

**Minutes - Final
General Committee**

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

6:00 PM

Council Chamber

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by the Council of the City of Barrie on April 28 , 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lehman at 6:02 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

- Present:** 10 - Mayor J. Lehman; Councillor B. Ainsworth; Councillor L. Strachan; Councillor D. Shipley; Councillor B. Ward; Councillor P. Silveira; Councillor M. Prowse; Councillor J. Brassard; Councillor A. Khan; and Councillor A. Nuttall
- Absent:** 1 - Councillor B. Jackson

STAFF:

Acting Director of Engineering, F. Palka
Acting General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, J. Weston
Chief Administrative Officer, C. Ladd
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, D. McAlpine
Deputy Fire Chief, R. Monkman
Director of Corporate Asset Management, B. Parkin
Director of Facilities and Transit, K. Bradley
Director of Finance, D. McKinnon
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
Director of Human Resources, A.M. Langlois
Director of Planning, S. Naylor
Director of Roads, Parks and Fleet, D. Friary
Executive Director of Innovate Barrie, R. Bunn
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, R. Forward
Growth Management Coordinator, E. Hodgins
Labour Relations Specialist, K. Wray
Manager of Wastewater Operations, D. Quenneville.

The General Committee recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s) which were dealt with on the consent portion of the agenda:

SECTION "A"

14-G-098 DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO GRANT EASEMENTS OVER CITY OWNED PROPERTY

1. That authority to grant easements to other governmental authorities, conservation authorities, school boards and utility companies, over City owned property, be delegated to the Director of Legal Services, within the limits set out below and subject to the following conditions:
 - a) The value of the grant of easement does not exceed a maximum sale price of \$25,000;
 - b) The grant of easement is at or above fair market value taking into consideration any benefit to the Corporation resulting from the grant of easement as determined by the Director of Legal Services;
 - c) That all costs, including staff time are fully recovered and paid for by the purchaser of the easement;
 - d) That prior to the granting of any easement, the Director of Legal Services shall circulate the easement request among relevant City departments for staff comments;
 - e) That staff prepare an annual memorandum to General Committee with a summary of easements granted under this authority;
 - f) That any grant of easement having a high/corporate/community profile and/or controversy in the opinion of the Director of Legal Services be presented to General Committee for consideration and approval; and
 - g) That all sale proceeds be deposited to the following account: 01-24-0860-000-8612 GAIN/LOSS - FIXED ASSESTS.
2. That the granting of easements to other governmental authorities, conservation authorities, school boards and utility companies be excluded from the requirements to comply with the provisions of The City of Barrie By-Law 95-104 governing the sale of real property.

3. That the City Clerk be authorized to execute any agreement of purchase and sale and associated documents in a form approved by the Director of Legal Services. (LGL007-14) (File: D15-DEL)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 28/04/2014.

14-G-099 OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 41 - MINOR HOUSEKEEPING CHANGES TO THE 2009 OFFICIAL PLAN

That Official Plan Amendment 41, attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report PLN014-14, be approved. (PLN014-14) (File: D09-OPA41)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 28/04/2014.

The General Committee reports that upon adoption of the required procedural motion it met in closed session in the Sir Robert Barrie Room at 6:05 p.m. to receive an update and discuss the content of a confidential memorandum dated April 22, 2014 concerning a Labour Relations/Employee Negotiations Matter - BPPFA Labour Negotiations- Fire Award. Members of General Committee (with the exception of Councillor, J. Brassard and Councillor, B. Jackson), the Chief Administrative Officer, City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, Deputy Fire Chief, Director of Human Resources, Executive Director – Innovate Barrie, General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, and Labour Relations Specialist were in attendance for the portion of the meeting closed to the public. Councillor, P. Silveira joined the meeting at 6:11 p.m. Members of the press and public were not present for this portion of the meeting.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "B"**14-G-100 DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL LABOUR RELATIONS/EMPLOYEE
NEGOTIATIONS MATTER - BPPFA LABOUR NEGOTIATIONS - FIRE
AWARD**

That motion 14-G-100 contained within the confidential notes to the General Committee Report dated April 22, 2014 concerning the discussion of an update and the content of a confidential memorandum regarding a Confidential Labour Relations/Employee Negotiations Matter - BPPFA Labour Negotiations - Fire Award, be received. (File: H07)

Councillor, J. Brassard declared a potential pecuniary interest regarding the confidential Labour Relations/Employee Negotiations Matter - BPPFA Labour Negotiations - Fire Award as he is employed as a Firefighter. He did not participate in the discussion or vote on the question. He did not attend the portion of the meeting held in the Sir Robert Barrie Room.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 28/04/2014.

The General Committee reports upon adoption of a procedural motion, it concluded the in-camera/closed portion of the meeting at 6:33 p.m. General Committee resumed in public in the Council Chamber at 6:45 p.m.

SECTION "C"**14-G-101 PRESENTATION BY WATSON & ASSOCIATES ECONOMISTS LTD.
REGARDING THE SECONDARY PLANS AND MASTER PLANS FISCAL
IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Gary Scandlan of Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. provided a presentation to General Committee concerning the Secondary Plans and Master Plans Fiscal Impact Assessment. He introduced the presentation with a comment that the same presentation had been provided to the Stakeholders as the basis for negotiations, and that as negotiations have progressed minor refinements to the plan have been made which have resulted in a minor difference to the overall impact. Mr. Scandlan discussed the studies and interviews that formed the basis of the fiscal impact analysis as well as the aspects the fiscal impact analysis is addressing. He reviewed the process for assessing the fiscal impacts of growth for tax rates as well as water and wastewater rates.

Mr. Scandlan highlighted the growth forecasts for the City of Barrie by 2031 in population, housing unit, gross floor area and employment increases for the built boundary and annexed lands. He provided an overview of the approach to addressing the fiscal impact analysis. Mr. Scandlan detailed the base case for the 2012 to 2031 capital costs based on secondary plan studies, capital budget/forecast and asset replacement. He provided charts illustrating the capital costs by service category for growth versus non-growth related works and the capital funding overview for the base case scenario. Mr. Scandlan highlighted the City's financial framework considerations related to debt and budget targets. He provided four scenarios to deal with the financial impacts of growth and asset replacement. He also displayed charts detailing the cost breakdown of the capital program and funding for the scenarios.

Mr. Scandlan compared the development charge related capital costs for the base case and scenario 1. He also discussed the asset replacement amounts included in the base case and scenarios 1 to 4. Mr. Scandlan highlighted the implications on the capital reserves associated with the fiscal impact analysis. He compared the calculated development charge as part of the fiscal impact analysis to the existing development charges by category. He provided details on the rationale associated with the proposed capital contribution.

Mr. Scandlan provided a chart of the capital funding of the works by phase utilizing scenario 4 and a chart of the recovery of growth related costs by scenario. He summarized the fiscal impact analysis affordability and debt targets under the base case and each of the proposed financing mechanism scenarios. Mr. Scandlan discussed the average annual tax as well as water and wastewater rate increases associated with the base case and each scenario. He commented on the Provincially-legislated provisions and Council policies related to debt capacity. Mr. Scandlan summarized the fiscal impact analysis as it related to Council's fiscal thresholds for taxes, water and wastewater rates, and debt for each of the scenarios.

In closing, G. Scandlan provided an overview of refinements to the fiscal impact analysis made since January 2014 for cash flow purposes, to debt and to the calculations of development charges for roads, water and wastewater.

Members of Council asked a number of questions and received responses from City staff and the consulting team. (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 28/04/2014.

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

SECTION "D"

14-G-102 WATER OPERATIONS BRANCH 2014 DRINKING WATER SYSTEM FINANCIAL PLAN

1. That, in accordance with Provincial Regulation 453/07, the City of Barrie 2014 Drinking Water Financial Plan as provided in Appendix "A" to Staff Report ENV003-14 be approved.
2. That, in accordance with Provincial Regulation 453/07 requiring Owners of municipal drinking water systems to submit a Drinking Water Financial Plan (for at least the six (6) year period of 2014-2020) to the Province in order to renew a Municipal Drinking Water License (MDWL), the submission of the same, as well as the Council Resolution approving this Plan to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Ministry of the Environment be approved.
3. That notification of the availability of the Financial Plan to the public as prescribed by Provincial Regulation 453/07 be approved.
4. That following consideration by Council of this resolution, Staff Report ENV003-14 be referred to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee for consideration of the submission of an amended plan to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Ministry of the Environment. (ENV003-14) (File: C11:ENV)

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration for adoption at its meeting to be held on 28/04/2014.

ENQUIRIES

Members of General Committee addressed two enquiries to City staff and received responses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements at General Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

