



City of Barrie

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Final

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

Absent: 1 - Councillor, G. Harvey

STAFF:

Acting Director of Corporate Asset Management, T. Reeve
Associate Director of Communications and Customer Services, C. Harris
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
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

Councillor, AM. Kungl provided an overview of the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee dated October 29, 2025.

The Report of the Finance and Responsible Governance 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.

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 undertake 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