



City of Barrie

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Final - Final Town and Gown Committee

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

5:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

TOWN AND GOWN COMMITTEE REPORT

For Consideration by the Community Safety Committee on September 25, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor C. Riepma at 5:02 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 6 - Chair – Councillor C. Riepma
R. Kumar
M. Fenton - Georgian College
J. Morozuk
D. Truax - Georgian College
J. Weston

Absent: 1 - D. Abiodun

STAFF:

City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Deputy Fire Chief, Manager of Communications, Fire Prevention Public Education,
C. Clarke
Supervisor of Enforcement Services, J. Forgrave
Zoning Officer, J. VanWierigen

The Town and Gown Committee met and reports as follows:

COMMITTEE TRAINING

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

GEORGIAN COLLEGE UPDATES

Megan Fenton, Georgian College Representative, provided an update regarding Georgian College. Ms. Fenton advised that currently there are 3800 students attending Barrie with domestic exceeding 1176 students. Ms. Fenton advised that orientation for students is the last week of August, and the hope is that more students will attend this year.

GEORGIAN STUDENT SURVEY

Megan Fenton, Georgian College Representative, discussed the possibility of a student survey to gain more feedback. Ms. Fenton advised that the survey would include feedback on current City By-laws that are affecting student life. She advised that student housing is currently an issue and reviewing the current by-laws could help with future decisions around student housing.

CITY UPDATES

Jason Forgrave, Supervisor of Enforcement Services, provided an update to the committee regarding enforcement and the services they provide. Mr. Forgrave advised that a college sharing information session would be a good idea to review current by-laws with students that affect student housing. He advised that there is the Barrie Social Media page that has up to date information that could assist students when trying to find certain by-laws or regulations. He also advised that safer housing is one of the main problems he has heard from student housing and how the city can work towards providing students with safer housing.

Jason VanWieringen, Zoning Officer, discussed with the committee his role and responsibilities with the city. Mr. VanWieringen advised that one of the main complaints they get a lot of is around room/boarder houses and not enough housing to accommodate the student population. He advised that the zoning team is quite busy with requests and that students are always pleasant when dealing with enforcement.

WORK PLAN UPDATES

The committee discussed the work plan in particular focusing on Housing, Antiracism, and food security. The committee discussed adding Better than

Before as an agenda item for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

CHAIRMAN