



Minutes - Final
General Committee

Monday, September 19, 2011

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by the Council
of the City of Barrie on September 26, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lehman at 7:01 p.m. and the following were recorded as being present:

Present: 11 - Mayor J. Lehman; Councillor B. Ainsworth; Councillor L. Strachan; Councillor D. Shipley; Councillor B. Ward; Councillor P. Silveira ; Councillor M. Prowse; Councillor J. Brassard; Councillor J. Robinson; Councillor B. Jackson; and Councillor A. Nuttall

Councillor, J. Brassard left the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, J. Babulic

City Clerk, D. McAlpine

Deputy City Clerk, C. deGorter (left the meeting at 9:33 p.m.)

Deputy City Treasurer, C. Millar (left the meeting at 7:06 p.m.)

Director of Communications and Intergovernmental Affairs (Interim), C. Glaser (left the meeting at 8:14 p.m.)

Director of Corporate Asset Management (Interim), B. Parkin (left the meeting at 9:20 p.m.)

Director of Culture, R.Q. Williams (left the meeting at 8:14 p.m.)

Director of Engineering, W. McArthur (left the meeting at 9:20 p.m.)

Director of Environmental Services, J. Thompson (left the meeting at 9:20 p.m.)

Director of Finance, D. McKinnon (left the meeting at 9:20 p.m.)

Director of Leisure, Transit and Facilities, B. Roth (left the meeting at 9:20 p.m.)

Director of Planning Services, S. Naylor (left the meeting at 8:14 p.m.)

Director of Roads, Parks and Fleet, D. Friary (left the meeting at 9:20 p.m.)

Director of Strategy and Economic Development, H. Kirolos (left the meeting at 8:14 p.m.)

Fire Chief, J. Lynn

General Manager of Community Operations, J. Sales

General Manager of Corporate Services, E. Archer (joined the meeting at 7:03 p.m.)

General Manager of Infrastructure, Development and Culture, R. Forward

Labour Relations Specialist, K. Wray (joined the meeting 9:23 p.m.)

Manager of Recreation, R. Watson (joined the meeting at 8:14 p.m. and left the meeting at 9:20 p.m.).

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

SECTION "A"

11-G-258 REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2011.

The Report of the Community Services Committee dated September 7, 2011 was received. (File: C05)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 9/26/2011.

11-G-259 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE DATED AUGUST 30, 2011.

The Report of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee dated August 30, 2011 was received. (File: C05)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 9/26/2011.

11-G-260 REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2011.

The Report of the Transportation and Economic Development Committee dated September 7, 2011 was received. (File: C05)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 9/26/2011.

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

SECTION "B"

**11-G-261 LONG RANGE FINANCIAL PLAN AND FINANCIAL POLICY
FRAMEWORK UPDATE**

1. That the following strategies be implemented, starting with the 2012 Business Plan, to strengthen the City's financial condition:
 - a) Increase annual contributions to the Tax Capital Reserve such that, within 12 years, the annual contribution is equivalent to the annual amortization charge for assets supported by property taxes;
 - b) When a new capital asset funded by property taxes comes into service, an amount equivalent to the asset's amortization charge be transferred annually to the Tax Capital Reserve to prepare for the asset's eventual replacement;
 - c) Incorporate asset renewal and replacement charges into user fees as appropriate; and
 - d) Limit annual debt payments to 20% of the City's own source revenues.

2. That existing financing plans for the City of Barrie's portion of two significant community projects be revised as follows:
 - a) That Barrie Hydro Holdings Incorporated (BHHI) be directed to re-invest dividends received from PowerStream into PowerStream Solar in accordance with the terms of the Subscription Agreement dated November 23, 2010;
 - b) That additional financing which may be required to fulfill the terms of the Subscription Agreement be provided as a loan to BHHI, on terms and in a form satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services;
 - c) That any dividends received from PowerStream following the fulfillment of the Subscription Agreement be applied first to any outstanding loans receivable and then to the Tax Capital Reserve; and
 - d) That the remaining \$5.2M required to fund the Royal Victoria Hospital Grant be funded from the Tax Capital Reserve.

3. That revisions to the City's Financial Policy Framework as identified in Appendix "A" to staff report FIN020-11 be approved.
4. That Finance staff be directed to update the long range financial plan to establish affordability thresholds in accordance with the City's Financial Policies Framework to be used to support the annual capital planning process.
5. That the options identified to reduce tax related debt identified in FIN020-11 be received and that the funding of the next phase in the redevelopment of the Allandale site (representing an estimated \$8.6 million in debt financing) be deferred until a partner for the redevelopment of the site has determined.
6. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute any agreements required to put these recommendations into effect. (FIN020-11) (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/26/2011.

11-G-262 PILOT PROJECT - GEORGIAN COLLEGE AREA - THREE HOUR PARKING

That staff in the Engineering Department investigate the feasibility of restricting parking to a limit of three hours as a pilot project for one year on the following streets:

- College Crescent
- Lonsdale Place
- Redwood Court
- Glenecho Drive
- Nelson Street north of Grove Street

and report back to General Committee. (11-TGC-008)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/26/2011.

11-G-263 TALK IS FREE THEATRE TECHNICAL THEATRE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

That the City Clerk be authorized to enter into a single source agreement to be negotiated and executed in accordance with the Purchasing By-law 2008-121 for the technical theatre equipment identified in Appendix "B" of Staff Report DOC003-11 with Talk is Free Theatre in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 and that the purchase be funded from the Tax Capital Reserve (13-04-0440). (DOC003-11) (File: R05-DOW)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/26/2011.

11-G-264 EVALUATION OF SANITARY SERVICING FOR CURRENTLY UNSERVICED AREAS

That the following sanitary servicing strategy be utilized for currently unserviced areas through the capital planning process:

- a) That the timing of the sanitary sewer servicing maximize the useful life of the septic systems while minimizing the number of septic system replacements that are required; and
- b) That the condition of all other infrastructure in the right-of-way be considered in the recommended timing of sanitary sewer servicing, in order to maximize the investment in existing infrastructure. (ENG049-11) (W03-SA)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/26/2011.

11-G-265 SOLE AND SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND AWARDS

1. That the following sole and single source agreements be negotiated and executed in accordance with the Purchasing By-law 2008-121:
 - a) Sole source purchases for:
 - i. annual maintenance and licence fees associated with data and voice systems and technology hardware, software and equipment with the vendors identified in Appendix "A" to Staff Report FIN022-11 for a period not to exceed five years;
 - ii. the provision of annual maintenance on Long Range Financial Planning Modeling Tool for a five year term in the amount allocated in the annual business plan with BMA Management Consulting Inc.;
 - iii. the provision of planning services for the Transit Master Plan for the annexed lands in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 with Genivar Inc.;
 - iv. the provision of Parks and Recreation planning consulting services for Growth Management Study in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 with Monteith Brown Planning Consultants; and
 - v. The provision of parts and service to support and maintain the City's Trommel Screeners/Stackers in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 with McCloskey International.

- b) Single source purchase for:
 - i. the provision of Automated Passenger Counting (APC) equipment in the one time amount of \$24,500 from Strategic Mapping Incorporated (SMI) for the supply, and to negotiate an agreement for annual software licenses, maintenance, upgrades and integration for a period not to exceed five years; and
 - ii. the provision of Opticom System components and services in an amount not to exceed the amount allocated in the annual business plan with Global Traffic technologies for a period not to exceed five years.
- 2. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute any agreements necessary to support the recommendations presented in this report. (FIN022-11) (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/26/2011.

11-G-266 ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT, 49 MARY STREET

That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into an encroachment agreement with Gord Knox and Laura Knox, current owners of the property known municipally as 49 Mary Street, to permit the pre-existing encroachment of landscape improvements on City owned land subject to the following:

- a) That the existing landscaping features which incorporate tiered flower gardens, stone retaining wall and a central stone stairway and path leading from the sidewalk to the front patio and building entrance be subject to building code standards and approval;
- b) The owners provide proof of public liability insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 and naming the City of Barrie as an additional insured and be required to pay the annual encroachment fee as established by Council;
- c) The owner's be permitted to assign the Encroachment Agreement to Marco Orlando owner of The North Restaurant when the proposed sale closes; and
- d) The contents of the agreement be to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services and that all costs associated with the agreement be the responsibility of the owners. (LGL019-11) (File: D16-MAR)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/26/2011.

11-G-267 ACCEPT TRANSFER OF LAND AND GRANT EASEMENT TO FACILITATE ACCESS FOR RESIDENT

1. That the City of Barrie accept from Michal Goralski the dedication of land legally described as Part of Block A, Plan 602, Innisfil being Part 2 and 3, Reference Plan 51R- 38102; Barrie as shown in Appendix "A" of Staff Report LGL020-11 (the "access lands").

2. That the City of Barrie transfer an easement across the access lands to the adjoining property owners, being Jody and Jennifer Fiegehen. (LGL020-11) (File: L07-883)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/26/2011.

11-G-268 REMOVAL OF HOLDING PROVISION - SUNFIELD HOMES (BARRIE) LIMITED - 30 WHITE CRESCENT

1. That the Holding Provision (H-35) of By-law 85-95, as amended by By-law 95-36, for the lands owned by Sunfield Homes (Barrie) Limited, legally described as Block 81, Registered Plan 51M-835 and Part 3, Reference Plan 51R-24996 and known municipally as 30 White Crescent, be lifted subject to the following condition:
 - a) That the owner/applicant be required to pay the outstanding municipal property taxes on the subject lands, all to the satisfaction of the Director of Finance prior to the by-law for removal of the hold being presented to Council for approval.

2. That the City Clerk be directed to provide the appropriate notice for the lifting of the Holding Provision (H-35) pursuant to Section 36 of the *Planning Act*. (PLN022-11) (File: D14-1461)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/26/2011.

11-G-269 ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD APPEAL - 99-105 MAPLEVIEW DRIVE WEST AND 133-147 MAPLEVIEW DRIVE WEST

1. That an application for an Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendment submitted by Mapleview Veteran's Drive Investments to redesignate and rezone lands known municipally as 99-105 Mapleview Drive West from a General Industrial land use designation and a Service Industrial EM3 zoning to a General Commercial designation and General Commercial C4 zoning be denied.

2. That an application for an Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendment submitted by Veteran's Drive Holdings Inc. to redesignate and rezone lands known municipally as 133-147 Mapleview Drive West from a General Industrial land use designation and a Service Industrial Special EM3-SP zoning to a General Commercial designation and General Commercial C4 zoning be denied. (PLN023-11) (File: D09-OPA 005, D09-OPA 006, D14-1497 and D14-1498)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/26/2011.

11-G-270 SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL AND GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR 2011 - OCTOBER 31, 2011

That the City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, October 31st, 2011 be deleted from the 2011 schedule of meetings. (Item for Discussion, September 19, 2011) (File: C00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/26/2011.

11-G-271 PRESENTATION REQUEST - LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY

That representatives of Laurentian University be invited to make a presentation to City Council concerning the establishment of a Laurentian University downtown campus in Barrie. (Item for Discussion, September 19, 2011) (File: C00) (Circulation List, September 12, 2011)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/26/2011.

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

SECTION "C"

11-G-272 CONFIDENTIAL DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY MATTER - LOCKHART ROAD

That motion 11-G-272 contained within the confidential notes of the General Committee Report dated September 19, 2011 concerning a confidential disposition of property matter - Lockhart Road, be adopted. (EDO004-11) (File: L00)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/26/2011.

11-G-273 CONFIDENTIAL ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY MATTER - CAPPS DRIVE

That motion 11-G-273 contained within the confidential notes of the General Committee Report dated September 19, 2011 concerning a confidential acquisition of property matter - Capps Drive, be adopted. (ENG045-11) (File: D12-295)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/26/2011.

SECTION "D"

The Mayor passed the Chair to Acting Mayor Nuttall at 7:06 p.m.

11-G-274 NORTH SHORE TRAIL VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

That the North Shore Trail Vegetation Management Plan be updated as detailed in Appendices "A" and "B" of the staff report to Community Services Committee entitled "North Shore Trail Vegetation Management Plan Review" dated September 7, 2011. (Community Services Committee dated September 7, 2011) (File: E04)

Mayor Lehman declared a potential pecuniary interest in the foregoing matter as his parents own property along the North Shore Trail. He did not participate, discuss or vote on the matter and he remained in the Council Chamber.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/26/2011.

SECTION "E"**11-G-275 USE OF VOLUNTEER GROUPS - NORTH SHORE TRAIL**

That staff investigate the feasibility of volunteer groups assisting with the maintenance of the North Shore Trail under the direction of Engineering and Parks, Roads and Fleet Department staff and report back to the Community Services Committee. (Community Services Committee September 7, 2011) File: E04)

Mayor Lehman declared a potential pecuniary interest in the foregoing matter as his parents own property along the North Shore Trail. He did not participate, discuss or vote on the matter and he remained in the Council Chamber.

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/26/2011.

Mayor Lehman resumed the Chair at 8:02 p.m.

SECTION "F"**11-G-276 REVISION TO CURRENT PRACTICE REGARDING COUNCIL APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE AND ASSUMPTION OF PLANS OF SUBDIVISION**

1. That the Director of Engineering or designate be delegated the authority to accept the municipal infrastructure within Plans of Subdivision.
2. That prior to submitting an Assumption By-law to City Council for consideration Members of Council be given an opportunity to review/comment on the proposed assumption action and, if requested, the assumption process would be bumped up to General Committee for further consideration. (ENG047-11) (File: D12-GE)

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/26/2011.

11-G-277 PARKING LOT - SALVATION ARMY

1. That the current lease arrangement remain in effect with the Salvation Army to use their parking lot for general public parking until such time as the recommendations of the Parking Strategy Review have been adopted.
2. That a new lease be negotiated within six months of the Parking Strategy being adopted. (ENG048-11) (File: T02-PA) (P81/09)

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/26/2011.

General Committee recessed at 8:14 p.m. as resumed at 8:26 p.m.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "G"**11-G-278 RECREATIONAL FACILITY IN SOUTH BARRIE**

The Committee met and discussed the following motion concerning the Recreational Facility in South Barrie:

“That the Parks and Recreation Master Plan adopted in principle by City Council and any related documents and capital budgets be adjusted to reduce the size of the single consolidated recreational facility for the south end and replace it with a smaller community recreation centre as was discussed prior to the adoption of the Master Plan.”

A vote was taken on the above motion and was lost. The Committee provided no further direction with respect to the matter of the Recreational Facility in South Barrie. (Item for Discussion, September 19, 2011) (File: R00)

This matter was recommended (Section "G") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 9/26/2011.

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

Members of General Committee provided announcements concerning several matters.

The General Committee reports that upon adoption of the required procedural motion it met in-camera at 9:23 p.m. in the Sir Robert Barrie Room to receive an update concerning a confidential labour relations matter – B.P.F.F.A. Negotiations. Councillor J. Brassard, the Deputy City Treasurer, Director of Communications and Intergovernmental Affairs (Interim), Director of Corporate Asset Management (Interim), Director of Culture, Director of Engineering, Director of Environmental Services, Director of Finance, Director of Leisure, Transit and Facilities, Director of Planning Services, Director of Roads, Parks and Fleet, Director of Strategy and Economic Development, Manager of Recreation and members of the press and public were not present for this portion of the meeting.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "H"

**11-G-279 CONFIDENTIAL LABOUR RELATIONS MATTER - UPDATE
CONCERNING B.P.F.F.A. NEGOTIATIONS.**

That motion 11-G-279 contained within the confidential notes of the General Committee Report dated September 19, 2011 concerning a confidential labour relations matter - update concerning B.P.F.F.A. negotiations be received. (Information item, September 19, 2011)

Councillor J. Brassard declared a potential pecuniary interest in the foregoing motion as he is employed by a Fire Department. He did not participate in the discussion or vote on the question and he left the Sir Robert Barrie Room at 9:23 p.m.

This matter was recommended (Section "H") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 9/26/2011.

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

CHAIRMAN