



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final General Committee

Monday, September 14, 2020

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by Barrie City Council on September 21, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lehman at 7:01 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 10 - Mayor, J. Lehman
Deputy Mayor, B. Ward
Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, K. Aylwin
Councillor, A. Kungl
Councillor, R. Thomson
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, M. McCann

Absent: 1 - Councillor, N. Harris

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur
Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter
Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews
Director of Finance/Treasurer, C. Millar
Director of Human Resources, A.M. Langlois
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan
Director of Internal Audit, S. MacGregor
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
Director of Operations, D. Friary
Director of Transit and Parking Strategy, B. Forsyth
Executive Director of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, A. Miller

Manager of Business Services, D. Bell
Manager of Recreation Facilities, R. Bell

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

SECTION "A"

20-G-136 COVID-19 RELIEF - AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE USE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY

1. That the COVID-19 relief provisions identified in Appendix "A" to Staff Report CCS002-20 be offered related to the use of City owned property.
2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute any agreements that may be required to document the arrangements, upon approval of the form of agreement by the Director of Legal Services. (CCS002-20) (File: F22)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-09-21.

20-G-137 EXTENSION OF LOADING ZONE PARKING STANDARD - DOWNTOWN BARRIE (WARD 2)

1. That effective, retroactively to September 9, 2020, the temporary "Loading Only Zone" parking standard be kept in place as identified in Appendix "A" of Staff Report ECD016-20 to improve traffic flow in support of businesses receiving deliveries due to construction taking place in the downtown area.
2. That the temporary "Loading Only Zone" parking standard remain in place until the Downtown Business Improvement Association (BIA) requests its removal or until the Dunlop Streetscape Project is completed. (ECD016-20)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-09-21.

20-G-138 **OMERS ADMINISTRATION CHANGES**

1. That as of January 1, 2021, the Barrie Police Service (BPS) and Barrie Public Library (BPL) be treated as separate entities from the City of Barrie with respect to the OMERS pension plan.
2. That as of January 1, 2021, the Barrie Police Service and Barrie Public Library administer the OMERS pension plan for their own employees. (HRS001-20) (File: H07)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-09-21.

20-G-139 **ADOPTION OF INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE (IHRA) DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM**

WHEREAS Barrie City Council has included as part of its 2018-2022 Strategic Priorities fostering a safe and healthy community and building strong neighbourhoods;

AND WHEREAS, we have a shared responsibility to stop antisemitism in all its forms through education and public consciousness as antisemitic demonstrations continue to threaten communities and undermine democracy;

AND WHEREAS, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) is an intergovernmental organization founded in 1998 that consists of 34 countries, including Canada, each of whom recognizes that international coordination is needed to combat antisemitism;

AND WHEREAS, on February 27, 2020, Bill 168, the *Combating Antisemitism Act* which directly mentions IHRA, unanimously passed a second reading in the Ontario legislature with all-party support;

AND WHEREAS, the City of Barrie is enriched by its thriving, active and engaged Jewish and Israeli communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Corporation of the City of Barrie adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism as adopted at the IHRA plenary on May 26, 2016 as follows:

"Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities".

2. That this decision be forwarded to the Chair of the Province of Ontario's Standing Committee on Justice Policy. (Item for Discussion 8.1, September 14, 2020)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-09-21.

20-G-140 **PRESENTATION - HEALTHY BARRIE**

That Healthy Barrie be invited to provide a presentation to City Council concerning their Community Snapshot Tool. (Item for Discussion 8.2, September 14, 2020)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-09-21.

20-G-141 **EXPLORE FISCAL TOOLS AND STRATEGIES WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL FRAMEWORK**

1. That staff in the Economic and Creative Development Department explore fiscal tools and strategies, including, but not limited to Community Improvement Programs (CIP) and Development Charges, within the Municipal framework to increase the City's competitiveness in attracting business and investment to employment lands within the City's boundary.
2. That staff report back to General Committee with an analysis, recommendations and associated fiscal implications to the City of Barrie. (Item for Discussion 8.5, September 14, 2020)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-09-21.

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

SECTION "B"

Deputy Mayor Ward assumed the Chair at 7:06 p.m.

20-G-142 **SHAK'S WORLD - FACILITY ANALYSIS**

1. That City Council expresses its support for Shak's World vision to establish a centre for at risk youth in the City of Barrie.
2. That staff refer Shak's World to the Sandbox and Georgian College Centre for Change Making and Innovation for assistance in the development of their business plan. (REC002-20) (File: R00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-09-21.

Mayor Lehman resumed the Chair at 7:18 p.m.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

20-G-143 **INVESTIGATION - PURCHASE OF 66 DUNLOP STREET EAST (WARD 2)**

This matter was withdrawn at the meeting.

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 2020-09-21.

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

SECTION "D"

20-G-144

FREE TRANSIT FOR BARRIE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

1. That staff in the Transit and Parking Strategy Department, in consultation with the local schoolboards and the Student Transportation Consortium, investigate the feasibility of providing free transit service to City of Barrie high school students until December 31, 2020.
2. That the free transit service be only provided within one (1) hour following the end of school time and at bus stops adjacent to the City of Barrie Secondary Schools.
3. That the free transit service be contingent on support from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to remove passenger capacity limits on Barrie Transit.
4. That staff in the Transit and Parking Strategy Department, in consultation with the local schoolboards and the Student Transportation Consortium, investigate the feasibility of implementing a longer term solution to provide free transit service to City of Barrie high school students and report back to General Committee. (Item for Discussion 8.4, September 14, 2020)

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-09-21.

SECTION "E"

20-G-145

SCATEH BARRIE CHAPTER CONCERNING AN UPDATE ON THE MILLIGAN'S POND EVICTION FOLLOW-UP REPORT - AUGUST 2020

That the correspondence from the SCATEH Barrie Chapter concerning an update on the Milligan's Pond Eviction Follow-up Report - August 2020 be referred to staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department to provide a response concerning enforcing the "No Camping" and Parks Use By-law with discretion to ensure that enforcement does not criminalize homelessness

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-09-21.

ENQUIRIES

Members of General Committee addressed enquires to City staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

CHAIRMAN