



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final General Committee

Saturday, May 7, 2016

9:00 AM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by the Council of the City of Barrie on May 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lehman at 9:03 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

- Present:** 10 - Mayor, J. Lehman; Councillor, B. Ainsworth; Councillor, R. Romita; Councillor, D. Shipley; Councillor, B. Ward; Councillor, P. Silveira; Councillor, M. Prowse; Councillor, A. Khan; Councillor, S. Morales; and Councillor, M. McCann
- Absent:** 1 - Councillor, A. Prince

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, C. Ladd
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, D. McAlpine
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
Executive Director of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
Executive Director of Innovate Barrie, R. Bunn
Executive Director of Invest Barrie, Z. Lifshiz
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, P. Elliott-Spencer
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, R. Forward.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

**16-G-106 2014 TO 2018 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES REVIEW AND DISCUSSION,
INCLUDING INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING PRIORITIES**

Mayor J. Lehman provided opening remarks related to purpose of the meeting, noting that it was an opportunity to discuss strategic projects, including the projects that the City would submit for Federal Infrastructure Funds. He noted that a draft of the Making the Link document had been included with the agenda to set the context associated with the discussion of the Strategic Priorities.

Carla Ladd, Chief Administrative Officer provided an overview related to the development of the draft Making the Link document, noting that the purpose of the document was provide a comprehensive framework for the various strategies, plans and master plans that would allow individuals to see how these plans support the bigger picture of City Building. She requested feedback from members of Council on whether the document would resonant with the public, highlighting that the document is intended to be fluid with new items added and items removed when completed.

Rebecca James-Reid, Executive Director of Access Barrie identified that once finalized, the intent is to include the Making the Link document on-line with connections to each of the strategies, plans and master plans.

Mayor Lehman advised that as a living document, available on-line, metrics that were outcome driven would be included, similar to the approach used in Boston.

Members of Committee provided comments, asked questions and received responses from the Mayor and City staff related to:

- The importance of identifying smaller projects and how the projects integrate with the master plan or bigger picture;
- Support for a document that is fluid and reflects the changes occurring; and
- The potential to simplify the document in a few places and use less jargon.

Mayor Lehman provided background information related to the discussion of the List of Potential Projects for Federal Funding Programs. Ms. Ladd noted that Phase 1 projects were identified on the basis of being “shovel ready”.

Richard Forward, General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management noted that the projects were drawn from the capital plan and had been broken down into the funding categories. Patti Elliott-Spencer, General Manager of Community and Corporate Services advised that the rules associated with the funding programs were not available yet and there may be criteria introduced that impact the applicability of the specific projects. Ms. James-Reid noted that funding for design components has been added.

Members of Committee provided comments, asked questions and received responses from the Mayor and City staff related to:

- The status of the information provided to MP Alex Nuttall and MP John Brassard regarding the City’s capital plan “shovel ready” projects related to environmental, social housing and transit categories and the potential to expand beyond those categories;
- The status of the funds available in the Provincial - Territorial Infrastructure Component (PTIC);
- The amount of information available regarding how the projects will be selected, the criteria associated with the funding programs and the best approach for submitting projects;
- The role of the Province; and
- The timing of projects associated with Phase 1.

The Committee met and discussed the List of Potential Projects for Federal Funding Programs, noting that Phase 1 projects were required to be “shovel ready” and Phase 2 projects were being presented for future funding applications, with the specific criteria not finalized at this time. Staff were asked to investigate the following matters as part of a revised List of Potential Projects for Federal Funding Programs:

- Adding Hurst Drive to the List;
- Whether a general neighbourhood renewal project could be included in Phase 1;
- The potential to expand the scope associated with the Centennial Park Expansion and complete the project earlier, if Federal funding was available;
- Adding the City’s portion of the Memorial Square/Meridian Place Redevelopment Project related to the incremental costs for storm drainage and water quality to the List; and

- Moving the Bishop Drive Trunk Sanitary Sewer Expansion - Ferndale to Patterson Project from Phase 2 to Phase 1 on the List. (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 5/9/2016.

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

SECTION "B"

16-G-107 POTENTIAL PROJECTS FOR FEDERAL FUNDING PROGRAMS - PHASE 1

That the Phase 1 List of Potential Projects for Federal Funding Programs as revised in accordance with the discussion on May 7, 2016, be approved for submission under the Federal Infrastructure Funding Programs. (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/9/2016.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

16-G-108 POTENTIAL PROJECTS FOR FEDERAL FUNDING PROGRAMS - PHASE 2

Mayor Lehman asked the members of Council to review the List of Potential Projects for Federal Funding Programs associated with Phase 2 and provide comments regarding the list.

Members of Committee provided comments, asked questions and received responses from the Mayor and City staff related to:

- Projects related to the annexation lands;
- The potential to include a project in the annexation lands that would reflect the increasing diversity of the community such as a multi-cultural facility and whether there was a fit with a project(s) being considered through the Local Immigration Partnership;

- A potential interest from the private sector to provide a community cultural centre in the south end;
- The opportunity to investigate additional low impact development options for storm water;
- The status of the First Responders Campus Project; and
- The potential to include projects related to addressing climate change. (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 5/9/2016.

The General Committee reports that upon adoption of the required procedural motion it met in closed session in the Sir Robert Barrie Room at 10:24 a.m. to discuss the content of a confidential presentation concerning a confidential potential disposition of land matter – Downtown Parking Lots.

Members of General Committee (with the exception of Councillor, A. Prince), the Chief Administrative Officer, City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, Director of Legal Services, Executive Director of Access Barrie, Executive Director of Innovate Barrie, Executive Director of Invest Barrie, General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, and General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management were in attendance for the portion of the meeting closed to the public. Members of the press and public were not present for this portion of the meeting.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "D"

16-G-109 CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSION OF A POTENTIAL DISPOSITION OF LAND MATTER - DOWNTOWN PARKING LOTS

That motion 16-G-109 contained within the confidential notes to the General Committee Report dated May 7, 2016 concerning the discussion of the content of a confidential presentation regarding a confidential potential disposition of land matter - Downtown Parking Lots, be received. (File: L15)

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 5/9/2016.

The General Committee reports upon adoption of a procedural motion, it met in public/open session at 11:24 a.m.

Mayor Lehman provided a brief overview of the nature of the in-camera/closed session portion of the meeting. Mayor Lehman advised that the Committee received and discussed the content of a confidential presentation concerning a confidential potential disposition of land matter – Downtown Parking Lots. Mayor Lehman stated that with the exception of the procedural matter to move into public/open session, votes were not taken during the portion of the meeting closed to the public.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

CHAIRMAN