



City of Barrie

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Final City Council

Wednesday, November 12, 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 7:04 pm. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

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

Absent: 1 - Councillor, G. Harvey

STAFF:

Acting Associate Director of Corporate Asset Management, T. Reeves
Associate Director of Waste Management and Environmental Sustainability, S. Mack
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
Chief Building Official, P. Evans
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects, T. McArthur
Deputy City Clerk, T. Macdonald
Director, Boundary Adjustment Team, K. Oakley
Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan
Director of Operations, D. Friary
Director of Recreation and Culture Services, K. Datema
Director of Transit and Parking Strategy, B. Forsyth
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
Interim Director of Finance, C. Smith
Manager of Parks and Forestry, K. Rankin
Senior Manager of Corp Finance and Investment, C. Gillespie
Senior Policy Advisor and Legislative Coordinator, E. Chappell
Service Desk Specialist, M. Burry.

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-106 Mayor Nuttall welcomed Student Mayor, Giovanni E. Saldana-Carrera, representing St. Marguerite D'Youville Catholic Elementary School, to the City Council meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

25-A-107 The Minutes of the City Council meeting dated November 5, 2025, were adopted as printed and circulated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

25-A-108 General Committee Report dated November 5, 2025, Sections A, B and C. (Appendix "A")

SECTION "A" - TO BE RECEIVED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by: Councillor, N. Nigussie

That Section "A" of the General Committee Report dated November 5, 2025, now circulated, be received.

25-G-231 REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DATED OCTOBER 29, 2025

25-G-232 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE DATED OCTOBER 29, 2025

CARRIED

SECTION "B" - TO BE ADOPTED

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

That Section "B" of the General Committee Report dated November 5, 2025, now circulated, be adopted.

25-G-233 CONFIDENTIAL ACQUISITION OF LAND MATTER - BRADFORD STREET

25-G-234 ACQUISITION OF LAND MATTER - BRADFORD STREET

25-G-235 2025 Q3 YTD INTERNAL AUDIT STATUS UPDATE

CARRIED

SECTION "C" - TO BE ADOPTED

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

That Section "C" of the General Committee Report dated November 5, 2025, now circulated, be adopted.

25-G-236 2026 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET - CITY OPERATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT FUNDING PORTIONS

AMENDMENT #1

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

That motion 25-G-236 of Section "C" of the General Committee Report dated November 5, 2025, concerning the 2026 Business Plan and Budget - City Operations and Infrastructure Investment Funding Portions be amended by adding the following paragraph:

That two of the following officers; either the Mayor, Clerk, Director of Finance/Treasurer or their designates, be authorized to execute any agreements that may be required to accept grant funding from other levels of government or other partners, to reduce expenditures associated with programs, services, and/or capital projects.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT #2

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by: Councillor, N. Nigussie

That motion 25-G-236 of Section "C" of the General Committee Report dated November 5, 2025, concerning the 2026 Business Plan and Budget - City Operations and Infrastructure Investment Funding Portions be amended by adding the following paragraphs:

- ___ a) That the Ecological Offset Policy be amended to allow for those who are in compliance with the ecological permit process, including and not limited to obtaining the proper permits prior to tree cutting, to defer any ecological offsetting payment greater than \$25,000 until occupancy the first permit (for both residential and non-residential uses) is issued;
- b) That a deferral of the payment of fees of any amount is not available for any trees removed without a permit; and
- c) That a one-time non-transferable deferral of the payment of fees be secured by an agreement registered on title.

CARRIED**AMENDMENT #3**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by: Councillor, S. Morales

That motion 25-G-236 of Section "C" of the General Committee Report dated November 5, 2025, concerning the 2026 Business Plan and Budget - City Operations and Infrastructure Investment Funding Portions be amended by adding the following paragraph:

- ___ a) That one-time funding of \$530K be provided to the Downtown Barrie Business Improvement Area for the purpose of funding 2025-2026 events and operational costs, with \$475K being allocated from the Tourism Reserve and \$55K from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve; and
- b) That staff report back to the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee regarding operational and infrastructure initiatives in support of events and festivals in the downtown.

CARRIED

Upon the question of the original motion moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson and seconded by Councillor, N. Nigussie, the motion was **CARRIED AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENT #1, 2 AND 3.**

ENQUIRIES

Members of Council did not address any enquires to City staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of Council provided announcements concerning a number of matters.

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by: Councillor, N. Nigussie

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
2025-118**Bill #118**

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 12th day of November, 2025.

CARRIED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Councillor, N. Nigussie

Seconded by: Councillor, A. Courser

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor, A. Nuttall

Wendy Cooke, City Clerk