



City of Barrie

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

Final City Council

Wednesday, April 9, 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 7:25 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 10 - Mayor, A. Nuttall
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, C. Nixon
Councillor, A. Courser
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, B. Hamilton

Absent: 1 - Councillor, AM. Kungl

STAFF:

Associate Director of Waste Management and Environmental Sustainability, S. Mack
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects, T. McArthur
Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews
Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter
Director of Operations, D. Friary
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 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.

PLAYING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was played.

READING OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mayor, A. Nuttall read the Land Acknowledgement.

STUDENT MAYOR(S)**25-A-039 SWEARING IN OF STUDENT MAYOR(S)**

Tara McArthur, Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects called upon Olivia Goglidze, representing Ferndale Woods Elementary School to be sworn into office as Student Mayor. After being sworn into office, Olivia assumed her seat next to Mayor Nuttall.

Mayor Nuttall congratulated Olivia on her appointment as Student Mayor and welcomed her to the City Council. Members of Council introduced themselves to Olivia.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

25-A-040 The Minutes of the City Council Meeting dated March 26, 2025, were adopted as printed.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**25-A-041 RECOGNITION OF THE MONTH OF APRIL AS "NATIONAL POETRY MONTH" - POET LAUREATE, TYNEISHA THOMAS**

Mayor Nuttall announced that Poet Laureate would be reciting a poem in recognition of National Poetry Month April, 2025.

Mayor Nuttall introduced Tyneisha Thomas as the Poet Laureate and invited her to the podium to recite her poem.

Ms. Thomas recited her poem entitled "Family" written in recognition of National Poetry Month attached as "Appendix A" to City Council minutes dated April 9, 2025.

Mayor Nuttall thanked Ms. Thomas for attending the Council meeting and for providing a poem highlighting her skills and talents and making the City proud.

Council recessed from 7:38 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

25-A-042 INTENTION TO INTRODUCE REZONING BY-LAW UNDER SECTION 284.11.1 OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT - 131 LOCKHART ROAD

It is the intention of Mayor Nuttall to introduce a By-law to rezone 131 Lockhart Road from its current agricultural and environmental protection zoning in the Town of Innisfil Zoning By-law to General Industrial and Environmental Protection on April 30, 2025, following a statutory public meeting in accordance with the Planning Act.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

25-A-043 General Committee Report dated April 9, 2025, Sections A, B, C and D (APPENDIX "A")

SECTION "A" - TO BE RECEIVED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Seconded by: Councillor, J. Harris

That Section "A" of the General Committee Report dated April 9, 2025, be received.

25-G-056 REPORT OF THE AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 19, 2025.

25-G-057 REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 26, 2025

25-G-058 REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 26, 2025.

CARRIED

SECTION "B" - TO BE ADOPTED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Seconded by: Councillor, J. Harris

That Section "B" of the General Committee Report dated April 9, 2025, be adopted.

25-G-059 NINE MILE PORTAGE SIGNAGE

25-G-060 55+ SENIORS SPACE AT LAMPMAN LANE COMMUNITY CENTRE

25-G-061 SHORT-TERM RENTALS REGULATION

25-G-062 TAX RATIOS

CARRIED

SECTION "C" - TO BE ADOPTED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by: Councillor, J. Harris

That Section "C" of the General Committee Report dated April 9, 2025, be adopted.

25-G-063 NEEDLE COLLECTION KIOSKS

CARRIED

SECTION "D" - TO BE ADOPTED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by: Councillor, J. Harris

That Section "D" of the General Committee Report dated April 9, 2025, be adopted.

25-G-064 PERMITTING OF COMMERCIAL MOTORIZED WATERSPORT
OPERATORS (WARDS 1, 2, 8 AND 10)

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, J. Harris

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
2025-031

Bill #031

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to appoint Melissa Ann Mifsud as Deputy Treasurer for the City of Barrie.

BY-LAW
2025-032

Bill #032

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to set tax ratios and to define certain property classes for municipal purposes for the year 2025. (Tax Ratios) (FIN002-25) (Note: Staff Report listed on General Committee Agenda dated April 9, 2025)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by: Councillor, J. Harris

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
2025-033

Bill #033

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 9th day of April. 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson,
Seconded by: Councillor, C. Riepma

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor, A. Nuttall

Wendy Cooke, City Clerk

APPENDIX “A”

**General Committee Report dated
April 9, 2025**



City of Barrie

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Final General Committee

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chamber

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by Barrie City Council on April 16, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor A. Nuttall at 6:07 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 10 - Mayor, A. Nuttall
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, C. Nixon
Councillor, A. Courser
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, B. Hamilton

Absent: 1 - Councillor, AM. Kungl

STAFF:

Associate Director of Waste Management and Environmental Sustainability, S. Mack
Business Performance Specialist, A. Rier
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects, T. McArthur
Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews
Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan
Director of Internal Audit, S. MacGregor
Director of Operations, D. Friary
Executive Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
Fire Chief, K. White
General Manager of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Araniyasundaran
Interim Director of Finance, C. Smith
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard

Manager of Taxation and Revenue, K. Jylha
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"

Councillor, C. Nixon provided an overview of the Affordability Committee meeting held on March 19, 2025.

25-G-056 **REPORT OF THE AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 19, 2025.**

That the Report of the Affordability Committee dated March 19, 2025, be received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 4/9/2025.

Mayor, A. Nuttall provided an overview of the Executive Committee meeting held on March 26, 2025.

25-G-057 **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 26, 2025**

That the Report of the Executive Committee dated March 26, 2025, be received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 4/9/2025.

Councillor, S. Morales provided an overview of the Community Safety Committee meeting held on March 26, 2025.

25-G-058 **REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 26, 2025.**

That the Report of the Community Safety Committee dated March 26, 2025, be received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 4/9/2025.

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-059 **NINE MILE PORTAGE SIGNAGE**

That City staff investigate the most efficient and cost effective process to re-establish Nine Mile Portage signage, which has been retired by the Ontario Heritage Trust Provincial Plaque Program and report back to the Heritage Barrie Committee, whether or not to apply to the Ontario Heritage Trust for a replacement, or to proceed with other options including but not limited to internal City of Barrie departmental options.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/9/2025.

25-G-060 **55+ SENIORS SPACE AT LAMPMAN LANE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

That staff in the Recreation and Culture Department investigate the feasibility of locating a 55+ Seniors Space at the Lampman Lane Community Centre, including potential provincial and federal funding opportunities, and report back to the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee. (Item for Discussion 1.1, March 26, 2025) (Sponsor: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/9/2025.

25-G-061 **SHORT-TERM RENTALS REGULATION**

That the Report to the Community Safety Committee dated March 26, 2025, concerning the regulation of short-term rentals be referred back to staff to investigate a complaint-based enforcement model with options related to zoning and Official Plan and report back to the Community Safety Committee.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/9/2025.

25-G-062**TAX RATIOS**

1. That the tax ratios for the 2025 taxation year be established as follows:

a) Residential	1.000000
b) New Multi-residential	1.000000
c) Multi-residential	1.000000
d) Commercial	1.433126
e) Industrial	1.516328
f) Pipelines	1.103939
g) Farmlands	0.250000
h) Managed forest	0.250000
i) Landfills	1.067122
2. That two sub-classes for Farmland Awaiting Development be maintained in each of the multi-residential, commercial, and industrial property classes at the following discounts:

Phase I - 25% discount from the residential tax rate; and

Phase II - 0% discount from the applicable property class tax rate.
3. That the City of Barrie (City) continue with its existing Rebates for Charitable and Non-Profit Organizations Program providing a tax rebate at a rate of 40% of the current year's taxes applicable only to the leased space occupied by the organization and that the eligible organizations continue to submit an annual application and provide evidence of taxes paid satisfactory to the Director of Finance or their designate.
4. That the City Clerk be authorized to prepare all necessary by-laws to establish the 2025 tax ratios. (FIN002-25).

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/9/2025.

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

SECTION "C"

25-G-063 **NEEDLE COLLECTION KIOSKS**

That Staff Report CCS001-25 concerning Needle Collection Bins/Kiosks in the Parks be received for information purposes and the pilot program be discontinued with the exception of continued collection of the bin/kiosk at the H-Block near the downtown library. (CCS001-25)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/9/2025.

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

SECTION "D"

25-G-064 **PERMITTING OF COMMERCIAL MOTORIZED WATERSPORT OPERATORS (WARDS 1, 2, 8 AND 10)**

1. That staff in Corporate Facilities (Marina) implement a Permit System authorized under the Parks Use By-law 2019-059, as amended, to regulate businesses offering Commercial Motorized Watercraft within Kempenfelt Bay and adjacent marina facilities for the 2025 boating season.
2. That the permit criteria detailed in Appendix A to Staff Report FAC001-25 be approved as amended:
 - That staff in the Corporate Facilities Department, in consultation with the PWC operator, determine a location to best operate their business along the waterfront;
 - That live-on-water supervision be provided by the rental company, including being responsible for the trip plan and experience of the renters; and
 - To exempt the supervisor/emergency vessels from permit fees.

3. That the 2025 Fees By-law be amended to include the following fees under Schedule L Marina:
 - Commercial Motorized Watercraft Operator Permit - \$2000; and
 - Individual vessels registered under each permit - \$500 each.
4. That staff report back to General Committee at the end of the 2025 Boating Season with the results of this pilot program and provide recommended changes to the lineup of services or number of vessels permitted by each vendor based on operator and public feedback.
5. That the Supervisor of Marina Services be designated as the Harbour Master for the City of Barrie, with jurisdictional limits outlined in Appendix C of Staff Report FAC001-25. (FAC001-25)

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2025-04-09.

ENQUIRIES

Members of General Committee did not address any enquires to City staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of General Committee did not provide any announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

CHAIRMAN