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City of Barrie

Final

General Committee

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 | **7:00 PM** | **Council Chamber**

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by Barrie City Council on June 4, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, A. Nuttall at 7:08 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

STUDENT MAYOR(S)
L. Holland, Urban Village Academy
S. MacGregor, St. Monica's Catholic Elementary School

STAFF:
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Deputy City Clerk, T. Macdonald
Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan
Director of Operations, D. Friary
Director of Transit and Parking Strategy, B. Forsyth
Executive Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
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

Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard
Manager of Legal Services, A. Mills
Senior Asset Management Program Coordinator, S. Drewette
Senior Manager of Corporate Finance and Investment, C. Gillespie
Senior Policy Advisor and Legislative 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"

25-G-120 **REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE DATED MAY 7, 2025**

Councillor, S. Morales provided an overview of the Community Safety Committee meeting held on May 7, 2025

The Report of the Community Safety Committee dated May 7, 2025, was received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 6/4/2025.

25-G-121 **REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COMMITTEE DATED MAY 14, 2025**

Councillor, B. Hamilton provided an overview of the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee meeting held on May 14, 2025.

The Report of the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee dated May 14, 2025, was received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 6/4/2025.

25-G-122 **REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING COMMITTEE DATED MAY 20, 2025.**

The Report of the Community Safety and Well-Being Committee dated May 20. 2025, was received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 6/4/2025.

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-123 **PLANNED IMPLEMENTATION OF NO PARKING SIGNS ON GREER STREET**

That notwithstanding by-law 2020-107 the matter of no parking on Greer Street be referred to the Parking Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee and that installation of bike lanes and enforcement of no parking on Greer Street not commence until the Parking Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee has made a recommendation on this matter.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/4/2025.

25-G-124 **CULTURE PLAN UPDATE**

That the Culture Plan Update be referred back to staff in the Economic and Creative Development Department to review the recommendations in context of a future operational plan for the Performing Art Centre (PAC).

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/4/2025.

25-G-125 **2025 ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN**

That the 2025 Asset Management Plan be approved. (CAM002-25) (File: F06).

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/4/2025.

25-G-126 **ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT - 830, 864, 894, AND 912 LOCKHART ROAD (WARD 10)**

1. That the Zoning By-law Amendment Application submitted by the Jones Consulting Group Ltd., on behalf of Hansen Group Inc., to rezone part of lands known municipally as 830, 864, 894 and 912 Lockhart Road from Agricultural General (AG), Environmental Protection (EP) and Rural Residential (RR) in Town of Innisfil Zoning By-law 054-04, to Neighbourhood Residential (R5), Neighbourhood Residential Multiple (RM3), Neighbourhood Residential Multiple with Special Provisions (RM3)(SP-XX), Neighbourhood Mixed Use with Special Provisions (NMU)(SP-XX), Environmental Protection (EP) and Open Space (OS) in accordance with the City of Barrie Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2009-141, as amended, be approved as attached as Appendix A to Staff Report DEV015-25.

2. That the following Special Provisions be referenced in the implementing Zoning By-law for the subject lands within the Neighbourhood Residential Multiple (RM3)(SP-XXX) zone:

   a) Permit a minimum parking ratio of 1.2 parking spaces per dwelling unit, whereas a minimum parking ratio 1.5 parking spaces per dwelling unit is required.

   b) That the front yard lot lines related to the following blocks identified on the associated Draft Plan of Subdivision attached as Schedule ‘B’ to the subject Zoning By-law Amendment be identified as follows:

      I. Block 74: Terry Fox Drive
      II. Block 75: Street ‘C’
      III. Block 76: Terry Fox Drive and Prince William Way

   c) That notwithstanding any future severance, partition or division of the lands shown on Schedule “A”, the provisions of this By-law shall continue to apply to the whole of the lands as if no severance, partition or division had occurred.

3. That the following Special Provisions be referenced in the implementing Zoning By-law for the subject lands within the Neighbourhood Mixed Use (NMU)(SP-XXX) zone:

   a) That the front yard setback areas are not required to be fully paved and seamlessly connected with the abutting sidewalk, whereas front yard setbacks areas are required to be fully paved and seamlessly connected with the abutting sidewalk.

4. That the written and oral submissions received relating to this application, have been, on balance, taken into consideration as part of the deliberations and final decision related to the approval of the application as amended, including matters raised in those submissions and identified within Staff Report DEV015-25.

5. That pursuant to Section 34 (17) of the *Planning Act*, no further public notification is required prior to the passing of this By-law. (DEV015-25) (File: D30-026-2024)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/4/2025.

25-G-127 **112 KING STREET (FORMERLY 1 HOLLYHOLME FARM ROAD) (WARD 7)**

1. That the Official Plan Amendment application submitted by Sol-Arch, on behalf of 1320938 Ontario Limited, for lands known municipally as 112 King Street (formerly 1 Hollyholme Farm Road) be approved as attached to Staff Report DEV017-25 as Appendix A with the following amendments:

   a) Amend Map 2 - Land Use by adding “See Policy 2.8.X” to the lands known municipally as 112 King Street.

   b) Add text to Section 2.8 - Defined Policy Area of the Official Plan as follows:

      Section 2.8.X 112 King Street

      Notwithstanding Section 2.6.9.2 (f)(i) & (ii) of this Plan, the lands known municipally as 112 King Street are permitted to have retail and office uses occupy 100% of the gross floor area of the building/structure from which it exists.

2. That the Zoning By-law Amendment Application submitted by Sol-Arch, on behalf of 1320938 Ontario Limited, to rezone lands known municipally as 112 King Street (formerly 1 Hollyholme Farm Road) from ‘Light Industrial’ (LI) to ‘Light Industrial with Special Provisions’ (LI)(SP-XXX) be approved as attached to Staff Report DEV017-25 as Appendix B.

3. That the following special provision be referenced in the implementing Zoning By-law for subject lands:

   a) That notwithstanding the list of permitted uses, an Automotive Sales Establishment and Automotive Leasing Establishment shall also be permitted on lands zoned ‘Light Industrial with Special Provisions’ (LI) (SP-XXX).

4. That Site Plan Control By-law 99-312 be amended to include the subject lands as an additional area subject to Site Plan Control.

5. That the written and oral submissions received relating to these applications have been, on balance, taken into consideration as part of the deliberations and final decision related to the approval of the application as amended, including matters raised in those submissions and identified within Staff Report DEV017-25.

6. That pursuant to Section 34 (17) of the *Planning Act*, no further public notification is required prior to the passing of this By-law. (DEV017-25) (File: D30-021-2024).

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/4/2025.

25-G-128 **TRADE SECRET OR SCIENTIFIC TECHNICAL, COMMERCIAL, FINANCIAL OR LABOUR RELATIONS INFORMATION SUPPLIED IN CONFIDENCE TO THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD, WHICH, IF DISCLOSED, COULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO PREJUDICE SIGNIFICANTLY THE COMPETITIVE POSITION OR INTERFERE SIGNIFICANTLY WITH THE CONTRACTUAL OR OTHER NEGOTIATIONS OF A PERSON, GROUP OF PERSONS, OR ORGANIZATION - PROCUREMENT SERVICES (DEV020-25)**

That staff undertake the confidential direction contained within staff report DEV020-25 dated May 28, 2025 concerning a trade secret or scientific technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization - procurement services.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/4/2025.

25-G-129 **AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT UPDATE**

That the City of Barrie Automated Speed Enforcement camera program become permanent. (DEV023-25) (File: C00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/4/2025.

25-G-130 **2024 BUDGET AND BUSINESS PLAN YEAR-END REPORT**

1. That the 2024 Tax Rate operating surplus of $5,121,197 be allocated as follows:

   a) $169,337 be allocated to the Fleet Management Reserve; and

   b) $4,951,860 be allocated to the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve.

2. That the 2024 Water Rate operating surplus of $558,532 be allocated to the Water Rate Capital Reserve.

3. That the 2024 Wastewater Rate operating deficit of $1,162,142 be funded from the Wastewater Rate Stabilization Reserve.

4. That the 2024 Parking Rate operating surplus of $839,463 be allocated to the Parking Rate Capital Reserve.

5. That an accounting adjustment of $736,059 in relation to the sale of 23 Collier Street in 2020, be funded from the Parking Rate Capital Reserve.

6. That $1,945,267 in discretional Development Charge discounts and exemptions granted during the year be recovered as follows:

   a) $1,368,149 from the 2024 Tax Rate unadjusted operating results;

   b) $251,006 from the 2024 Water Rate unadjusted operating results; and

   c) $326,112 from the 2024 Wastewater Rate unadjusted operating results.

7. That $6,628,679 of investment revenue surplus be allocated to the non-obligatory reserve balances that contributed to the generation of the revenue, prorated by the average annual balance of each reserve.

8. That pursuant to Ontario Reg. 653/05 and the City's Capital Financing and Debt Management Policy, Staff Report EMT002-25 serve as the method for disclosing outstanding financing leases. (EMT002-25).

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/4/2025.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

25-G-131 PRESENTATION CONCERNING THE 2025 TO 2029 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING PLAN

Karie Warnar of Avail Consulting provided a presentation concerning the 2025 to 2029 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWB).

Ms. Warnar discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An overview of the CSWB Plan;
- Legislation and framework for the plan
- Members of the CSWB Committee, approach of the plan, the consultation and engagement process;
- The focused area of risks of the plan includes the following:

- Housing and Homelessness;
- Mental Health and Addiction; and
- Access to Services and Navigation

- The proposed County-Wide strategies with local application
- A summary of each strategy lead agency and action;
- Monitoring and reporting on the progress of the plan; and
- The proposed next steps.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions of Ms. Warnar and received responses.

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 6/4/2025.

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

SECTION "D"

25-G-132 **CITY OF BARRIE'S COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING PLAN 2025 TO 2029 "WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY"**

That the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan 2025 to 2029, entitled "Working Together for a Safer Community" as presented by Avail Consulting to the Community Safety and Well-Being Committee on May 20, 2025, be approved subject to minor revisions discussed at this meeting.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/4/2025.

SECTION "E"

25-G-133 PUBLIC ART STRATEGY

1. That the City of Barrie Public Art Strategy attached as Appendix A to Report to Infrastructure and Investment Committee dated May 14, 2025, be received and approved in principle to guide the future planning and development of the cultural sector.

2. That the Implementation Guide and Actions identified in Appendix A, attached to Report to Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee dated May 14, 2025 be used to guide the development of the 2026-2035 Public Art Program operating budgets and future Capital Plans for Council consideration as part of the Business Plan approval process.

3. That the following implementation items be supported and included in the 2026 Budget & Business Plan with net-zero impact on tax base:

    a. That the annual Public Art Reserve allocation of $60,408.76 be fully operationalized to support temporary art projects on an annual basis including the Traffic Cabinet program and *Brightening Barriers*, with any unused funds being allocated to the Public Art Reserve; and

4. That staff in the Economic and Creative Development Department report back to General Committee on the progress of the plan's implementation as part of the Department's Performance and Budget Reporting.

5. That staff in Economic and Creative Development complete a feasibility/revenue tool assessment to identify revenue and sustainable funding opportunities to be included as part of the strategy and report back to General Committee in Fall of 2025.

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/4/2025.

SECTION "F"

25-G-134 **ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT - 127 AND 131 ARDAGH ROAD (WARD 6)**

1. That the Zoning By-law Amendment Application submitted by Innovative Planning Solutions, on behalf of Fitchal Incorporated, to rezone lands municipally known as 127 and 131 Ardagh Road from 'Residential Single Detached Dwelling First Density' (R1) to 'Residential Multiple Dwelling Second Density with Special Provisions' (RM2)(SP-XXX), attached as Appendix A to Staff Report DEV021-25 be approved.

2. That the following Special Provisions be referenced in the implementing Zoning By-law for the subject lands:

   a) Permit a minimum front yard setback of 5.0 metres, whereas a minimum 7.0 metres is required;

   b) Permit a minimum rear yard setback of 5.0 metres, whereas a minimum 7.0 metres is required;

   c) Permit a maximum gross floor area of 73%, whereas a maximum of 60% is permitted;

   d) Permit a maximum density of 45 units per net hectare, whereas a maximum density of 40 units per net hectare is permitted;

   e) Permit a minimum secondary means of egress of 5.0 metres, whereas a minimum of 7.0 metres is required; and,

   f) Permit a minimum of 1.25 parking spaces per dwelling unit for a total of 24 parking spaces, whereas a minimum of 1.5 spaces per dwelling unit is required.

3. That the written and oral submissions received relating to this application, have been, on balance, taken into consideration as part of the deliberations and final decision related to the approval of the application as amended, including matters raised in those submissions and identified within Staff Report DEV021-25.

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. (DEV021-25) (File: D30-019-2024)

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/4/2025.

The General Committee reports that upon adoption of the required procedural motion it met in a closed session in the Sir Robert Barrie Room at 8:05 p.m. to discuss the staff reports concerning confidential instructions to be applied concerning a trade secret or scientific technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization – consulting services and confidential potential sale of property – status update city owned properties.

Council recessed between 8:05 pm to 8:09 p.m.

Members of General Committee (with the exception of Councillor, AM. Kungl), the Chief Administrative Officer, City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, Deputy City Clerk, Executive Director of Access Barrie, Executive Director of Development Services, General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, Manager of Legal Services, and Senior Policy Advisor and Legislative Coordinator were in attendance for the portion of the meeting closed to the public. Members of the media and public were not present for this portion of the meeting.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "G"

25-G-135 **CONFIDENTIAL TRADE SECRET OR SCIENTIFIC TECHNICAL, COMMERCIAL, FINANCIAL OR LABOUR RELATIONS INFORMATION SUPPLIED IN CONFIDENCE TO THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD, WHICH, IF DISCLOSED, COULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO PREJUDICE SIGNIFICANTLY THE COMPETITIVE POSITION OR INTERFERE SIGNIFICANTLY WITH THE CONTRACTUAL OR OTHER NEGOTIATIONS OF A PERSON, GROUP OF PERSONS, OR ORGANIZATION - CONSULTING SERVICES (DEV019-25)**

That the confidential notes to the General Committee Report dated May 28, 2025 concerning a staff report regarding a confidential trade or scientific technical commercial, financial or labour relations information supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group or persons, or organization - consulting services, be received. (DEV019-25)

This matter was recommended (Section "G") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 6/4/2025.

25-G-136 **CONFIDENTIAL POTENTIAL SALE OF PROPERTY - STATUS UPDATE CITY OWNED PROPERTIES (LGL003-25)**

That the confidential notes to the General Committee Report dated May 28, 2025, concerning a staff report regarding a confidential potential sale of property - status update city owned properties, be received. (LGL003-25)

This matter was recommended (Section "G") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 6/4/2025.

Upon adoption of the required procedural motion, General Committee moved into Open Session at 9:11 p.m.

Mayor Nuttall advised for those in attendance, the Committee received and discussed the content of staff reports concerning confidential instructions to be applied concerning a trade secret or scientific technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization – Consulting Services and confidential potential sale of property – status update city owned properties

There were no votes taken during the closed portion of the meeting with the exception of the procedural motion to move into Open Session and direction to staff.

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

SECTION "H"

25-G-137 **TRADE SECRET OR SCIENTIFIC TECHNICAL, COMMERCIAL, FINANCIAL OR LABOUR RELATIONS INFORMATION SUPPLIED IN CONFIDENCE TO THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD, WHICH, IF DISCLOSED, COULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO PREJUDICE SIGNIFICANTLY THE COMPETITIVE POSITION OR INTERFERE SIGNIFICANTLY WITH THE CONTRACTUAL OR OTHER NEGOTIATIONS OF A PERSON, GROUP OF PERSONS, OR ORGANIZATION - CONSULTING SERVICES**

That staff undertake the direction provided by General Committee during the confidential meeting of May 28, 2025, concerning a trade secret or scientific technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization - Consulting Services. (DEV019-25)

This motion was **LOST**

This matter was recommended (Section "H") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/4/2025.

SECTION "I"

25-G-138 POTENTIAL SALE OF PROPERTY - STATUS UPDATE CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES.

That staff undertake the direction provided by General Committee during the confidential meeting of May 28, 2025, concerning a confidential potential sale of property - status update city owned properties. (LGL003-25)

This matter was recommended (Section "I") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/4/2025.

ENQUIRIES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of General Committee provided announcements concerning a number of matters.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

CHAIRMAN