



City of Barrie

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Final Finance and Responsible Governance Committee

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

FINANCE AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT **For consideration by General Committee on May 7, 2025.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, G. Harvey at 5:48 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 4 - Mayor, A. Nuttall
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, AM. Kungl

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, C. Nixon
Councillor, A. Courser
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, B. Hamilton

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Deputy City Clerk, T. Macdonald
Executive Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
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
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard
Senior Policy Advisor and Special Projects Coordinator, E. Chappell
Service Desk Specialist, K. Kovacs.

The Finance and Responsible Governance Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

PRESENTATION BY WATSON AND ASSOCIATES CONCERNING THE 2025 WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW PRELIMINARY OPTIONS REPORT

Jack Ammendolia from Watson and Associates Ltd provided a presentation concerning the 2025 Boundary Review Preliminary Options Report.

Mr. Ammendolia discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The context of the Ward Boundary Review;
- The guiding principles for designing wards;
- The existing ward system evaluation;
- The context of preliminary options 1, 2-A, 2-B, 3-A and 3-B; and
- The next steps in the review process.

Members of Committee and Council asked a number of questions of Mr. Ammendolia and City staff and received responses.

The Finance and Responsible Governance Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

WATSON AND ASSOCIATES ECONOMISTS LTD - 2025 WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW PRELIMINARY OPTIONS REPORT

That Option 1 (page 25) and Option 2-B (page 32) of the 2025 Ward Boundary Review - Preliminary Options Report dated April 29, 2025, be the only options to move forward for further public consultation prior to final options being presented to Council; and

That when the final options are presented to Council, the numbering of the wards be done in such a manner to minimize the number of residents to experience a change in their ward number.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/7/2025.

The Finance and Responsible Governance Committee reports that the following matter(s) were dealt with on the consent portion of the agenda:

SECTION "C"

**REPORT OF THE ORDER OF THE SPIRIT CATCHER COMMITTEE
DATED MARCH 27, 2025**

The Report of the Order of the Spirit Catcher Committee dated March 27, 2025, is received.

The Finance and Responsible Governance Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "D"

COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION FROM COUNCILLOR, AM. KUNGL -PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A BIKE RACK AT EACH OF LITTLE LAKE PARK AND CARTWRIGHT PARK (WARD 3)

That the Community Project Submission from Councillor, AM. Kungl concerning \$2000 for the purchase and installation of a bike rack at each of Little Lake Park and Cartwright Park attached to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee Agenda dated April 30, 2025, be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/7/2025.

COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION FROM COUNCILLOR, AM KUNGL - HORTICULTURE/PARKS TO ADD PLANTERS TO KEY AREAS AS PART OF BEAUTIFICATION (WARD 3)

That the Community Project Submission from Councillor, AM. Kungl concerning \$1850.00 to horticulture/parks to add planters to key areas as part of beautification (Ward 3) attached to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee Agenda dated April 30, 2025, be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/7/2025.

**COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION FROM COUNCILLOR, AM.
KUNGL - SCHOOL BURSARIES (WARD 3)**

That Community Project Submission from Councillor, AM. Kungl concerning school bursaries attached to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee Agenda dated April 30, 2025, for the following schools:

\$500 bursary to three students who are Ward 3 residents from each of:

- St. Joe's Catholic Highschool (3 students)
- Eastview Secondary School (3 students)
- Barrie North Collegiate Institute (3 students) Total: \$4500

\$100 bursary to three students who are Ward 3 residents from the grade 8 graduating class of each of:

- Cundles Heights Public School (3 students)
- Terry Fox Elementary School (3 students)
- Monsignor Clair Catholic School (3 students)
- St. John Paul II Catholic School (3 students)
- Sister Catherine Donnelly Catholic School (3 students) Total: \$1500

Combined Total: \$6000, be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/7/2025.

**COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION FROM COUNCILLOR, AM.
KUNGL - BARRIE SPORTS HALL OF FAME AT EAST BAYFIELD
COMMUNITY CENTRE (WARD 3)**

That Community Project Submission from Councillor, AM. Kungl concerning \$6900.00 to the Barrie Sports Hall of Fame at East Bayfield Community Centre for hardware to install banners, reframing of six paintings, and purchasing a display case. (Ward 3) attached to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee Agenda dated April 30, 2025, be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/7/2025.

COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION FROM COUNCILLOR, AM. KUNGL - BARRIE LEGION 147 BANNER RECOGNIZING WWII VETERANS (WARD 3)

That Community Project Submission from Councillor, AM. Kungl concerning \$8250.00 to the Barrie Legion at 147 Ferris Lane for the supply and installation of a banner recognizing WWII Veterans. (Ward 3) attached to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee Agenda dated April 30, 2025, be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/7/2025.

COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION FROM COUNCILLOR, J. HARRIS - INTERPRETIVE TIMELINE IN MILITARY HERITAGE PARK (WARD 8)

That the Community Project Submission from Councillor, J. Harris concerning \$13000.00 to create an Interpretive Timeline in Military Heritage Park. (Ward 8) attached to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee Agenda dated April 30, 2025, be approved

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/7/2025.

COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION FROM COUNCILLOR, G. HARVEY - INSTALLATION OF TWO BIKE RACKS IN WARD 7 PARKS

That the Community Project Submission from Councillor, G. Harvey concerning \$2358 for the purchase and installation of two (2) bike racks in Ward 7 parks attached to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee Agenda dated April 30, 2025, be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/7/2025.

COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION FROM COUNCILLOR, G. HARVEY - HIGH SCHOOL BURSARIES (WARD 7)

That the Community Project Submission from Councillor, G. Harvey concerning a \$1,000.00 bursary to be given to each of twelve (12) high school students who reside in Ward 7, attend high school in Barrie, and that will be attending post secondary school in the 2025/2026 school year (Ward 7) attached to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee Agenda dated April 30, 2025, be approved..

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/7/2025.

**COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION FROM COUNCILLOR, S.
MORALES - J GIBBINS PARK/CEMETARY RESTORATION OF
NATURALIZATION (WARD 9)**

That Community Project Submission from Councillor, S. Morales concerning J. Gibbins Park/Cemetery Restoration of naturalization.

Restoring a naturalized feature that possibly utilizes zero-scaping plants and features would bring back a landscaped area for residents to enjoy while ensuring the resiliency of the plants themselves attached to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee Agenda dated April 30, 2025, be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/7/2025.

**COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION FROM COUNCILLOR, S.
MORALES - PLANTING OF MATURE SPRUCE TREES INTERSECTION
OF STUNDEN LANE AND MAPLEVIEW DRIVE EAST (WARD 9)**

That the Community Project Submission from Councillor, S. Morales concerning the planting of mature spruce trees at the intersection of Stunden Lane and Maplevue Drive East. (Ward 9) attached to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee Agenda dated April 30, 2025, be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/7/2025.

**COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION FROM COUNCILLOR, S.
MORALES - WRAP TWO ALECTRA GROUND-ORIENTED BOXES IN
WARD 9**

That the Community Project Submission from Councillor, S. Morales attached to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee Agenda dated April 30, 2025 to wrap two Alectra ground-oriented boxes in Ward 9:

1. Alectra box # SC13520 on the south west corner of the Painswick Library (48 Dean Avenue); and
2. Alectra box # T5139 at the south-west corner of Esther Drive and Lakewoods Crescent, be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/7/2025.

**COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION FROM COUNCILLOR, A.
COURSER - SIX (6) BENCHES FOR SUNNIDALE PARK (WARD 4)**

That the Community Project Submission from Councillor, A. Courser concerning \$11,820 for the purchase and installation of six (6) benches for Sunnidale Park attached to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee Agenda dated April 30, 2025, be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/7/2025.

**COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION FROM COUNCILLOR, A.
COURSER - TWO (2) PICNIC TABLES IN WARD 4 PARKS**

That Community Project Submission from Councillor, A. Courser concerning \$1200 for the purchase and installation of two (2) picnic tables to be placed in Ward 4 parks attached to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee Agenda dated April 30, 2025, be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/7/2025.

**COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION FROM COUNCILLOR, A.
COURSER - INSTALLATION OF FOUR (4) BIKE RACKS TO BE PLACED
IN WARD 4 PARKS**

That the Community Project Submission from Councillor, A. Courser concerning \$4716 for the purchase and installation of four (4) bike racks to be placed in Ward 4 parks attached to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee Agenda dated April 30, 2025, be approved.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/7/2025.

The following matter was withdrawn by Councillor, G. Harvey at the meeting.

**COMMUNITY PROJECT SUBMISSION FROM COUNCILLOR, G. HARVEY
- TRAFFIC CALMING BOLLARDS IN WARD 7**

The Finance and Responsible Governance Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s)

SECTION "E"

MOTION 25-G-085 DEFERRED AT GENERAL COMMITTEE ON APRIL 16, 2025 - CONSERVATION OF BUILT HERITAGE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

1. That the proposed Conservation of Built Heritage Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Project Area, as described in Appendix "A" attached to Staff Report DEV003-25.
2. That the proposed Conservation of Built Heritage Community Improvement Plan (CIP) attached as Appendix B to Staff Report DEV003-25, be approved as amended to provide that the calculation for the grant payment be based on the lowest quote received.
3. That funds allocated from the CIP Reserve Fund (\$79,437.51) to the implementation of the proposed Conservation of Built Heritage Community Improvement Plan (CIP) if approved.
4. That the written and oral submissions received relating to the 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 the submissions and identified within Staff Report DEV003-25.
5. That pursuant to Sections 17(22) and 28(5) of the *Planning Act*, no further public notification is required prior to the passing of the by-law. (DEV003-25).

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/7/2025.

The Finance and Responsible Governance Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "F"

REDWOOD PARK COMMUNITIES LOAN FORGIVENESS REQUEST

That Redwood Community's request for loan forgiveness be approved in the amount of \$500,000 against Redwood Park Communities Inc.'s \$3 million promissory note agreement with the City of Barrie dated March 8, 2024, on the condition that they repay \$1.8 million of the promissory note by June 30, 2025 and \$700,000 by September 1, 2025, with the loan forgiveness being funded from the Reinvestment Reserve or through federal government funding allocated for housing.

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/7/2025.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

CHAIRMAN