



# City of Barrie

70 Collier Street  
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## Minutes - Final City Building Committee

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Tuesday, June 15, 2021

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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### For consideration by the General Committee on June 28, 2021

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

- Present:** 3 - Councillor, C. Riepma  
Councillor, K. Aylwin  
Councillor, A. Kungl
- Absent:** 2 - Mayor, J. Lehman  
Councillor, N. Harris

#### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Deputy Mayor, B. Ward  
Councillor, G. Harvey  
Councillor, S. Morales.

#### **STAFF:**

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse  
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke  
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard  
Director of Development Services, M. Banfield  
Director of Finance/Treasurer, C. Millar  
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan  
Director of Infrastructure, B. Araniyasundaran  
Director of Operations, D. Friary  
Director of Transit and Parking Strategy, B. Forsyth  
Executive Director of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid  
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine  
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, A. Miller.

The City Building Committee met and reports as follows:

## **SECTION "A"**

### **OPEN DELEGATION BY HANNAH BREGMAN CONCERNING WALKABILITY IN BARRIE, ESPECIALLY IN THE URBAN GROWTH CENTRES AND HOW WALKABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS COULD BENEFIT THE CITY**

Hannah Bregman provided an open delegation concerning walkability in Barrie especially in the Urban Growth Centres and How Walkable Neighbourhoods could benefit the City. Ms. Bregman explained that she chose to focus her analysis on the potential future redevelopment of Bradford Street for the creation of a walkable community.

Ms. Bregman discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An outline of her experience and educational background;
- Potential and rationale for redeveloping Bradford Street to create a walkable community;
- Existing and proposed options for Bradford Street;
- Examples of a Move-Through and Destination Bradford approach;
- The rationale associated with induced demand;
- Examples of induced demands related to auto and multi-modal focus;
- Impacts of road widening and the effects on the City's goals to create walkable sustainable neighbourhoods; and
- The next steps.

In closing, Ms. Bregman suggested making Bradford Street a destination and not a thoroughfare.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions of Ms. Bregman and City staff and received responses.

### **PRESENTATION CONCERNING THE CITY OF BARRIE'S ALTERNATIVE FUEL STUDY**

Mara Bullock, Project Manager from WSP Canada provided a presentation concerning the results City of Barrie's Corporate Fleet and Transit Alternative Fuel Study. She provided an introduction of her colleague Anaissa Franco from WSP Canada.

Ms. Bullock discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- A background of the Corporate Fleet and Transit Alternative Study; and
- The keys steps and objectives of the Alternative Fuel Study.

- The Transit Fleet Alternative Fuel Study:
  - Technology assessment related to Transit Operations;
  - BOLT Inputs versus Battery Electric;
  - Phased Conversion Scenario approach to Conventional Transit;
  - Cost analysis related to alternative fuel for transit; and
  - The next steps for Transit.
- The Corporate Fleet Alternative Fuel Study:
  - Technology assessment associated with Corporate Fleet;
  - Phased Conversion for Corporate Fleet between 2021 and 2041;
  - Cost analysis between 2021 to 2041 for four facilities associated with Scenario 3; and
  - The next steps for Corporate Fleet.

Member of Committee asked a number of questions of the presenters and City staff and received responses.

**REPORT OF THE HERITAGE BARRIE COMMITTEE DATED MAY 12, 2021.**

The Report of the Heritage Barrie Committee dated May 12, 2021 was received.

**REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE DATED MAY 20, 2021.**

The Report of the Communities in Bloom Committee dated May 20, 2021 was received.

**REPORT OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE DATED JUNE 1, 2021.**

The Report of the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee dated June 1, 2021 was received.

The City Building Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(S):

**SECTION "B"**

**MUNICIPAL HERITAGE REGISTER - COLLIER STREET UNITED CHURCH - 112 COLLIER STREET**

That the property known municipality as Collier Street United Church located at 112 Collier Street be added to the Municipal Heritage Register as a listed property.

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/28/2021.

**ALTERNATIVE FUEL STUDY - CORPORATE FLEET**

1. That the conversion of the City's corporate fleet to battery electric and compressed natural gas fuelled vehicles be endorsed in principle.
2. That a full time equivalent position be approved and funded beginning in November 2021, for the purpose of developing and executing an implementation plan for fleet conversion, at an estimated total cost of \$150,000 per year for salary and associated burden.
3. That staff report back in the third quarter of 2023 with an implementation plan for fleet conversion and that implementation related budget requests be included in future business plans.

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/28/2021.

**BARRIE TRANSIT ALTERNATIVE FUEL STUDY**

1. That the conversion of the City's Transit fleet to battery electric buses (BEB), be endorsed in principle.
2. That a full-time equivalent position be approved and funded beginning in November 2021, for the purpose of developing and executing both the pilot program and implementation plan for transit's fleet conversion, at an estimated total cost of \$150,000 per year for salary and associated costs.
3. That an additional Capital Project in 2021 for the purchase of 1 conventional BEB and accompanying charging infrastructure for a total project cost of \$1.7M, which will be funded from Federal Gas Tax Reserve, be approved, with staff making every effort to leverage funding from upper levels of government when those programs become available to reduce the commitment from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve.
4. That the City of Barrie join Canadian Urban Transit Research and Innovation Consortium (CUTRIC) and that the membership fees be funded through the Transit and Parking Strategy Departmental Operating Budget.
5. That staff be authorized to submit applications for grants that would reduce capital expenditures or enhance capital projects associated with BEB's and a report or memo be presented, as appropriate, prior to the execution of any agreement associated with the acceptance of such grant.

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/28/2021.

The City Building Committee met and reports as follows:

**SECTION "C"**

**CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM CONCERNING A POSITION, PLAN, PROCEDURE, CRITERIA OR INSTRUCTION TO BE APPLIED TO ANY NEGOTIATIONS CARRIED ON OR TO BE CARRIED ON BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD MATTER - ALTERNATIVE FUEL STUDY**

That the Confidential Memorandum concerning a position, plan procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the Municipality or Local Board matter - Alternative Fuel Study was received.

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

CHAIRMAN