



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Town and Gown Committee

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on June 8, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Councilor C. Riepma at 10:03 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

- Present:** 5 - Councillor C. Riepma
R. Meier - East End Household Association
J. Morozuk
B. Muscat - Georgian College
T. Zubyck - Georgian College
- Absent:** 3 - R. Calvano - Georgian College
R. Cardwell - East End Household Association
J. Chevrier

STAFF:

Committee Support Clerk, B. Thompson
Manager of FPPE/Deputy Fire Chief, C. Clark
Manager of Enforcement Services, T. Banting
Supervisor of Building Services, K. Cunningham
Supervisor of Traffic Operations, J. Sharp
Zoning Officer, M. Gallagher.

ALSO PRESENT:

Barrie Police Services, Staff Sergeant, V. Gates.

The Town and Gown Committee met and reports as follows:

BUSINESS LICENSING ABSENTEE LANDLORD

Councillor, C. Riepma discussed the motion approved at Council concerning the absentee landlord licensing pilot program. He advised that the by-law is anticipated to be in effect by the January, 2022. Councillor Riepma explained that the pilot program would run for approximately three years in the areas surrounding Georgian College from the City limits to the north end of Steel Street and Penetanguishene Road to Duckworth Street in Ward 1.

GEORGIAN COLLEGE UPDATES:

a) COVID-19 Strategy

Brian Muscat from Georgian College provided an update on the College's current operations. He advised that the College has a limited number of students on campus, and otherwise classes are online remote learning.

Mr. Muscat advised that the government approved international students to study remotely, out of the country, which is generally not allowed. He noted that normally students are required to be within the country to earn their diploma or degree to prevent students from using it towards a permanent residency status or a work permit. Mr. Muscat discussed the decline in domestic enrollment, colleges and universities that rely on their international students to operate.

Mr. Muscat advised remote learning will continue into the fall semester and that the College anticipates starting to slowly open the campus, as the situation continues to evolve.

Todd Zubyck from Georgian College discussed the College's safety measures and tools used during the pandemic that includes a reduced capacity, restricted access into the college with screeners at each area, masks, face shields and goggles are required to be worn and the Georgian College Safety App that is used as a screening tool.

b) Fall Semester Student Orientation

Mr. Muscat advised that their summer orientation has already been completed as they did not want to lose further class time and was able to the orientation remotely. He mentioned one advantage from the pandemic being the campus specific orientation has become a college wide orientation.

c) Student Housing

Mr. Muscat provided an update on the occupancy of student housing vastly diminished and that half of the residence is designated to house international students when arriving for quarantine reasons. He noted that meals are delivered to those students in order to remain in the residences during quarantine. Mr. Muscat advised they continue to work closely with Public Health to help look at housing situations throughout the City and move students into residence for quarantine or recovery purposes if they tested positive for COVID, or prevent the contraction of COVID.

CITY DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**a) Enforcement**

Michael Gallagher, Zoning Enforcement Officer discussed the complaints in the northwest end of the city. Mr. Gallagher advised that a new zoning by-law will not come into effect until after the completion of the City's new Official Plan.

He provided updates on the following complaints:

- Boarding lodging, rooming houses;
- Second suites; and
- Parking vehicles on landscaped areas.

Carrie Clark, Barrie Fire and Emergency Services (BFES) expressed her thanks to the representatives of Georgian College on their work on the fire drill program for their residence and the rush to re-home students after a fire a few weeks prior. She further indicated that BFES has also received complaints within the same areas such as:

- Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms;
- Boarding lodging and rooming houses; and
- Various fire codes.

Carrie Clark, Manager of Fire Prevention and Public Education / Deputy Fire Chief mentioned that the Barrie Fire and Emergency Service (BFES) are providing virtual inspections due to residents not meeting the screening requirements.

Tammy Banting, Manager of Enforcement Services provided an update associated to, separating complaints into yard maintenance or property standards and enforcement matters. She provided statistics on the complaints for each category and calls are generally related to COVID restrictions, parking, animal control, waterfront and/or any regulation that they enforce.

b) Traffic

Jeff Sharp, Supervisor of Traffic Operations and Community Safety provided an update on the ongoing work associated to traffic and community safety throughout the City. Mr. Sharp briefly touched on the parking restrictions in and around the hospital and college area.

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

CHAIRMAN