



City of Barrie

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Final General Committee

Wednesday, November 27, 2024

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by City Council on December 4, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nuttall at 7:06 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 11 - Mayor, A. Nuttall
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, C. Nixon
Councillor, AM. Kungl
Councillor, A. Courser
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, B. Hamilton

STAFF:

Associate Director of Corporate Asset Management, K. Oakley
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
Acting Chief Financial Officer, C. Smith
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Deputy City Clerk, T. Macdonald
Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews
Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan
Director of Infrastructure, S. Diemart
Director of Recreation and Culture Services, D. Bell
Director of Transit and Parking Strategy, B. Forsyth
Executive Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
Fire Chief, K. White
General Manager of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Araniyasundaran

Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard
Senior Manager of Corporate Finance and Investment, C. Gillespie
Senior Policy Advisor and Special Projects Coordinator, E. Chappell
Service Desk Specialist, K. Kovacs
Supervisor of Transportation, OPS and Infrastructure, J. Zimmerman

The General Committee reports that the following matter(s) were dealt with on the consent portion of the agenda:

SECTION "A"

Councillor, B. Hamilton provided an overview of the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee Report dated November 13, 2024.

24-G-245 REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COMMITTEE DATED NOVEMBER 13, 2024

The Report of the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee dated November 13, 2024, was received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 12/4/2024.

Councillor, C. Nixon provided an overview of the Affordability Committee Report dated November 14, 2024.

24-G-246 REPORT OF THE AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE DATED NOVEMBER 14, 2024

The Report of the Affordability Committee dated November 14, 2024, was received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 12/4/2024.

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

SECTION "B"

24-G-247 **OUTDOOR RACQUET SPORTS STRATEGY (APRIL 2024)**

That the Outdoor Racquet Sports Strategy (April 2024), as identified in Appendix "C" in the Report to the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee dated November 13, 2024, be approved in principle to guide the future planning, capital forecasting, and development of outdoor tennis and pickleball facilities within the City of Barrie.

This matter was recommended for consideration (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/4/2024.

24-G-248 **BARRIE TRANSIT'S 2025 NETWORK SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS**

That the second phase of the New Transit Network currently approved for implementation in 2025 by motion 23-G-133 adopted by City Council on June 21, 2023, be revised to the following 2025 service adjustments, creating the 2025 Transit Network (as per Appendix "A" attached to the 2025 Transit Network Service Adjustments Report to the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee dated November 13, 2024). And that the timing of the adjustments be approved as listed here:

- a) Route 2 and Transit ON Demand (TOD) Zone G Adjustments in the first quarter of 2025.
- b) Route 8 and TOD Zones A and B Adjustments in the third quarter of 2025, to align with the opening of the Barrie Allandale Transit Terminal.
- c) Route 8 Adjustments to new Terminal in the third quarter of 2025, to align with the opening of the Barrie Allandale Transit Terminal.
- d) Implementation of New Zones E, F and H as TOD Zones, to align with the delivery of the additional buses.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/4/2024.

24-G-249**ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION - 196 AND 202 DUNLOP STREET WEST (WARD 2)**

1. That the Zoning By-law Amendment Application submitted by Innovative Planning Solutions, on behalf of Fresco Developments Bayfield Inc, to rezone lands known municipally as 196 and 202 Dunlop Street West from 'Residential Multiple Dwelling Second Density with Special Provisions' (RM2) (SP-189) to 'Mixed Use Corridor with Special Provisions' (MU2) (SP-XXX) attached to Staff Report DEV050-24 as Appendix "A" be approved.
2. That the following site-specific provisions be referenced in the implementing Zoning By-law for subject lands:
 - a) Permit a front yard setback of 5.83 metres for 100% of the lot frontage, whereas a maximum 5.0 metre setback for 25% of the lot frontage is required.
 - b) Permit landscaped open space within the front yard, whereas the front yard is required to be paved and seamlessly connected with the abutting sidewalk.
 - c) Permit the storage of refuse within a privately maintained in-ground waste container, whereas refuse is required to be stored within the main building or an accessory structure.
 - d) Permit a landscaped buffer area of 2.0 metres along the north and west lot lines, whereas a 3.0 metre landscaped buffer is required.
 - e) Require a minimum rear yard setback of 19.0 metres along the north lot line, whereas a minimum rear yard setback of 7.0 metres is permitted.
3. That the written and oral submissions received relating to this application, have been, on balance, taken into consideration as part of the deliberations and final decision related to the approval of the application as amended, including matters raised in those submissions and identified within Staff Report DEV050-24.
4. That pursuant to Section 34 (17) of the *Planning Act*, no further public notification is required prior to the passing of this By-law. (DEV050-24) (File: D30-013-2024)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/4/2024.

24-G-250**INVITATION TO PRESENT - EMPOWER SIMCOE**

That Empower Simcoe be extended an invitation to present to an available City Council meeting. (Item for Discussion, 8.1 November 27, 2024) (Councillor, S. Morales)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/4/2024.

Mayor A. Nuttall called Dawn McAlpine, General Manager of Community and Corporate Services to the podium.

Mayor Nuttall under Bill 3, the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022, which amended the Municipal Act, 2001 formally acknowledged Dawn McAlpine as an employee of distinction for over 33 years with the City of Barrie who is retiring on November 30, 2024 and who has been a pillar of the Corporation and recognized for her many achievements. Mayor Nuttall and Michael Prowse, Chief Administrative Officer presented Dawn with gifts.

Pursuant to Procedural By law 2019-100, as amended, Section 4, Subsection 10, the order of business was altered such that the Staff Report ECD011-24 concerning the University Stem Hub Campus Investment in Barrie - Lakehead University was considered after the presentation concerning the University Stem Hub Campus Investment in Barrie - Lakehead University

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"**24-G-251****UNIVERSITY STEM HUB CAMPUS INVESTMENT IN BARRIE - LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY**

Stephannie Schlichter, Director of Economic and Creative Development, Dr. Gillian Siddall, and Dr. David Barnett of Lakehead University provided a presentation regarding the University STEM Hub Campus investment in Barrie - Lakehead University.

Ms. Schlichter and Dr. Siddall discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- Project background and overview of Barrie's current education and STEM education gap;

- STEM Hub overall impact on Barrie's economy and growth;
- Developing Barrie's workforce and creating strong partnerships; and
- Proposed site location and modular campus;
- Impact of a STEM university campus.

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

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 12/4/2024.

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

SECTION "D"

24-G-252

UNIVERSITY STEM HUB CAMPUS INVESTMENT IN BARRIE - LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

1. That space at the Transit Terminal located at 24 Maple Avenue be renovated to support the creation of a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) University satellite hub of Lakehead University as the first phase of establishing a university presence in the City of Barrie.
2. That Capital Project 001292 Permanent Market Development be cancelled and a new Capital Project for the STEM Hub Campus - Lakehead University be created with the funding envelope identified in the proposed 2025 Capital budget be advanced and reallocated to this project, approved in the amount of \$6.5M and funded from the Tax Capital Reserve to support the opening of the campus for September 2026, with anticipated cashflow as follows:
 - a) 2025 - \$1.25M
 - b) 2026 - \$5.25M
3. That the Director of Facilities be delegated authority to negotiate and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute an initial five-year lease agreement with Lakehead University for 24 Maple Avenue under the following general terms and conditions and in a form that is to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Administrative Officer:
 - a) Five-year term - including an option for renewal, with terms to be negotiated
 - b) Basic rent of \$1 for the premises, with payment by the landlord of utilities, and to keep the facility to the standard of a first-class building for the premises

4. That a one-time commitment of \$1,000,000 in capital contributions be made towards Lakehead University to support the start-up capital required to equip and fit-out the space associated with developing a STEM Hub Campus at 24 Maple Avenue through the creation of a 2025 Capital Project to be funded from the Reinvestment Reserve and released over two-years commencing in 2025 with a \$600,000 contribution.
5. That to provide ongoing stability for Lakehead University over the start-up operations growing to full student complement, a further commitment to support operating for the first four years be drawn from the Reinvestment Reserve as follows:
 - a) 2026 - \$400,000
2027- \$ 800,000
2028 - \$600,000
2029 - \$600,000
6. That the Director of Economic and Creative Development be delegated authority to negotiate and the Mayor be authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Lakehead University under the following general terms and conditions and in a form that is to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Administrative Officer:
 - a) Alignment on strategic decisions and directions of Lakehead University with the City's strategic priorities.
 - b) Operational funding Commitments.
 - c) City's recognition of its annual partnership funding contribution.
 - d) Commitment to program offerings to meet the needs of the local community and employers and fill needs not currently met by Georgian College, including engineering at the graduate and post-graduate levels.
 - e) 10-year vision for growth and establishing a larger presence as part of a phase 2 program.
7. That the Director of Facilities be delegated authority to negotiate and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a property lease agreement for space in the downtown core to relocate the Barrie Police satellite office at 24 Maple Avenue, at a location acceptable to Barrie Police Services and for a term generally consistent with that of the Lakehead lease that is to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Administrative Officer.

8. That staff be authorized to waive the City's Procurement By-law, where necessary, to meet the project timeline.
9. That the Mayor send correspondence to the Federal Government to request funding for the Lakehead University Stem Hub Campus in Barrie, and that staff apply for any grant funding opportunities that are or become available in support of this project. (ECD011-24).

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/4/2024.

ENQUIRIES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of General Committee provided announcements concerning a number of matters.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

CHAIRMAN