City of Barrie

70 Collier Street
P.O. Box 400
Barrie, ON L4M 4T5

Final

City Council

Wednesday, January 29, 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 7:00 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:
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
Acting Chief Financial Officer, C. Smith
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 Legal Services, I. Peters
Director of Recreation and Culture Services, K. Datema
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
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard
Senior Policy Advisor and Special Projects Coordinator, E. Chappell
Service Desk Specialist, K. Kovacs.

PLAYING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was played.

READING OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mayor, A. Nuttall read the Land Acknowledgement.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

25-A-012 **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATED JANUARY 15, 2025**

The Minutes of the City Council meeting dated January 15, 2025, were adopted as printed and circulated.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

25-A-013 **RECOGNITION OF THE MAPLE RIDGE SECONDARY SCHOOL SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2024 OFSAA GIRL'S AAA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.**

Mayor, A. Nuttall congratulated the Maple Ridge Secondary School Senior Girls Basketball Team on their successful season and on winning the 2024 OFSAA Girl's Basketball Championship.

Connor Laronde, Coach for the Maple Ridge Secondary School Senior Girls Basketball Team spoke about the integrity, character, and hard work of the players, coaches, and families.

Mayor Nuttall presented certificates on behalf of the City of Barrie to the Maple Ridge Senior Girls Basketball Team.

DEPUTATION(S) ON COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pursuant to Section 4 (16) of Procedural By law 2019-100, City Council considered the requests by Daisy Oliveros and Ash Pineau to provide emergency deputations concerning motions 25-G-015 regarding the 2025 Business Plan and Budget Service Partners.

Upon a vote of City Council being taken, Daisy Oliveros and Ash Pineau were permitted to address City Council.

25-A-014 **DEPUTATIONS CONCERNING MOTION 25-G-015, 2025 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET - SERVICE PARTNERS BY THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS**:

1. Michael Speers outlined his concerns about the Barrie Police Service budget including that policing is a more discriminatory and violent method of control, and that that further investments in policing would be a detriment to the community.

Mr. Speers advised that he felt that evidence indicates that higher police budgets do not necessarily lead to a safer community and outlined the reasons for his opinion; as follows:

- over policing harms communities and can impact marginalized neighbourhoods and vulnerable populations creating a climate of fear and mistrust between law enforcement and the public.

- police are not equipped to address the root causes of crime which Mr. Speers noted he felt are items such as poverty, lack of affordable housing, mental health challenges, and inadequate access to services and employment opportunities. He felt that year after year the police budget grows but that social services, mental health programs, transit the library, and other community initiatives remain badly underfunded.

- a higher police budget diverts resources from programs that could have a greater impact on community well-being and can be directed to providing more housing, more shelter spaces, mental health supports, better transit and supervised consumption sites.

Mr. Speers outlined his thoughts advising he felt that prioritizing the police budget is choosing a reactive approach over a proactive one which includes violent encampment evictions over creating accessible shelter spaces for everyone who needs them.

Mr. Speers noted that he felt that the BPS budget should not be approved and should be reduced by 10% including a hiring freeze. He advised he felt that safety needs to be reimagined which means reallocating resources to address the root causes of crime, investing in community building initiatives and ensuring that everyone has access to the supports they need.

2. Kaitlin Baldwin spoke against the approval of the Barrie Police Service budget. She outlined incidents involving police. Ms. Baldwin shared that she felt that Barrie Police Service are being used as a catch-all to address issues in Barrie that are not their job, including housing, mental health, relational issues, and poverty.

Ms. Baldwin outlined concerns with the amount Barrie Police Service budget that is allocated to salaries and benefits and how this amount in comparison equates with social housing, shelter beds, therapy sessions and groceries for the community

Ms. Baldwin also indicated that she cares deeply about safety, autonomy of all people, health, belonging and ultimate survival. She advised that she felt that there would not be as many police calls to Busby Centre. Salvation Army or domestic cases, if shelters were fully resourced.

Ms. Baldwin shared her opinion that crime is a social issue and that police respond to crime but do not prevent it. Ms. Baldwin suggested that funds could be reinvested into social housing programs, emergency shelters, libraries, social service organizations, food banks and support for many not-for-profit organizations that provide free mental health care.

3. Daisy Oliveros expressed her desire to see at risk individuals to receive a second chance at rejoining society and to have positive interactions with police officers. She agreed that police are essential to the community when protecting vulnerable people, and that Barrie Police should be well funded resulting in the police force's ability to respond to the needs of a growing city. She addressed her concerns associated with at risk individuals' ability to access programs that will guide them in the right direction. Ms. Oliveros commented that police are human, could be stressed, tired, overworked or spread too thin which may impact them living up to the standards of excellence that is expected of them.

   She addressed concerns about those who choose to exploit others and have difficulty enforcing their personal boundaries and the perception of law enforcement.

4. Ash Pineau addressed her concerns with the service provided by Barrie Police Service including, in her opinion bullying, control, greed, and manipulation. Ms. Pineau also shared her concerns with the Mayor and Council supporting the Police budget. Ms. Pineau outlined that she felt that the library is doing more the City than the police is. She advised that she felt that Council should listen to the real community of Barrie, and not provide the BPS their increase in budget, but to invest in solutions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

25-A-015 General Committee Report dated January 22, 2025, Sections A, B, C, D, E, F and G (APPENDIX "A").

SECTION "A" - TO BE RECEIVED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Seconded by: Councillor, A. Courser

That Section "A" of the General Committee Report dated January 22, 2025, now circulated be received.

25-G-009 REPORT OF THE AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE DATED JANUARY 8, 2025

25-G-010 REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE DATED JANUARY 15, 2025.

25-G-011 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE DATED JANUARY 15, 2025

CARRIED

SECTION "B" - TO BE ADOPTED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Seconded by: Councillor, A. Courser

That Section "B" of the General Committee Report dated January 22, 2025, now circulated be adopted .

25-G-012 SEA CADETS - USE OF GENERAL JOHN HAYTER SOUTHSHORE COMMUNITY CENTRE

25-G-013 AMENDMENT TO PROCEDURAL BY-LAW 2019-100

25-G-014 COMMITTEE UPDATES

AMENDMENT #1

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

That motion 25-G-015 of Section "B" of the General Committee Report dated January 22, 2025 concerning the 2025 Business Plan and Budget - Service Partners, be separated and re-introduced as Section "H".

CARRIED

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

SECTION "C" - TO BE ADOPTED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Seconded by: Councillor, A. Courser

That Section "C" of the General Committee Report dated January 22, 2025, now circulated be adopted.

25-G-016 GRANT APPLICATIONS

Councillor, J. Harris declared a potential pecuniary interest in the foregoing matter as he is affiliated with one of the organizations. He backed away from the Council table during voting on this matter.

CARRIED

SECTION "D" - TO BE ADOPTED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Seconded by: Councillor, A. Courser

That Section "D" of the General Committee Report dated January 22, 2025, now circulated be adopted.

25-G-017 SUPPORT OF COUNTY FUNDING

The recorded voted was taken as follows:

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

CARRIED

SECTION "E" - TO BE ADOPTED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Seconded by: Councillor, A. Courser

That Section "E" of the General Committee Report dated January 22, 2025, now circulated be adopted.

25-G-018 LICENSING OF WATERSPORTS

CARRIED

SECTION "F" - TO BE ADOPTED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Seconded by: Councillor, A. Courser

That Section "F" of the General Committee Report dated January 22, 2025, now circulated be adopted.

25-G-019 CONSERVATION OF BUILT HERITAGE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

CARRIED

SECTION "G" - TO BE ADOPTED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Seconded by: Councillor, A. Courser

That Section "G" of the General Committee Report dated January 22, 2025, now circulated be adopted.

25-G-020 CIHA/MZO UPDATE FOR 175 AND 199 ESSA ROAD AND 50 WOOD STREET

CARRIED

SECTION "H" - TO BE ADOPTED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Seconded by: Councillor, A. Courser

That Section "H" of the General Committee Report dated January 22, 2025, be adopted.

25-G-015 2025 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET - SERVICE PARTNERS

AMENDMENT #1

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

That motion 25-G-015 of Section “H” concerning the 2025 Business Plan and Budget - Service Partners be amended as follows:

To amend paragraph 3 to add the following:

a) That the Financial Stabilization Reserve as discussed during the the Barrie Public Library's Presentation dated January 15, 2025, be approved;

b) That the Future Capital Expenditure Reserve remain intact for its intended purpose and not be renamed or used as a General Reserve as discussed during the Barrie Public Library presentation on January 15, 2025; and

c) That the Barrie Public Library Board be requested to transfer up to 8.3 % (equal to one month of operating expenses) of funding in Future Capital Expenditure Reserve to the Financial Stabilization Reserve; and

d) That an additional 1% ($98,000) reflective of the current Barrie Public Library budget request identified on page 301 of the Business Plan and Budget be allocated to the Barrie Public Library Future Capital Expenditure Reserve and the tax levy be increased by $98,000; and

e) That a Capital Project entitled "Barrie North West Boutique Library" be established, with initial funding of $150k from the Development Charge Reserve to allow for staff in Corporate Facilities in consultation with Barrie Public Library staff, to undertake the initial design and required preliminary work, which includes investigating potential locations, and report back to General Committee once completed

That the following be added as paragraph 4, with the remaining paragraphs to be renumbered accordingly:

4. That the staff in Finance Department develop a list of reporting requirements to be followed by the Barrie Public Library Board when presenting their annual budget request to City Council and report back to Finance and Responsible Governance with this list.

A point of order was raised by Councillor, A. Courser.

Council recessed from 7:53 p.m. to 7:57 p.m.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT #2

Moved by: Councillor, S. Morales
Seconded by: Councillor, G. Harvey

That motion 25-G-015 of Section "H" concerning the 2025 Business Plan and Budget - Service Partners be amended as follows:

To add the following paragraph:

That $20,000 be provided to the Barrie Sports Hall of Fame for ongoing operating costs to be funded from the Tourism Reserve.

CARRIED

Upon question of the original motion moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson and seconded by Councillor, A. Courser the motion was **CARRIED AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENTS #1 AND 2.** The recorded voted was taken as follows:

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

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

Pursuant to Procedural By-law 2019-100, as amended, Section 4, Subsection 10, the order of business was altered such that the Presentation from Empower Simcoe concerning Community Initiatives was discussed prior to the Direct Motions.

25-A-016 **PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPOWER SIMCOE CONCERNING COMMUNITY INITIATIVES**

Presentation by Dr. Claudine Cousins, Chief Executive Officer from Empower Simcoe concerning Community Initiatives.

Dr. Cousins discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- Role of the organization;
- Organizations supports for individuals;
- The organization's advocacy and membership with the International Community Consortium;
- The Development Services Ontario Demand for Services in Simcoe County and the Province;
- Legislative barriers for decreasing demand in the municipality;
- The proposed Zoning By-law provisions to support provincial legislation; and
- Funding shortfalls.

Members of Council asked a number of questions of the presenter and received responses.

DIRECT MOTIONS

25-A-017 **BUY CANADIAN**

That in accordance with Section 284.10 (1) of the Municipal Act, I Mayor Nuttall introduced the following motion to Council:

Whereas if Ontario were a standalone country, it would be the United States's (U.S) third-largest trading partner with a near-perfect balance in two-way trade totalling $493 billion (CAD) in 2023, employing millions of workers on both sides of the border;

And Whereas the City of Barrie is a member of the Ontario Big City Mayor's Caucus who work collaboratively at the provincial and federal levels to promote awareness, advocacy and strategic policy initiatives to further strengthen the Canadian economy through advancements and investments in the including but not limited to the automotive sector;

And Whereas Premier Doug Ford has outlined the Province of Ontario's forthcoming Fortress Am-Can Plan, which focuses on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. on key issues including national security,

integrated and safe electricity grids, building out critical mineral supply chains and advanced manufacturing supply chains while bringing good jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border;

And Whereas the Federal Government has established the Canada-U.S. Relations Council to support the Federal Government as it deals with possible U.S tariffs that includes representatives from the auto sector, unions, various industries and agriculture;

And Whereas trade between Ontario and the U.S. is very important to our residents and local economies and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents;

And Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, municipalities in Ontario are expected to spend $250 - $290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years;

And Whereas municipalities have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements from giving preference to Buy Canadian; and

Therefore, Be It Resolved That the City of Barrie call on the Prime Minister, Federal Ministers and the Federal Government's newly established Canada-U.S. Relations Council to take any and all measures to protect the interests of the Province of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations; and

That the City of Barrie offers its support and assistance, including formal delegations by the Mayor, CAO and/or their designates to the Federal and Provincial Governments to strike a trade deal with the U.S that will benefit all involved when it comes to strengthening our economy and keeping Ontario jobs intact; and

That The City of Barrie calls upon the Federal and Provincial Governments to remove any impediments to municipalities discounting American companies for capital projects and supplies.

CARRIED

25-A-018 **MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE - HEMSON -JOINT NEEDS LAND ANALYSIS STUDY**

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

That pursuant to Section 7.1 of Procedural By-law 2019-100 as amended, permission be granted to introduce a motion without notice concerning Hemson - Joint Needs Land Analysis Study.

CARRIED

25-A-019 **HEMSON -JOINT NEED LAND ANALYSIS STUDY**

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

That City staff initiate a non-standard procurement process to retain Hemson Consulting to continue to work with the City and the Provincial Facilitator building on their initial findings through the Joint Needs Analysis Study, with a budget allocation of up to $200,000 funded through the Reinvestment Reserve;

That this work will be undertaken in phases and the first phase will include the following:

- Identifying and delineating additional lands outside of the City of Barrie Boundaries, in the townships of Springwater and Oro-Medonte, that could address the requirements of the City of Barrie, Township of Springwater and Township of Oro-Medonte as set out in the Stage 2 Joint Needs Analysis Study; and

- Further assessment of the City of Barrie's infrastructure and service capacity to support the identified 930 developable hectares from the Stage 2 Joint Needs Analysis Study.

That staff report back to General Committee on the additional studies and phases of work once complete.

CARRIED

25-A-020 **MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE - AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE A PARTNER MERCHANT AGREEMENT - ADYEN CANADA LTD. AND ADYEN H.V.**

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

That pursuant to Section 7.1 of Procedural By-law 2019-100 as amended, permission be granted to introduce a motion without notice concerning Authority to Execute a Partner Merchant Agreement - Adyen Canada Ltd. and Adyen H.V.

CARRIED

25-A-021 **AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE A PARTNER MERCHANT AGREEMENT - ADYEN CANADA LTD. AND ADYEN H.V.**

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

That the Chief Administrative Officer be granted authority to execute a Partner Merchant Agreement and related documents with Adyen Canada Ltd. and Adyen H.V. as the City's Ultimate Beneficial Owner of the agreement, as defined by Adyen and in accordance European financial regulations, for the provision of services related to FIN2024-087P (Marina Management Software).

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, A. Courser

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

BY-LAW 2025-010 **Bill #010**

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to exempt all of Lot 105 on Plan 51M-1232, being Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 51R-44805, City of Barrie, County of Simcoe; being all of PIN: 58727-1401 (LT) from Part Lot Control imposed by Section 50(5) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13. (12-G-190) (Part Lot Control Exemption By-law - 86 and 88 Sagewood Avenue) (File: D23-040-2024)

BY-LAW 2025-011 **Bill #011**

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to exempt all of Lot 16 on Plan 51M-1232, being Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 51R-44806, City of Barrie, County of Simcoe; being all of PIN: 58727-1312 (LT) from Part Lot Control imposed by Section 50(5) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13. (12-G-190) (Part Lot Control Exemption By-law - 56 and 58 Sagewood Avenue) (File: D23-041-2024)

BY-LAW 2025-012 **Bill #012**

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to exempt all of Lot 15 on Plan 51M-1232, being Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 51R-44809, City of Barrie, County of Simcoe; being all of PIN: 58727-1311 (LT) from Part Lot Control imposed by Section 50(5) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13. (12-G-190) (Part Lot Control Exemption By-law - 52 and 54 Sagewood Avenue) (File: D23-042-2024)

BY-LAW 2025-013 **Bill #013**

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to appoint Justin Jacques Gilbert as a Deputy Fire Chief for the City of Barrie. (05-G-575) (Justin Jacques Gilbert, Deputy Fire Chief - Manager of Communications, Public Education and Fire Prevention)

BY-LAW 2025-014 **Bill #014**

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to further amend By-law 2023-032 being a by-law to appoint members to various committees, boards and commissions for the 2022 to 2026 Term of Council. (25-G-014 and Mayoral Decision MD002-25) (Committee Updates and Executive Committee) (Item for Discussion 8.3, January 15, 2025) (Note: Motion 25-G-014 is listed on the General Committee Report dated January 22, 2025)

BY-LAW 2025-015 **Bill #015**

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to amend By-law 2019-100 as amended, being a by-law to govern the proceedings of Council. (25-G-013) (Amendments to Procedural By-law 2019-100) (Item for Discussion 8.2, January 15, 2025) (Note: Motion 25-G-013 is listed on the General Committee Report dated January 22, 2025)

CARRIED BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Seconded by: Councillor, A. Courser

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 2025-016 **Bill #016**

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 29th day of January. 2025.

CARRIED BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor, C. Riepma
Seconded by: Councillor, A. Courser

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

CARRIED

_____

Mayor, A. Nuttall

_____

Wendy Cooke, City Clerk

APPENDIX “A”

General Committee Report dated January 22, 2025

70 Collier Street
P.O. Box 400
Barrie, ON L4M 4T5

City of Barrie

Final - Final
General Committee

Wednesday, January 22, 2025 | **7:00 PM** | **Council Chamber**

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT
For Consideration by Barrie City Council on January 29, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson at 7:00 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 9 - 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

Absent: 2 - Mayor, A. Nuttall
Councillor, B. Hamilton

STAFF:
Acting Chief Financial Officer, C. Smith
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 Recreation and Culture Services, K. Datema
Director of Transit and Parking Strategy, B. Forsyth
Executive Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Araniyasundaran
Legislative Coordinator, D. Glenn
Senior Manager of Corporate Finance and Investment, C. Gillespie
Senior Policy Advisor and Special Projects Coordinator, E. Chappell
Service Desk Specialist, K. Kovacs.

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

SECTION "A"

25-G-009 **REPORT OF THE AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE DATED JANUARY 8, 2025**

The Report of the Affordability Committee dated January 8, 2025, was received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 1/29/2025.

25-G-010 **REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE DATED JANUARY 15, 2025.**

The Report of the Community Safety Committee dated January 15, 2025, was received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 1/29/2025.

25-G-011 **REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE DATED JANUARY 15, 2025**

The Report of the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee dated January 15, 2025, was received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 1/29/2025.

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-012 **SEA CADETS - USE OF GENERAL JOHN HAYTER SOUTHSHORE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute an interim agreement with the Sea Cadets for the use of office space at the General John Hayter Southshore Community Centre at no charge, with the agreement also including provisions for rental rates and parking for the use of the General John Hayter Southshore Community Centre that are in alignment with other user groups such as the Barrie Rotary Club, in a form acceptable to the Directors of Legal Services, Corporate Facilities and Recreation and Culture Services. (Item for Discussion 8.1, January 15, 2025) (Sponsor: Mayor, A. Nuttall)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 1/29/2025.

25-G-013 **AMENDMENT TO PROCEDURAL BY-LAW 2019-100**

That Procedural By-law 2019-100 as amended, be further amended to add a provision that consultants, developers, etc. must provide any Council and Committee Presentations in person, unless authorized by the City Clerk in consultation with the Mayor/Chair. (Item for Discussion 8.2, January 15, 2025) (Sponsor: Mayor, A. Nuttall)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 1/29/2025.

25-G-014 **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

1. That the following changes be made to the Advisory Committees:

   - Upon her request, remove Councillor, AM. Kungl from the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee and replace her with Councillor S. Morales; and
   - Upon her request, remove Councillor B. Hamilton from the County of Simcoe, Human Services Committee; and
   - Add Councillor, C. Nixon to the Town and Gown Committee; and
   - Remove Councillor, C. Riepma as Chair of Heritage Barrie and replace him with Councillor AM. Kungl.

2. That the City Clerk review the membership and mandate of the Seniors and Accessibility Advisory Committee to ensure that the provisions of the AODA continue to be met and report back to Finance and Responsible Governance Committee, if changes are required.

3 a) That a Parking Advisory Ad-Hoc Committee be struck to review on street parking standards in the City of Barrie, including provisions for new developments, current practices and potential modernization and report back to the Community Safety Committee by the end of Q2 in 2026 with their findings.

b) That the Parking Advisory Ad-Hoc Committee composition be as follows:

- Deputy Mayor Thomson
- Councillor, C. Riepma
- 3 citizen members
- 1 to 2 representatives from the Development Community.

(Item for Discussion 8.3, January 15, 2025) (Sponsor: Mayor, A. Nuttall)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 1/29/2025.

25-G-015 **2025 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET - SERVICE PARTNERS**

Strong Mayor Budget

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

Service Partner Budget Approvals

2. That the 2025 budget request from the Barrie Police Services Board presented on page 301 of the 2025 Business Plan, with a net tax supported municipal funding requirement of $72.2 million, be approved.

3. That the 2025 budget request from the Barrie Public Library Board presented on page 301 of the 2025 Business Plan, with a net tax supported municipal funding requirement of $9.7 million and $164.9 thousand of Development Charges funding, be approved.

4. That the 2025 budget request from the County of Simcoe, including contributions to the County of Simcoe Capital Reserve,

presented on page 301 of the 2025 Business Plan, with a net tax supported municipal funding requirement of $32.9 million, be approved.

5. That the 2025 budget request from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority presented on page 301 of the 2025 Business Plan, with a net tax supported municipal funding requirement of $376.5 thousand, and $1.1 million of water rate funding, be approved.

6. That the 2025 budget request from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority presented on page 301 of the 2025 Business Plan, with a net tax supported municipal funding requirement of $475.4 thousand, and $83.9 thousand of water rate funding, be approved.

7. That the 2025 budget request from the Barrie Area Physician Recruitment presented on page 301 of the 2025 Business Plan, with a net tax supported municipal funding requirement of $60 thousand, be approved.

8. That the 2025 budget estimate for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit presented on page 301 of the 2025 Business Plan, with a net tax supported municipal funding requirement of $2.3 million, be approved.

9. That Capital Project 001416: EMS Campus - Solar PV installation Capital Project be amended to reduce Tax Capital Reserve funding of $125K in 2025 and $400K in 2026 and replace with partner funding from the County of Simcoe for their portion.

Council and Staff authorization requests

10. That the City Clerk be authorized to prepare all necessary by-laws to implement the above recommendations. (EMT001-25).

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 1/29/2025.

SECTION "C"

25-G-016 **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

1. a) That staff be directed to forward the list of selected organizations to receive funding through the Bright Futures Grant as identified in the Confidential Community Safety Meeting of January 15, 2025, to the Community Safety and Well Being Committee for consultation; and

   b) That once reviewed with the Community Safety and Well Being Committee staff contact the successful applicants.

2. That $68,299.00 of funding be allocated, $25,000 from the Council Strategic Priorities Account and $43,299 from the Reinvestment Reserve to be distributed as follows:

   a) $24k of funding be allocated to the City of Barrie Nature Parks Play Program

   b) $35k of funding be allocated for day camp programs for high risk communities

   c) $9,299 of funding be allocated to top up the Bright Futures Grant Funding to ensure the selected organizations receive full funding of their request

3. That any funds allocated to an organization through the Bright Futures Barrie Grant not utilized by the organization be reallocated to reduce the City's funding towards the City of Barrie Nature Parks Program and day camp programs for high risk communities.

4. That once funding is confirmed and accepted by the successful applicants, staff in the Recreation and Culture Department provide a memorandum to the Community Safety Committee detailing the successful applicants.

Councillor, J. Harris declared a potential pecuniary interest in the foregoing matter as he is affiliated with one of the organizations. He backed away from the Council table during voting on this matter.

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 1/29/2025.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "D"

25-G-017 **SUPPORT OF COUNTY FUNDING**

Whereas the City of Barrie believes it has a responsibility to its residents to enforce its by-laws to ensure safe and accessible public spaces for the community at large;

And Whereas in paragraph 76 of the Ontario Superior Court Decision Heegsma vs Hamilton of December 23, 2024 cites “that the life and security of the applicants (the park occupants) are not put at risk by enforcement of the by-law. They are put at risk by homelessness with encampments contributing to this risk. They are lawless, dangerous and unsanitary”;

And Whereas past Ontario Superior Court decisions including the Regional Municipality of Waterloo of January 27, 2023 vs Persons Unknown and City of Kingston vs Doe of November 24, 2023 have established that evicting individuals from encampments without providing adequate shelter options violates their rights under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, consequently, the City of Barrie is unable to enforce by-laws that prohibit camping in public spaces if doing so would be unconstitutional;

And Whereas there are approximately 12 known encampments in the City of Barrie with over 100 occupants;

And Whereas in the City of Barrie there is shortage of affordable housing, social housing supports and temporary shelters beds for those living in encampments;

And Whereas the County of Simcoe has submitted a funding application to the Province of Ontario for funding under the Encampment Response Initiative to support an increase shelter capacity, restoration of public lands at key encampments and to provision of wraparound support with their partnering organizations;

And Whereas to be considered for this funding from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing a written pledge from the County was required noting that funding received would be put towards ending encampments by providing housing options for those experiencing homelessness;

And Whereas as a result of signing the pledge by Warden Clarke, the County of Simcoe is also eligible to receive top-up funding from the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit to support transition individuals from shelter programs into longer-term housing to free up space to address immediate shelter needs of individuals in encampments;

And Whereas if the County is successful in this funding application, the City of Barrie would benefit from additional shelter spaces and possible funding for restoration of public spaces

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That the Council of the City of Barrie endorse and support the County of Simcoe's application to the Province of Ontario for funding under the Encampment Response Initiative; and

2. That Mayor Nuttall on behalf of City Council send correspondence to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and housing advising of Council's support of this important funding application.

Sponsor: Mayor, A. Nuttall

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 1/29/2025.

SECTION "E"

25-G-018 **LICENSING OF WATERSPORTS**

1. That the past Council decision related to not allowing operators to provide motorized activities on Barrie's waterfront be rescinded.

2. That staff prepare a licensing protocol for the licensing of businesses operating motorized activities along the waterfront, including a limit on the vehicles permitted, fees and safety measures for their operation and report back to General Committee. (Item for Discussion 8.4, January 15, 2025) (Sponsor: Councillor, B. Hamilton)

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 1/29/2025.

SECTION "F"

25-G-019 **CONSERVATION OF BUILT HERITAGE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

That Staff Report DEV003-25 concerning the Conservation of Built Heritage Community Improvement Plan be referred to the Finance and Responsible Governance meeting to be held on March 26, 2025.

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 1/29/2025.

SECTION "G"

25-G-020 **CIHA/MZO UPDATE FOR 175 AND 199 ESSA ROAD AND 50 WOOD STREET**

That Staff Memorandum from Michelle Banfield, RPP, Executive Director of Development Services dated January 22, 2025, regarding the CIHA/MZO update for 175 and 199 Essa Road and 50 Wood Street be referred to the Affordability Committee meeting scheduled to be held on March 19, 2025.

This matter was recommended (Section "G") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 1/29/2025.

ENQUIRIES

Members of General Committee addressed enquires to City staff and received responses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

CHAIRMAN