



# City of Barrie

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## Final Heritage Barrie Committee

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Tuesday, April 25, 2023

6:30 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

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### HERITAGE BARRIE COMMITTEE REPORT

**For consideration by the Affordability Committee on June 14, 2023.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, C. Riepma at 6:32 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

**Present:** 11 - Councillor C. Riepma  
Councillor A.M. Kungl  
Vice Chair C. Froese  
P. Batra  
C. Colebatch  
D. Exel  
C. Kosokowsky  
K. MacKinnon  
S. Mackinnon  
S. Marchant  
P. Stevenson

**STAFF:**

Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard  
Supervisor of Growth Management, T. Wierzba  
Planner, A. Bradford.

The Heritage Barrie Committee met and reports as follows:

## **SECTION "A"**

### **HERITAGE BARRIE AWARDS**

The Committee discussed ideas and suggestions for future Heritage Barrie Awards. The Committee suggested extending the award nomination period, educating the public on the benefits of the Heritage Barrie Awards, changing award categories to include designated heritage landscape, trees and streetscapes, providing further communications on the individual award category and updating the nomination forms to include a QR code for ease and access.

Cathy Colebatch commented that she felt the 2022 Heritage Barrie Award ceremony went very well and it provided an opportunity for recipients to say a few words when accepting their awards at the event.

### **TAX RELIEF PROGRAM FOR DESIGNATED HERITAGE PROPERTIES**

**Pauline Stevenson, member of the Heritage Barrie Committee declared a potential pecuniary on the foregoing matter as she is an owner of a designated heritage property. She did not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter but remained in the Sir Robert Barrie Room.**

Tomasz Wierzba, Supervisor of Growth Management provided an update concerning the potential tax relief program for designated heritage properties. He advised that in consultation with staff in the Finance Department will be working on drafting a memorandum concerning the tax relief program for designated heritage properties.

The Committee provided their feedback to Mr. Wierzba concerning the potential tax relief program for designated and heritage properties.

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

### **SECTION "B"**

#### **TAX RELIEF FOR DESIGNATED HERITAGE PROPERTIES**

That staff in the Development Services Department in consultation with the Finance Department investigate the feasibility and timelines of a tax relief program for designated heritage properties and report back to the Heritage Barrie Committee

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This matter was recommended (Section "B") to Affordability Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/14/2023.

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### **SECTION "C"**

#### **ALLANDALE TRANSIT MOBILITY HUB DESIGN - HERITAGE BARRIE COMMENTS**

Members of Committee provided their feedback to City staff concerning the Allandale Transit Mobility Hub Design such as the height of the canopy on the building, tin roof and installing composite cedar shakes on the roof, and the inclusion of a Victoria garden that incorporates native species and pollinator plants.

**COMMITTEES WORK PLAN AND COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY**

Tomasz Wierzba, Supervisor of Growth provided an update concerning the Committee's Work Plan.

Members of Committee discussed events such as Farmer's Market, Open Air Dunlop, Doors Open hosted by the County of Simcoe, creating handouts for Heritage Barrie Award nominations and planting of trees in recognition of Barrie's soldiers lost in the war.

Cathy Colebatch advised that Doors Open Simcoe County takes place August 26 and 27, 2023, and discussed with the Committee related to participating in the Doors Open Simcoe County event.

Mr. Wierzba advised that updates would be made to the Work Plan and that a copy will be forwarded to the Committee for their input.

Ms. Colebatch and Shelley Marchant volunteered for the Doors Open Subcommittee

Shelley Marchant advised that staff in Communications are making revisions to the Committee's communication strategy.

Councillor, A.M. Kungl, Craig Froese, Kayleigh MacKinnon and Pauline Stevenson volunteered as members of the tree planting subcommittee.

**MUNICIPAL HERITAGE REGISTER**

Tomasz Wierzba, Supervisor of Growth Management provided an update concerning the Municipal Heritage Register. He advised that staff in the Development Services Department are working on digitizing the Municipal Heritage Register.

**DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW**

Tomasz Wierzba, Supervisor of Growth Management advised that no new development applications have been received that require feedback from the Committee.

**DESIGNATING HERITAGE TREES VERSUS PRIVATE TREE BY-LAW**

Tomasz Wierzba, Supervisor of Growth Management provided an overview concerning designating heritage trees versus the Private Tree By-law. He described the process and criteria for designating a heritage tree in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Members of Committee discussed the Private Tree By-law and the Tree Preservation Manual.

**IMPACTS OF BILL 23 AS IT RELATES TO HERITAGE**

Tomasz Wierzba, Supervisor of Growth Management provided an overview concerning the Province of Ontario's Bill 23 and the changes to legislation.

Members of Committee discussed Bill 23 and its potential impacts on heritage, criteria for listed and designated properties, and the digitalization of the Municipal Heritage Register.

**STATUS OF THE NEW OFFICIAL PLAN**

Tomasz Wierzba, Supervisor of Growth Management provided an update concerning the City's new Official Plan. He advised that Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing approved the City of Barrie's new Official Plan, with 76 modifications on April 11, 2023, and that no revisions were related to heritage. Mr. Wierzba indicated that the modified version of the new Official Plan will be posted to the City's website soon.

**FIRST DRAFT ZONING BY-LAW UPDATE**

Tomasz Wierzba, Supervisor of Growth Management provided an update concerning the first draft of the Zoning By-law including the public consultation process. Mr. Wierzba expressed that he anticipates that the second draft of the Zoning By-law will be available for public viewing in June, 2023.

**HISTORIC NEIGHBOURHOOD GUIDE UPDATE**

Deb Exel provided an update concerning the historic neighbourhood guides. Ms. Exel advised that staff in the Communications Branch are still updating the guides and that she anticipates receiving a draft copy by June, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

CHAIRMAN