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City of Barrie

Final
City Council

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 **7:00 PM** **Council Chamber**

CALLING TO ORDER BY THE CITY CLERK, WENDY COOKE

The meeting was called to order by the City Clerk at 7:04 pm. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 10 - Mayor, A. Nuttall
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, C. Nixon
Councillor, AM. Kungl
Councillor, A. Courser
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, B. Hamilton

Absent: 1 - Councillor, G. Harvey

STAFF:
Acting Associate Director of Corporate Asset Management, T. Reeves
Associate Director of Waste Management and Environmental Sustainability, S. Mack
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
Chief Building Official, P. Evans
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects, T. McArthur
Deputy City Clerk, T. Macdonald
Director, Boundary Adjustment Team, K. Oakley
Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan
Director of Operations, D. Friary
Director of Recreation and Culture Services, K. Datema
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, J. Schmidt

General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Araniyasundaran
Interim Director of Finance, C. Smith
Manager of Parks and Forestry, K. Rankin
Senior Manager of Corp Finance and Investment, C. Gillespie
Senior Policy Advisor and Legislative Coordinator, E. Chappell
Service Desk Specialist, M. Burry.

PLAYING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was played.

READING OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mayor, A. Nuttall read the Land Acknowledgement.

STUDENT MAYOR(S)

25-A-106 Mayor Nuttall welcomed Student Mayor, Giovanni E. Saldana-Carrera, representing St. Marguerite D'Youville Catholic Elementary School, to the City Council meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

25-A-107 The Minutes of the City Council meeting dated November 5, 2025, were adopted as printed and circulated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

25-A-108 General Committee Report dated November 5, 2025, Sections A, B and C. (Appendix "A")

SECTION "A" - TO BE RECEIVED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Seconded by: Councillor, N. Nigussie

That Section "A" of the General Committee Report dated November 5, 2025, now circulated, be received.

25-G-231 REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DATED OCTOBER 29, 2025

25-G-232 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE DATED OCTOBER 29, 2025

CARRIED

SECTION "B" - TO BE ADOPTED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Seconded by: Councillor, N. Nigussie

That Section "B" of the General Committee Report dated November 5, 2025, now circulated, be adopted.

25-G-233 CONFIDENTIAL ACQUISITION OF LAND MATTER - BRADFORD STREET

25-G-234 ACQUISITION OF LAND MATTER - BRADFORD STREET

25-G-235 2025 Q3 YTD INTERNAL AUDIT STATUS UPDATE

CARRIED

SECTION "C" - TO BE ADOPTED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Seconded by: Councillor, N. Nigussie

That Section "C" of the General Committee Report dated November 5, 2025, now circulated, be adopted.

25-G-236 2026 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET - CITY OPERATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT FUNDING PORTIONS

AMENDMENT #1

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Seconded by: Councillor, N. Nigussie

That motion 25-G-236 of Section “C” of the General Committee Report dated November 5, 2025, concerning the 2026 Business Plan and Budget - City Operations and Infrastructure Investment Funding Portions be amended by adding the following paragraph:

That two of the following officers; either the Mayor, Clerk, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer or their designates, be authorized to execute any agreements that may be required to accept grant funding from other levels of government or other partners, to reduce expenditures associated with programs, services, and/or capital projects.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT #2

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Seconded by: Councillor, N. Nigussie

That motion 25-G-236 of Section "C" of the General Committee Report dated November 5, 2025, concerning the 2026 Business Plan and Budget - City Operations and Infrastructure Investment Funding Portions be amended by adding the following paragraphs:

__ a) That the Ecological Offset Policy be amended to allow for those who are in compliance with the ecological permit process, including and not limited to obtaining the proper permits prior to tree cutting, to defer any ecological offsetting payment greater than $25,000 until occupancy the first permit (for both residential and non-residential uses) is issued;

b) That a deferral of the payment of fees of any amount is not available for any trees removed without a permit; and

c) That a one-time non-transferable deferral of the payment of fees be secured by an agreement registered on title.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT #3

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Seconded by: Councillor, S. Morales

That motion 25-G-236 of Section "C" of the General Committee Report dated November 5, 2025, concerning the 2026 Business Plan and Budget - City Operations and Infrastructure Investment Funding Portions be amended by adding the following paragraph:

__ a) That one-time funding of $530K be provided to the Downtown Barrie Business Improvement Area for the purpose of funding 2025-2026 events and operational costs, with $475K being allocated from the Tourism Reserve and $55K from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve; and

b) That staff report back to the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee regarding operational and infrastructure initiatives in support of events and festivals in the downtown.

CARRIED

Upon the question of the original motion moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson and seconded by Councillor, N. Nigussie, the motion was **CARRIED AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENT #1**, **2 AND 3.**

ENQUIRIES

Members of Council did not address any enquires to City staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of Council provided announcements concerning a number of matters.

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

BY-LAW 2025-118

Bill #118

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 12th day of November, 2025.

CARRIED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor, N. Nigussie
Seconded by: Councillor, A, Courser

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

CARRIED

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Mayor, A. Nuttall

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Wendy Cooke, City Clerk

APPENDIX “A”

General Committee Report dated November 5, 2025

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General Committee

Wednesday, November 5, 2025 | **5:00 PM** | **Council Chamber**

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by City Council on November 12, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, A. Nuttall at 5:00 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 10 - Mayor, A. Nuttall
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, C. Nixon
Councillor, AM. Kungl
Councillor, A. Courser
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, B. Hamilton

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Deputy City Clerk, T. Macdonald
Director of Boundary Adjustment Team, K. Oakley
Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews
Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan
Director of Infrastructure, S.Diemert
Director of Internal Audit, S. MacGregor
Director of Operations, D. Friary
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, J. Schmidt
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Araniyasundaran
Interim Chief Financial Officer, C. Smith
Legal Counsel, C. Packham
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard
Senior Manager of Corporate Finance and Investments, C. Gillespie
Senior Policy Advisor and Legislative Coordinator, E. Chappell
Service Desk Specialist, M. Burry.

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

SECTION "A"

25-G-231 **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DATED OCTOBER 29, 2025**

Mayor Nuttall provided an overview of the Executive Committee dated October 29, 2025.

The Report of the Executive Committee dated October 29, 2025, was received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 11/12/2025.

25-G-232 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE DATED OCTOBER 29, 2025

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 11/12/2025.

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

SECTION "B"

25-G-233 **CONFIDENTIAL ACQUISITION OF LAND MATTER - BRADFORD STREET**

That the confidential notes to the Executive Committee Report dated October 29, 2025, concerning the discussion of an item for discussion and a memorandum regarding a confidential acquisition of land matter - Bradford Street, be received. (Sponsor: Mayor, A. Nuttall)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/12/2025.

25-G-234 **ACQUISITION OF LAND MATTER - BRADFORD STREET**

That staff underake the confidential directions related to the item for discussion and memorandum regarding the confidential acquisition of land matter - Bradford Street. (Sponsor: Mayor, A. Nuttall)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/12/2025.

25-G-235 2025 Q3 YTD INTERNAL AUDIT STATUS UPDATE

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/12/2025.

SECTION "C"

25-G-236 **2026 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET - CITY OPERATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT FUNDING PORTIONS**

Strong Mayor Budget

This report is being presented by the Finance Department on behalf of Mayor Alex Nuttall in accordance with Section 284.16 of the Municipal Act and Section 7 of Ontario Regulation 530/22.

Operating Budget Approvals

1. That the 2026 tax-supported base operating budget for City operations and the Infrastructure Investment Fund, with gross expenditures of $355.6M and a net property tax levy requirement of $214.5M, be approved.

2. That a Camp Access expense amount and corresponding revenue amount of $35,000 be added to the Recreation and Culture Program Budget for 2026.

3. That staff apply to the Province of Ontario for funding in the amount of $5 million for the purpose of installing traffic safety/calming measures in the City of Barrie.

4. That Capital Project - Traffic Calming Measures be increased by an additional $500k (50k per ward) to be funded in the interim from the ASE Reserve pending receipt of any funding from the Provincial Government.

City Operations and Infrastructure Investment Funding

5. That the 2026 budget request for City Operations, with a net tax supported municipal funding requirement of $214.5M be approved. For the average assessed residential property this represents a 0% tax rate increase for City operations and a 2% increase associated with Infrastructure Investment Funding.

6. That the New Investment and Service Recommendations as outlined on page 15 of the 2026 Business Plan with a gross cost of $1.2M and a net property tax levy requirement of $73K be approved.

7. That the 2026 Water Rate base operating budget, with net expenditures of $37.4M and water rate revenues of $37.4M, and the proposed 2026 Water Rates as outlined in Schedule N of the “Proposed Fee Changes” section of the 2026 Business Plan be approved.

8. That the 2026 Wastewater Rate base operating budget, with net expenditures of $51.3M and wastewater rate revenues of $51.3M, and the proposed 2026 Wastewater Rates as outlined in Schedule N of the “Proposed Fee Changes” section of the 2026 Business Plan be approved.

9. That the 2026 Parking Rate base operating budget, with net expenditures of $2.5M and parking rate revenues of $2.5M, and the proposed 2026 Parking Rates as outlined in Schedule O of the “Proposed Fee Changes” section of the 2026 Business Plan be approved.

10. That pursuant to Ontario Regulation 284/09, this Staff Report serve as the method for communicating the exclusion of the following estimated expenses from the 2026 Business Plan:

    a) Amortization expense - $69.5M;
    b) Post-employment benefit expenses - $1.5M; and
    c) Solid waste landfill closure and post-closure expenses - $200K.

Capital Budget Approvals

11. That, consistent with the Capital Project Control Policy, the 2026-2030 Capital Budget relating to new capital spending requests of $36.2M, $92.1M, $80.3M, $54.3M, and $31.5M respectively, be approved.

12. That any Industrial Development Charge Discounts in 2026 be funded by any year-end surplus, with any remaining balance funded from the appropriate capital reserve.

By-law Update and Forecasts Received for Information

13. That effective May 1, 2026, By-law 2025-024, as amended, be repealed, and replaced with a by-law incorporating the fees and charges presented in the 2026 Business Plan.

14. That operating forecast information for 2027-2029 presented in the 2026 Business Plan be received for information purposes only.

Council and Staff Authorization Requests

15. That the Executive Management Team (EMT) be authorized to add temporary non-complement positions to the end of the budget year utilizing existing approved funds to deal with any unforeseen circumstances that impact delivery of City Operations.

16. That the Executive Management Team (EMT) be authorized to implement the economic adjustment for the Non-Union Group (NUG) of employees (including full time, part time and students), effective January 1, 2026.

17. That staff be authorized to submit applications for grants that would reduce future capital expenditures, fund service enhancements, or enable capital projects to be advanced, and a report or memo be presented, as appropriate, prior to the execution of any agreement associated with the acceptance of such grant.

18. That the Director of Finance/Treasurer be authorized to make the necessary alterations to the transfer to and/or from reserves to reflect changes since the 2026 Business Plan’s publication on October 29th, 2025.

19. That the Director of Legislative and Court Services/City Clerk or their designate be authorized to prepare all necessary by-laws to implement the above recommendations.

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/12/2025.

ENQUIRIES

Members of General Committee did not address any enquires to City staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of General Committee did not provide any announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

CHAIRMAN