



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Development Services Committee

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

For consideration by General Committee on May 26, 2014

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

Councillor B. Ward, Development Services Committee Chairperson
Mayor Lehman, (ex-officio)
Councillor B. Jackson, Development Services Committee Member
Councillor P. Silveira, Development Services Committee Member.

STAFF:

Committee and Print Services Supervisor, L. Pearson
Deputy City Clerk, W. Cooke
Director of Planning Services, S. Naylor.

The Development Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

OPEN DELEGATION REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF LONG-TERM PROPERTY VALUES AND TAX ASSESSMENTS FOR NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION

Mr. John Armstrong of Masonry Worx provided an Open Delegation regarding the protection of long-term property values and tax assessments for new home construction. He indicated that the Ontario Brick, Block and Stone professionals are working towards creating communities that are sustainable. He noted that he feels that it is the Planners and the Municipality who build communities that last. Mr. Armstrong explained that high property assessments maximize the tax base and that compact form is only part of the equation to building a sustainable community. He stated that he feels ignoring long-term property value is a gap that needs to be filled. He noted that he feels municipalities need to develop new policies and guidelines that take into consideration durability, resilience and the long term value of the property. Mr. Armstrong reviewed the effects that climate change can have on housing and construction industries and outlined the measures that are being taken to adapt to climate change to incorporate energy efficiency in building design. He stated that he feels the decisions that the City of Barrie made today will have a dramatic impact on long term buildings and housing. Mr. Armstrong provided some information from the Insurance Bureau of Canada regarding yearly payouts due to floods, fire, hail and windstorms.

Mr. Armstrong concluded by indicating that in his opinion, municipalities need to develop new policies and guidelines that take into consideration durability resilience to protect long term property value and protect the community against Climate Change.

The Committee Members asked a number of questions related to the information provided and received responses from the presenter and staff.

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM LEE PERRY AND KAREN GREGORY
DATED APRIL 23, 2014 REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING
PERMIT TO REBUILD THEIR GARAGE AFTER A FIRE**

Mr. Lee Perry addressed the Committee regarding the issuance of a building permit to rebuild their garage at 149 Letitia Street after a fire. Mr. Perry explained that his garage at 149 Letitia Street had been destroyed as a result of arson on July 3, 2013. He outlined the history related to the property. Mr. Perry provided pictures of how the property looked before and after the fire. Mr. Perry reviewed the Ontario Fire Marshall's report and the Private Investigator's report regarding the fire. He noted the impact that crime can have on its victims. Mr. Perry explained that the current Zoning By-law does not permit for the garage to be built in its original location as it was situated on a severed piece of land. He provided a few options to reconstruct the garage, first being to apply to the Committee of Adjustment requesting a variance to reconstruct garage in the same location as before citing concerns that even by paying the fee, this provides him no guarantee for approval. The second option Mr. Perry discussed was to remove the severance from the property which was not preferable as he felt this would reduce his property value. His third option was to rebuild the garage on the same lot as his home which he indicated was not favourable as it would reduce his access to his rear yard as well as he would need to remove a number of mature trees to accommodate the structure. (14-G-122) (File D00)

The Committee Members asked a number of questions regarding the information provided and received responses from the presenter and of staff.

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

SECTION "B"

**ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT AT 149 LETITIA STREET TO
REBUILD A GARAGE AFTER A FIRE**

That in consideration of the unique circumstances of arson, resulting in the destruction of a garage at 149 Letitia Street, the applicable Committee of Adjustment Application Fee established in the Fees By-law to re-build the garage be waived. (File: C05)

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of adoption its meeting to be held on 5/26/2014.

The Development Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

**REPORT OF THE HERITAGE BARRIE COMMITTEE REPORT DATED
DECEMBER 3, 2013**

The Report of the Heritage Barrie Committee dated December 3, 2013 was received. (File: C05)

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

SECTION "D"

SIR ROBERT BARRIE MEMORIAL

1. That staff in the Department of Culture investigate the cost related to the City of Barrie sponsoring two commemorative statues or busts of Sir Robert Barrie to be displayed in a public viewing location and report back to General Committee.
2. That the Service Level Change Form be prepared for consideration in the 2015 Business Plan. (File: R07)

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/26/2014.

The Development Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "E"

**REPORT OF THE HERITAGE BARRIE COMMITTEE DATED APRIL 1,
2014**

The Report of the Heritage Barrie Committee Report dated April 1, 2014 was received. (File: C05)

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

SECTION "F"

HERITAGE REGISTER REVIEW - 126 BURTON AVENUE

That in response to the application submitted to Heritage Barrie by the property owner, 126 Burton Avenue be added to the Heritage Register. (File: R01)

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 05/26/2014.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

CHAIRMAN