



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final General Committee

Monday, February 9, 2015

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

GENERAL COMMITTEE

For consideration by the Council of the City of Barrie on February 18, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lehman at 7:03 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 11 - Mayor, J. Lehman; Councillor, B. Ainsworth; Councillor, R. Romita; Councillor, D. Shipley; Councillor, B. Ward; Councillor, P. Silveira; Councillor, M. Prowse; Councillor, J. Brassard; Councillor, A. Khan; Councillor, S. Morales; and Councillor, M. McCann

STUDENT MAYOR:

Polina Vasileva of St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School

STAFF:

Acting Director of Planning Services, R. Windle
Chief Administrative Officer, C. Ladd
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, D. McAlpine
Deputy City Clerk, W. Cooke
Director of Engineering, J. Weston
Director of Environmental Services, J. Thompson
Director of Facilities and Transit, K. Bradley
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
Director of Roads, Parks and Fleet, D. Friary
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
Manager of Environmental Services, S. Coulter

Manager of Infrastructure Planning, S. Patterson
Manager of Planning Policy, M. Kalyaniwalla
Senior Development Planner, J. Foster
Senior Project Engineer, L. Borgdorff.

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

SECTION "A"

15-G-028 REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE, INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE DATED JANUARY 20, 2015

The Report of the Infrastructure, Investment and Development Services Committee dated January 20, 2015, was received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 18/02/2015.

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

SECTION "B"

15-G-029 LOVERS CREEK CHANNEL REHABILITATION / SLOPE STABILIZATION REMEDIAL WORKS CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (WARD 9)

That Alternative 3.5 (Cut Slope with Low Toe Protection and Channel Realignment) be endorsed as the preferred alternative for the Lovers Creek Channel Rehabilitation / Slope Stabilization Remedial Works Class EA and that staff publish a Notice of Completion in accordance with the Municipal Class EA process. (ENG002-15) (File: D03-LO)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 18/02/2015.

15-G-030 RAINSCAPING LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID) GARDEN PILOT UPDATE (WARD 4)

That the operation and maintenance costs associated with the proposed RainScaping Low Impact Development Garden Pilot Project in Sunnidale Park be endorsed and the project proceed to construction in partnership with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA). (ENG003-15) (File R04-SU)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 18/02/2015.

15-G-031 WATER OPERATIONS BRANCH 2014 ANNUAL REPORT, SUMMARY REPORT AND MANAGEMENT REVIEWS

1. That the City of Barrie, Environmental Services Department, Water Operations Branch Annual Report for 2014 be received for information purposes.
2. That Staff Report ENV002-15 concerning the 2014 Municipal Summary Report and Annual Drinking Water System Report regarding the City of Barrie's Drinking Water System be received for information purposes.
3. That the Water Operations Branch Management Review, dated May 15th, 2014, August 21st, 2014, December 5th, 2014 and January 14th, 2015 be received for information purposes. (ENV002-15) (File: W00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 18/02/2015.

15-G-032 LEGACY RESERVE ADJUSTMENTS

1. That the following amounts be transferred to the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve (13-04-0461) and the legacy reserves be closed:

a)	Contingencies (13-04-0402)	\$ 610,309;
b)	Insurance (13-04-0403)	\$ 86,318;
c)	Bad Debts (13-04-0463)	\$ 4,661; and
d)	Suggestion Awards Program (13-04-0465)	\$ 88,212.
2. That the Council Priorities Reserve (13-04-0410) be renamed the Strategic Priorities Reserve and used to fund projects that advance Council Strategic Priorities, with the following associated parameters:

- a) An annual operating budget account for Strategic Priorities (01-13-1525-0000-3000) shall be maintained to provide funding for opportunities that support strategic priorities which may arise during the year; and
 - b) Any deficit/surplus that exists in this account at year end shall be transferred to/from this reserve.
3. That the Taxes Reserve (13-04-0464) be renamed the Assessment Appeal Reserve and be used to fund unanticipated assessment appeal activity, with the following associated parameters:
- a) An annual operating budget account for Assessment Appeal (01-24-0804-0000-8005) shall be maintained to provide funding for assessment appeal decisions; and
 - b) Any deficit/surplus that exists in this account at year end shall be transferred to/from this reserve.
4. That the Early Retirement Reserve (13-04-0462) be used to fund unplanned early retirements and terminations, with the following associated parameters:
- a) An annual operating budget account for unplanned Early Retirements (01-12-1410-0000-2820) shall be maintained to provide funding for unplanned early retirements or terminations that cannot be funded within the associated departmental operating budget; and
 - b) Any year-end deficit/surplus in this account as it relates to Early Retirements shall be transferred to/from this reserve.
5. That the Working Funds Reserve (13-04-0401) and the General Support Services Reserve (13-04-0460), for which the balances were depleted as part of the 2014 Business Planning process (Motion 14 -G-017), be closed. (FIN001-15) (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 18/02/2015.

15-G-033

COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2014 - 2018

That the Strategic Goals and Directions outlined in Appendix "A" and described in Staff Report INN001-15, Council Strategic Priorities 2014 - 2018, be approved as the Strategic Plan for the 2014 - 2018 term of Council. (INN001-15) (File: A00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 18/02/2015.

15-G-034**FUNDING AND DEVELOPMENT CHARGE CREDIT AGREEMENT**

1. That the General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management be authorized to complete a Funding and Development Charge Credit Agreement wherein the Annexed Lands owners groups and the City of Barrie agree to the details of the land owners commitments to front end the cost of the City undertaking comprehensive environmental assessment and engineering design for Infrastructure Implementation Plan projects in accordance with the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a Funding and Development Charge Credit and Agreement with the Annexed Lands owners group. (LGL003-15) (File: D17-GRO)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 18/02/2015.

15-G-035**APPLICATIONS FOR OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT - 1815496 ONTARIO LIMITED - 10 AND 20 LITTLE LAKE DRIVE (WARD 3)**

1. That the Official Plan Amendment application submitted by Duff Ryan, Ryan Company Architects Inc., on behalf of 1815496 Ontario Limited for lands known municipally as 10 and 20 Little Lake Drive (Ward 3), be approved as follows (D09-OPA027):
 - a) Amend Official Plan Schedule "A" - Land Use to redesignate a portion of the subject lands from General Commercial and Residential Area to Residential and Environmental Protection Area; as identified in Appendix "A" of Staff Report PLN007-15.
2. That the Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted by Duff Ryan, Ryan Company Architects Inc., on behalf of 1815496 Ontario Limited., to rezone the lands known municipally as 10 Little Lake Drive (Ward 3) from General Commercial (C4) to Residential Apartment First Density-2 with Special Provision RA1-2 (SP) and Environmental Protection (EP) and 20 Little Lake Drive from Residential First Density (R1) to Residential Apartment First Density-2 with Special Provision (RA1-2 SP) and Environmental Protection (EP) be approved (D14-1547).
3. That the following Special Provisions (SP) be referenced in the implementing Zoning By-law for the subject lands:
 - a) Notwithstanding the permitted uses as outlined in Table 5.2 of Section 5.0 of the Comprehensive Zoning By-law, a Retirement Home and Senior Citizen Home shall only be permitted;

- b) A minimum side yard setback adjoining a street be 6.6 metres, whereas 7 metres is required;
 - c) A minimum interior side yard setback of 6.0 metres to the first storey at grade level, whereas 5.0 metres is required;
 - d) A minimum interior side yard setback of 3.15 metres to all storeys above the first storey whereas 5.0 metres is required;
 - e) A minimum interior side yard setback of 2.15 metres for all balconies, whereas 5.0 metres is required;
 - f) A maximum building height for the Senior Citizen's Home of 7 -storeys (27 m), whereas 15 metres would be permitted;
 - g) A maximum building height for the Retirement Home of 3 -storeys (16.73 m), whereas 15 metres would be permitted;
 - h) A maximum Lot Coverage of 43%, whereas 35% would be permitted; and
 - i) That a minimum reduction in the width and length of the required parking spaces be permitted to accommodate construction columns in the proposed parking structure.
4. That pursuant to Section 34(17) of the Planning Act, no further public notification is required prior to the passing of this by-law. (PLN007-15) (File: D09-OPA027 and (D14-1547)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 18/02/2015.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

15-G-036 PRESENTATION REGARDING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGY

Merwan Kalyaniwalla, Manager of Planning Policy and Janet Foster, Senior Development Planner provided a slide presentation concerning the Affordable Housing Strategy.

M. Kalyaniwalla discussed slides regarding the following topics:

- Legislative and Policy Framework associated with affordable housing; and
- An Overview of the Strategy.

J. Foster discussed slides regarding the following topics:

- The purpose, objective and target of the Strategy;
- The definition of affordable in the case of new/resale homeownership and rental housing;
- 2014 statistics related to employment, vacancy rates, rental and housing costs;
- Simcoe County's role as the Social Services provider;
- Existing affordable housing initiatives;
- Recommendations in support of the Strategy, including leveraging government funding, bonusing policies, financial incentives, affordable housing first in the sale of City and School Board lands, demolition and condominium conversion control, monitoring system built for taskforce and second suites and affordable housing targets for new development;
- Map illustrating the Georgian College Area; and
- The next steps in the process.

Members of General Committee asked several questions regarding the information presented and received responses.

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 18/02/2015.

Pursuant to Procedural By-law 2013-072, Section 4, Subsection 10, the order of business was altered such that the Affordable Housing Strategy matter (PLN005-15) was discussed before the Infill Sidewalk Policy.

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

SECTION "D"

15-G-037 AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGY

1. That the City of Barrie Affordable Housing Strategy, 10-Year Plan, "A Place to Call Home" dated February 2015 attached to Staff Report PLN005-15, be adopted.

2. That staff be directed to implement the Affordable Housing Action Items and report back to General Committee for approvals or further direction as required.

3. That representatives of the Barrie Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation be invited to make a presentation to City Council. (PLN005-12) (File D04-AFF) (P45/09, P85/03)

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 18/02/2015.

General Committee recessed at 9:28 p.m. and reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

SECTION "E"**15-G-038 INFILL SIDEWALK POLICY**

1. That the policy for the inclusion of infill sidewalks as a component of a road reconstruction project as detailed in the Report to Infrastructure, Investment and Development Services dated January 20th, 2015 and the criteria identified in Appendix "B" of the memorandum dated February 9, 2015 from J. Weston, Director of Engineering concerning the Infill Sidewalk Policy, be approved.
2. That the policy for prioritization of stand-alone infill sidewalk projects as detailed in the Report to Infrastructure, Investment and Development Services dated January 20th, 2015 and the criteria identified in Appendix "C" of the memorandum dated February 9, 2015 from J. Weston, Director of Engineering concerning the Infill Sidewalk Policy, be approved. (File: T00)

Councillor, S. Morales declared a potential pecuniary interest in the foregoing matter as he resides in the area of an Infill Sidewalk Project. He rolled his chair back from the Council Table. He did not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter.

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 18/02/2015.

SECTION "F"**15-G-039 WATERFRONT AND MARINA STRATEGIC PLAN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION RESULTS AND NEXT STEPS**

1. That Staff Report ACC001-15 concerning the results of the various public consultations related to the Waterfront and Marina Strategic Plan, be received.
2. That the Waterfront and Marina Strategic Plan be presented to the Infrastructure, Investment and Development Services Committee for consideration. (ACC001-15) (File: D00)

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 18/02/2015.

15-G-040**POTENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE LEVEL ENHANCEMENTS**

1. That the implementation of a Multi-Residential Organics Pilot Program commencing in Q4 of 2015, with an estimated 2015 program cost of \$80,944 (estimated annualized program cost of \$164,741), be considered as part of the 2015 Business Plan development process.
2. That the matter of residential sector diaper waste management be referred back to staff for further review.
3. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute any documents that may be requisite to facilitate the contract revisions identified in paragraph 1, such form of document to the subject to satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services. (ENV001-15) (File: D00)

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 18/02/2015.

Pursuant to Section 2 (18) of Procedural By-law 2013-072, the Committee adopted a procedural motion in order to extend the meeting past 11:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight.

The Committee met and reports as follows:

15-G-041**RENAMING AND RENUMBERING A PORTION OF PROCLAMATION DRIVE (WARD 10)**

That Staff Report PLN006-2015 concerning the renaming and renumber of a portion of the road known as Proclamation Drive be referred back for further consultation with the Ward Councillor. (PLN006-15) (File: D16-PRO)

This matter was referred to staff in the Planning Services Department.

SECTION "G"**15-G-042 ESTABLISHMENT OF A WARD 10 SPLASH PAD WORKING GROUP (WARD 10)**

The Committee met and discussed the Item for Discussion concerning the establishment of a Ward 10 Splash Pad Working Group, as follows:

- “1. That a Ward 10 Splash Pad Working Group be formed with a mandate to develop a business plan and fundraising plan for the construction and ongoing maintenance of a splash pad in Ward 10.
2. That the Ward 10 Splash Pad Working Group objectives be as follows:
 - a) Investigate and recommend a potential location within Ward 10 for a splash pad;
 - b) Develop a viable business plan that includes community fundraising for 100% of the capital cost through donations, advertising, naming rights, etc., prior to construction; and
 - c) Review and consider a user fee/surcharge model that would provide for ongoing operating and maintenance resources and costs, as well as a capital reserve for replacement of the splash pad at the end of its lifecycle.
3. That the Ward 10 Splash Pad Working Group be chaired by the Ward 10 Councillor and representatives of organizations that would benefit from such a facility as well as any interested funding organizations be invited to participate in the working group or working group meetings on an as required basis.
4. That staff in the Engineering Department serve as staff support for the Working Group meetings, such meetings to be held on a monthly basis or at the call of the Chair.
5. That staff in the Engineering Department in consultation with staff in the Roads, Parks and Fleet, Culture, Finance and Access Barrie Departments/Portfolios and the Working Group, prepare a report for General Committee’s consideration with respect to the Ward 10 Splash Pad business plan.”

A vote was taken and the motion was LOST. The Committee provided no further direction with respect to the Item for Discussion concerning the establishment of a Ward 10 Splash Pad Working Group. (Item for Discussion, 8.1, February 9, 2015) (File: R04)

This matter was recommended (Section "G") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 18/02/2015.

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

SECTION "H"

15-G-043 **CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE SIMCOE COUNTY HOME BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION DATED FEBRUARY 9, 2015 REGARDING A REQUEST TO WAIVE PARKING FEES FOR THE 2015 ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT OUT-OF-TOWN PARTICIPANTS**

That the correspondence from Simcoe County Home Builders' Association dated February 9, 2015 regarding a request to waive parking fees for the 2015 Ice Fishing Tournament out-of-town participants be referred to staff in the Roads Park and Fleet Department for review and consideration and report back to General Committee.

This matter was referred to staff in the Roads, Parks and Fleet Department.

The General Committee reports that upon adoption of the required procedural motion it met in closed session in the Sir Robert Barrie Room at 11:47 p.m. to discuss the content of confidential staff report CLK004-15 concerning a confidential personal information matter – Appointments to Advisory Committees.

Members of General Committee, the City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, Deputy City Clerk, 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 "I"

**15-G-044 DISCUSSION CONCERNING A CONFIDENTIAL PERSONAL
INFORMATION MATTER - APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY
COMMITTEES**

That motion 15-G-044 contained with the confidential notes to the General Committee Report dated February 9, 2015 concerning the discussion of Staff Report CLK004-15 regarding a confidential personal information matter - Appointments to Advisory Committees, be received. (CLK004-15) (File: C06)

This matter was recommended (Section "I") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 18/02/2015.

The General Committee reports upon adoption of a procedural motion, it concluded the in-camera/closed portion of the meeting at 11:59 p.m.

Mayor J. Lehman provided a brief overview of the nature of the closed session noting that General Committee met and discussed the content of Confidential Staff Report CLK004-15 related to the personal information matter – Appointments to Committees. He stated that votes were not taken during the closed session.

SECTION "J"**15-G-045****APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

1. That citizen representatives be appointed from among the applicants to the various committees and boards of the City of Barrie, for a term ending November 30, 2018 in accordance with Appendix "A" to the General Committee Report dated February 9, 2015.
2. That the individuals identified in Appendix "C" to General Committee Report dated February 9, 2015 be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Downtown Barrie Business Improvement Area (B.I.A.) for a term of office to expire on November 30, 2018. (CLK004-15) (File: C06)

This matter was recommended (Section "J") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 18/02/2015.

ENQUIRIES

There were no enquiries at General Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor J. Lehman provided announcements concerning a number of matters.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 midnight.

CHAIRMAN