changes since the Business Plan's publication on February 2, 2015:
 - a) That contracted services within Transit Operations be reduced by \$210,000 to reflect the accurate calculation of inflation on the transit contract;
 - b) That contracted services for the Mady Theatre be reduced by \$40,000 to reflect savings resulting from moving to internal custodial staff;
 - c) That a Seniors Advisory Committee Budget be established in the amount of \$3,500 as per Resolution 14-A-122 adopted by City Council on June 25, 2014 for consideration in the 2015 Business Plan;
 - d) That the tax supported debt charges be decreased by \$6,268.30 to reflect the portion of the Operations Centre Site Works debt issuance that relates to wastewater operations and the corresponding amount be recovered from the wastewater rate;
 - e) That salary and benefits for Access Barrie be decreased by \$53,222 and \$7,868 respectively, and LUMCO funding be reduced by \$17,500, for a net reduction to the tax levy of \$43,590;
 - f) That budgeted Blue Box Revenue be increased by \$150,000 to reflect information received subsequent to the release of the preliminary Business Plan;
 - g) That the 2015 budgeted contribution to the Development Charge Discounts/Exemptions reserve be decreased by \$200,000;
 - h) That the 2015 budget for Tax Increment grants be reduced by \$30,000 in respect of the Mady Lakeview development;

- i) That contracted services within Facilities Development Administration be increased by \$350,000 to reflect the carry forward of the Facility Condition Assessment Program approved in 2014 but not completed, and that \$350,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund be budgeted to fund the Program;
 - j) That contracted services within Facilities Development Administration be increased by \$200,000 for the anticipated cost of the 2015 Facility Drawing Inventory Project and that \$200,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund be budgeted to fund the Project;
 - k) That \$200,000 associated with the Transit increases be funded from the Provincial Gas Tax Reserve; and
 - l) That the alterations to the 2015 fees and charges identified in paragraph 15 be incorporated into the net levy requirement.
2. That the 2015 tax supported base operating budget for Barrie's Service Partners presented on Page 22 of the 2015 Business Plan, with total gross expenditures of \$82.7 million and a net property tax levy requirement of \$79.0 million, be approved with the following amendments to reflect changes since the Business Plan's publication on February 2, 2015:
- a) That the County of Simcoe capital program be increased by \$209,293 as approved by the County's Committee of the Whole, and that eligible Development Charge funding be increased by \$102,766, with a resulting increase budgeted draw from the County of Simcoe Capital Reserve of \$106,527;
 - b) That the portion of 2015 County of Simcoe tax-supported gross operating grant request related to the County of Simcoe capital reserve contribution with a preliminary base budget of \$1,408,533 be reduced by \$308,533 to a total of \$1,100,000;
 - c) That the County of Simcoe operating budget be decreased by \$315,171 as approved by the County's Committee of the Whole, with a matching reduction to the net tax levy;
 - d) That the Library Board 2015 Municipal Operating Grant Request be decreased by \$148,242 as approved by the Library Board and outlined in Scenario B on Page 26 of the 2015 Business Plan with a resulting reduction of \$146,242 to the net tax levy and a decrease in Development Charge funding of \$2,000;

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- e) That the amount of \$170,000 included in the Library Board 2015 Municipal Operating Grant Request, as it relates to the estimated 2014 deficit related to maintenance costs for the library facilities, be funded from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve;
 - f) That the Physician Recruitment grant, as outlined on Page 22 of the 2015 Business Plan, be reduced by \$50,000 to a total of \$60,000 in 2015; and
 - g) That the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Grant Request be decreased from \$1,684,420.00 to \$1,632,370.12, with a resulting net levy reduction of \$52,049.88 in accordance with the recent correspondence from the Board of the Health Unit.
3. That Scenario A - Tax, with recommended tax-supported Service Level Changes as outlined on Page 25 of the 2015 Business Plan and as amended in Appendix "C", with a net cost of \$273,756 (operating) and \$124,850 (capital), be approved with the following further amendment(s):
- a) That the \$125,000 associated with the Contaminated Inactive Land - PSAB 3260 Project (page 285) be funded from Tax Capital Reserve;
 - b) That staff in the Environmental Services Department develop a multi-residential front-end garbage bin tipping service or a rebate for same, for implementation in Q4 of 2015, with an estimated increase to the tax supported levy of \$115,000, and report back to General Committee by July 1, 2015 with the preferred plan for implementation; and
 - c) That staff in the Environmental Services Department develop a diaper disposal program for implementation in Q3 of 2015 that would provide 40 tags per household per year to approved applicants for the collection and landfilling of clear bags of diapers curbside at no cost and/or resident drop off of clear tagged bags at the landfill for free on "off" weeks, with an estimated net increase to the tax supported levy of \$58,000.
4. That Scenario C - Tax, as amended in Appendix "F", to eliminate the tax-supported contribution to the Parking Reserve, with a net decrease to the tax levy of \$743,000, be approved.
5. That Scenario D relating to the creation of an Infrastructure Renewal Fund as outlined on Page 27 of the 2015 Business Plan, through the addition of 1% Dedicated Infrastructure Funding with a net increase to the tax levy of \$1,448,409, be approved.

- 6. That an economic adjustment for non-union staff salaries, of up to 1.5%, be approved.
- 7. That the Wastewater base operating budget, with gross expenditures of \$39.2 million and revenues of \$39.2 million, be approved with the following amendments to reflect changes since the Business Plan's publication on February 2, 2015:
 - a) That the wastewater funding for debt charges be increased by \$6,268.30 to reflect the portion of the Operations Centre Site Works debt issuance that relates to wastewater operations.
- 8. That Scenario A - Wastewater, with recommended wastewater supported Service Level Changes as outlined on Page 37 of the 2015 Business Plan, with a net cost of \$22,471 (operating) and \$8,150 (capital), be approved.
- 9. That the Water base operating budget, with gross expenditures of \$32.7 million and revenues of \$32.7 million, be approved.
- 10. That the Parking Operations base budget, with gross expenditures of \$2.3 million and gross revenues of \$2.3 million, be referred to the Infrastructure, Investment and Development Services Committee for further consideration and a report back to General Committee.
- 11. That Scenario C - Parking, as amended in Appendix "F", to recognize the full year implementation of waterfront meter and special events paid parking, and the addition of paid weekday evening parking, with the net impact of a \$58,329 2015 operating deficit in the Parking Fund, be referred to the Infrastructure, Investment and Development Services Committee for further consideration and a report back to General Committee.
- 12. That the 2015 capital budget requests of \$33.59 million, be approved with the following amendments to reflect changes since the Business Plan's publication on February 2, 2015:
 - a) That the following project(s) be added to the 2015 Capital Plan:

Project

Financial Impact

Permanent Traffic Calming - Cumming Drive (raised intersection at Cumming Drive & Stapleton Place and curb bump outs in the vicinity of the park)

Gross = \$90,000
Tax Capital Res. = \$90,000

Permanent Traffic Calming - Cook Street (raised intersection at Cook Street & West Gate) Gross = \$80,000
Tax Capital Res. = \$80,000

Permanent Traffic Calming - Sandringham Drive (permanent raised intersection at Birkhall, curb bump outs south of Birkhall and temporary raised median island at Birkhall North) Gross = \$45,000
Tax Capital Res. = \$45,000

13. That, consistent with the Capital Project Control Policy, the 2016, 2017, and 2018 capital budget relating to new 2015 capital projects of \$19.4 million in 2016, \$5.1 million in 2017, and \$300,000 in 2018, be approved.
14. That the 2015-2019 Capital Budget items not requiring approval, be received as forecast information.
15. That effective May 1, 2015, By-law 2014-021, as amended, be repealed and replaced with a by-law incorporating the fees and charges presented in the 2015 Business Plan, published February 2, 2015, Pages 327-367 with the following amendment(s).
 - a) That Schedule "G" of the Fees By-law be amended to reflect an increase to the Outdoor Solid Fuel Burning Appliance (OSFBA) Permit from \$10.00 to \$22.00, with a resulting decrease in the tax-supported operating levy in the amount of approximately \$42,000; and
 - b) That Schedule "N" of the Fees By-law be amended to reflect free landfill disposal of clear tagged bags of diapers, with a maximum weight of 20 kg per bag from the residential sector.
16. That pursuant to Ontario Regulation 284/09, this report serve as the method for communicating the exclusion of the following estimated expenses from the 2015 Business Plan:
 - a) Amortization expense - \$49.7 million;
 - b) Post-employment benefit expenses - \$2 million; and
 - c) Solid waste landfill closure and post-closure expenses - \$0.6 million.
17. That staff be authorized to submit applications for grants that would reduce expenditures associated with projects, programs and services approved as part of the operating and capital budgets.

18. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute any agreements that may be required to accept grant funding from other levels of governments or other partners to reduce expenditures associated with programs, services and/or capital projects.
19. That the Treasurer be authorized to make the necessary alterations to the transfer to and/or from reserves to reflect changes since the Business Plan's publication on February 2, 2015.
20. That Debenture financing as identified in the Capital Budget be approved.
21. That staff be directed to undertake a review of the City's Parkade business and report back to Council with respect to options that may include, but are not necessarily limited to:
 - a) Maintaining the business as a going concern; and
 - b) Discontinuing operations and liquidating the asset.
22. That staff in the Building and By-law Services Department undertake a review of the cost and revenues associated with pet licensing as well as opportunities to enhance the level of pet owner compliance with licensing requirements and streamlining the licensing process, and report back to General Committee.
23. That staff in the Barrie Fire and Emergency Service in consultation with any other appropriate departments investigate opportunities to streamline the Outdoor Solid Fuel Burning Appliance Permit process to increase efficiencies and effectiveness.
24. That the City Clerk be authorized to prepare all necessary By-laws to implement the above recommendations. (EMT001-15) (File: F05)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 09/03/2015.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "D"

15-G-050 INVESTIGATION OF THE PROHIBITION OF ELECTRIC BICYCLES ON WALKING TRAILS AND SIDEWALKS

The Committee met and discussed the Item for Discussion concerning an investigation of the prohibition of electric bicycles on walking trails and sidewalks, as follows:

"That staff in Parks Planning in consultation with By-law Services, investigate the feasibility of prohibiting the use of electric bicycles on walking trails and sidewalks and report back to General Committee."

A vote was taken and the motion was LOST. The Committee provided no further direction with respect to the Item for Discussion concerning the investigation of the prohibition of electric bicycles on walking trails and sidewalks. (Item for Discussion, 8.1, March 2, 2015) (File: R00)

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 09/03/2015.

ENQUIRIES

There were no enquires at General Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of General Committee provided announcements concerning a number of matters.

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

CHAIRMAN