



# City of Barrie

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## Final City Council

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Wednesday, December 10, 2025

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

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### **CALLING TO ORDER BY THE CITY CLERK, WENDY COOKE**

The meeting was called to order by the City Clerk at 8:35 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:**

Acting General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, S. Diemert  
Acting Director of Corporate Asset Management, T. Reeve  
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse  
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke  
Deputy City Clerk, T. Macdonald  
Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews  
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan  
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  
Interim Director of Finance, C. Smith  
Legislative Coordinator, C. Payne  
Senior Manager of Corporate 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-118** Mayor, A. Nuttall welcomed Student Mayor, Sera Anish, representing Steele Street Public School, to the City Council meeting.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

**25-A-119** **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 3, 2025**

The Minutes of the City Council meeting dated December 3, 2025, were adopted as printed and circulated.

**DEPUTATION(S) ON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Pursuant to Section 4 (16) of Procedural By-law 2019-100, City Council considered a request to provide an emergency deputation by Michael Speers concerning motion 25-G-259, 2026 Business Plan and Budget Service Partner - Barrie Police Services.

Upon a vote of City Council being taken, Michael Speers was permitted to address City Council.

**25-A-120** **DEPUTATION CONCERNING MOTION 25-G-259, 2026 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET - SERVICE PARTNER - BARRIE POLICE SERVICES BY THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:**

1. Kaitlin Baldwin outlined concerns regarding the approval of the 2026 Barrie Police Services Budget, including those related to homelessness, access to social supports, and overall unaffordability. She believes the proposed budget will set a precedent for larger budget increases year over year and is not a positive long-term investment. Ms. Baldwin expressed concern for the proportion of the overall budget going towards crime prevention versus officer salaries and questioned the necessity of further salary increases.

Ms. Baldwin expressed that an increased police presence is not warranted and will not address issues related to homelessness or cost of living, which she noted is a top concern within the City. She commented that she believes the budget will have a negative impact on the community and will not support addressing issues such as crime, the cost of living, or community safety, and that funds could be

better directed elsewhere. Ms. Baldwin encouraged exploring evidence-based factors that lead to less crime, such as adequate access to housing, transit, public spaces and increased mental health services.

2. Michael Speers expressed his concerns regarding the proposed 2026 Barrie Police Services budget and any increases in police funding. Mr Speers advised that he does not believe police can necessarily solve issues related to homelessness, addiction, or community safety, and that relying on Barrie Police for these supports is harmful and costly. He outlined research indicating investments in housing, mental health supports, supervised consumption sites, youth programs and poverty reduction are more effective in promoting public safety than increased police presence.

Mr. Speers does not believe the budget will address the root causes of crime and questioned why there isn't a greater investment into prevention rather than enforcement. He feels that policing does not benefit marginalized communities, but controls them, and noted that officers are often not properly trained or equipped to handle issues related to mental health crises, substance abuse, and poverty which he feels negatively impact vulnerable populations.

Mr. Speers suggested that increasing supports for more civilian-led mental health crisis response teams, social housing, harm reduction efforts, food security, and children and youth programs, could be a more cost-effective, long-term solution in reducing crime and ensuring the community's needs are met.

### 25-A-121

#### **DEPUTATION CONCERNING STAFF REPORT FAC007-25, BARRIE PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE - DESIGN DEVELOPMENT ADVANCEMENT**

The Deputation requests by Heydon George representing the Canadian Musicians Co-operative, Chuck Ruttan representing the Barrie Arts Alliance and Claudine Benoit representing the Barrie Film Festival concerning Staff Report FAC007-25, Barrie Performing Arts Centre - Design Development Advancement were withdrawn.

### **TAX APPLICATIONS**

#### 25-A-122

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson  
Seconded by: Councillor, G. Harvey

That the list of application for cancellation, reduction or addition to taxed dated December 10, 2025, submitted by the Treasurer in the amount of \$1,383.45, be approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**25-A-123** General Committee Report dated December 3, 2025, Sections, A, B, C, D, E and F (APPENDIX "A").

**SECTION "A" - TO BE RECEIVED**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson  
Seconded by: Councillor, G. Harvey

That Section "A" of the General Committee Report dated December 3, 2025, be received.

**25-G-257** MOTION 25-G-254 REFERRED AT GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING DATED NOVEMBER 26, 2025 - MEMORANDUM COUNTY OF SIMCOE BUDGET

**Councillor, AM. Kungl declared a potential pecuniary interest in the matter as provisions in the proposed motion could apply as the CEO of a charitable not-for-profit organization that could potentially result in financial gains. She did not participate or vote on the matter and rolled her chair away from the Council table.**

**CARRIED**

**SECTION "B" - TO BE RECEIVED**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson  
Seconded by: Councillor, G. Harvey

That Section "B" of the General Committee Report dated December 3, 2025, be received.

**25-G-258** REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE DATED NOVEMBER 26, 2025

**CARRIED**

**SECTION "C" - TO BE ADOPTED**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson  
Seconded by: Councillor, G. Harvey

That Section "C" of the General Committee Report dated December 3, 2025, be adopted.

**25-G-259** 2026 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET - SERVICE PARTNERS

**CARRIED**

**SECTION "D" - TO BE ADOPTED**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson  
Seconded by: Councillor, G. Harvey

That Section "D" of the General Committee Report dated December 3, 2025, be adopted.

**25-G-260** MOTION 25-G-256 REFERRED AT GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING DATED NOVEMBER 26, 2025 - MEMORANDUM COUNTY OF SIMCOE MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

**Councillor, AM. Kungl declared a potential pecuniary interest in the matter as provisions in the proposed motion could apply as the CEO of a charitable not-for-profit organization that could potentially result in financial gains. She did not participate or vote on the matter and rolled her chair away from the Council table.**

**AMENDMENT#1**

That motion 25-G-260 of Section "D" of the General Committee Report dated December 3, 2025 concerning the memorandum regarding the County of Simcoe Municipal Services Agreement be amended by adding the following paragraph:

"That as part of the review of the Shared Municipal Services Agreement with the County of Simcoe, that the provision of Long Term Care Services be reviewed with an aim to deliver more beds for seniors in Barrie."

**CARRIED**

Upon the question of the original motion moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson and seconded by Councillor, G. Harvey, the motion was **CARRIED AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENT #1.**

**SECTION "E" - TO BE ADOPTED**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson  
Seconded by: Councillor, G. Harvey

That Section "E" of the General Committee Report dated December 3, 2025, be adopted.

**25-G-261** 2026 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET - SERVICE PARTNER - COUNTY OF SIMCOE

**Councillor, AM. Kungl declared a potential pecuniary interest on the matter as she is the CEO of Alzheimer's Society of Simcoe County as a service provider and in discussions with a matter involving the County of Simcoe. She did not participate or vote on the matter and rolled her chair away from the Council table.**

**AMENDMENT #1**

Moved by: Councillor, G. Harvey  
Seconded by: Councillor, C. Nixon

That motion 25-G-261 of Section "E" of the General Committee Report dated December 3, 2025, concerning the 2026 Business Plan and Budget - Service Partner - County of Simcoe be amended by adding the following paragraph:

"That the County of Simcoe be requested to consider providing annual funding to the Barrie Food Bank in the amount of \$106,000."

**CARRIED****AMENDMENT #2**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson  
Seconded by: Councillor, G. Harvey

That motion 25-G-261 of Section "E" of the General Committee Report dated December 3, 2025 concerning the 2026 business plan and budget - service partner - County of Simcoe be amended by adding the following paragraph:

"That the County of Simcoe's 2026 operating budget be reduced by \$1,671,000 to reflect updated information provided from the County pertaining to children services, and that the County of Simcoe's 2026 budget be further reduced by lowering the contribution to the County of Simcoe Capital Reserve by \$980,000."

**CARRIED**

Upon the question of the original motion moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson and seconded by Councillor, G. Harvey, the motion was **CARRIED AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENTS #1 AND 2.**

**SECTION "F" - TO BE ADOPTED**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson  
Seconded by: Councillor, G. Harvey

That Section "G" of the General Committee Report dated December 3, 2025, be adopted.

**25-G-262** 2020-107 TRAFFIC BY-LAW UPDATES

**AMENDMENT # 1**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson  
Seconded by: Councillor, G. Harvey

That motion 25-G-262 of Section "F" of the General Committee Report dated December 3, 2025 concerning 2020-107 Traffic By-law Updates be amended by adding the following to Schedule 19 - Providing for the erection of stop signs at the intersection:

"Timothy Lane and Butternut Drive Northbound, Southbound on  
Butternut Drive and Westbound  
and Eastbound on Timothy  
Lane"

**CARRIED**

Upon the question of the original motion moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson and seconded by Councillor, G. Harvey, the motion was **CARRIED AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENT #1.**

**25-A-124** General Committee Report dated December 10, 2025, Sections A, B, C, D, E and F (APPENDIX "B")

**SECTION "A" - TO BE RECEIVED**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson  
Seconded by: Councillor, G. Harvey

That Section "A" of the General Committee Report dated December 10, 2025, be received.

**25-G-263** THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DATED DECEMBER 3, 2025

**CARRIED**

**SECTION "B" - TO BE ADOPTED**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson  
Seconded by: Councillor, G. Harvey

That Section " B" of the General Committee Report dated December 10, 2025, be adopted.

**25-G-264** MOTION 25-G-226 REFERRED AT GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING ON OCTOBER 29, 2025 - FOUR WAY STOP - PENVILL TRAIL AND MCINTYRE DRIVE

**25-G-265** ILLUMINATED DISPLAY AT CITY HALL FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

**25-G-266** MUNICIPAL NAMES REGISTRY - ADDITIONAL NAME

**25-G-267** WASTEWATER INNOVATION CENTRE - DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO LEASE PROPERTY

**CARRIED**

**SECTION "C" - TO BE ADOPTED**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson  
Seconded by: Councillor, G. Harvey

That Section "C" of the General Committee Report dated December 10, 2025, be adopted.

**25-G-268** BARRIE-COLLINGWOOD RAILWAY UPDATE AND OPPORTUNITIES

**CARRIED**

**SECTION "D" - TO BE ADOPTED**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson  
Seconded by: Councillor, G. Harvey

That Section "D" of the General Committee Report dated December 10, 2025, be adopted.

**25-G-269** REVIEW OF LEFT TURN MOVEMENT AT ANNE STREET NORTH AND SUNNIDALE ROAD (WARD 4)

**CARRIED**

**SECTION "E" - TO BE ADOPTED**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson  
Seconded by: Councillor, G. Harvey

That Section "E" of the General Committee Report dated December 10, 2025, be adopted.

**25-G-270** NO PARKING ANYTIME - GOLDEN MEADOW ROAD - BETWEEN TAYLOR DRIVE AND CRIMSON RIDGE ROAD (WARD 10)

**CARRIED**

**SECTION "F" - TO BE ADOPTED**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson  
Seconded by: Councillor, G. Harvey

That Section "F" of the General Committee Report dated December 10, 2025, be adopted.

**25-G-271** BARRIE PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE - DESIGN DEVELOPMENT ADVANCEMENT

The recorded vote was taken as follows:

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

**CARRIED**

**DIRECT MOTIONS****25-A-125**

Mayor A. Nuttall declared a potential pecuniary interest in the matter as he is the Mayor of the City of Barrie, and it directly relates to his position of office. He did not participate or vote on the matter and rolled his chair away from the Council table.

Deputy Mayor R. Thomson assumed the Chair at 9:38 pm.

**ELIMINATION OF MAYORS PARTICIPATION IN OMERS PENSION PLAN**

Moved by: Councillor, AM. Kungl  
Seconded by Councillor, A. Courser

That staff in the Human Resources Department undertake the required process and work with OMERS to eliminate the need for the Mayor to participate in the OMERS pension plan; and, if the Mayor's participation in the OMERS pension plan is ended, that the Corporation provide options for alternate contribution plans that maintain the Mayor's overall compensation, including an employer contribution of 12% of the Mayor's base annual remuneration (equivalent with what the employer contribution would have been under OMERS), resulting in no change to the Mayor's total compensation.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Nuttall re- assumed the Chair at 9:40 p.m.

**25-A-126****MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE - PURCHASE DIESEL GENERATOR**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson  
Seconded by: Councillor, G. Harvey

That pursuant to Section 7.1 of Procedural By-law 2019-100 as amended, permission be granted to introduce a motion without notice concerning purchase - diesel generator.

**CARRIED BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE**

**25-A-127**      **PURCHASE DIESEL GENERATOR**

Moved by:      Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson  
Seconded by:    Councillor, G. Harvey

That notwithstanding Procurement By-law 2024-275 as amended, staff be authorized to purchase the rental diesel generator currently in use at the low lift pumping station at the Surface Water Treatment Plant, to provide strategic flexibility for emergency preparedness following completion of the at cost of \$960,000 to be funded from Surface Water Treatment Minor Capital Account 1207-560200.

**CARRIED**

**ENQUIRIES**

Members of Council addressed enquires to City staff and received responses.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members of Council provided announcements concerning a number of matters.

**BY-LAWS**

Moved by:      Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson  
Seconded by:    Councillor, G. Harvey

That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill and this Bill be read a first, second and third time this day and finally passed:

**BY-LAW**      Bill #122  
**2025-122**

A By-law to Establish and Regulate the Barrie Fire and Emergency Service and to repeal By-law 2012-200. (25-G-243) (Establishing and Regulating (E&R) Barrie Fire and Emergency Services By-law)

**CARRIED**

**CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson  
Seconded by: Councillor, G. Harvey

That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill and this Bill be read a first, second and third time this day and finally passed:

**BY-LAW**  
**2025-123**

Bill #123

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 10th day of December 2025.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson  
Seconded by: Councillor, AM. Kungl

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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**Mayor, A. Nuttall**

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**Wendy Cooke, City Clerk**