



City of Barrie

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Meeting Agenda General Committee

Monday, March 29, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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1. CONSENT AGENDA

2. PUBLIC MEETING(S)

Nil.

3. PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF/OFFICERS/AGENTS OF THE CORPORATION

PRE 210329 CITY OF BARRIE'S COMMUNITY GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION PLAN UPDATE

(Note: Item A1 of the Circulation List dated March 29, 2021)

Attachments: [Community Energy and Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Plan](#)
[Memo - Community Energy and Greenhouse Gas Reduction](#)

4. DEFERRED BUSINESS

Nil.

5. REPORTS OF REFERENCE, ADVISORY OR SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nil.

6. STAFF REPORT(S)**DEV008-21 WATERFRONT ACCESS AND BEACHES - SUMMARY OF COVID IMPACTS AND ADDRESSING GROWTH - RELATED IMPACTS**

1. That Wilkins Beach be de-listed as a formal public beach.
2. That staff in the Operations Department with assistance from the Development Services Department, work with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority to design, permit and implement ecological restoration plans for those lake and creek shorelines as illustrated in Appendix "A" to Staff Report DEV008-21 prior to the end of 2021.
3. That the areas identified as shoreline and creek area at Wilkins Park as illustrated in Appendix "B" to Staff Report DEV008-21, be temporarily closed to the public for 2021 for restoration work.
4. That staff in the Operations Department install 'No Admittance' signs for the areas temporarily closed to the public, as per Parks Use By-law 2019-059, as amended.
5. That staff in the Operations and Development Services Departments, with assistance from Access Barrie, develop and implement a proactive and inclusive communications strategy in 2021 for the specified environmentally protected area.
6. That staff in Access Barrie be directed to:
 - a) Remove any specific reference to Wilkins Beach from the list of City beaches and all corporate communications channels, social media, mapping, and other materials; and
 - b) That communication material refer instead only to Wilkins Park and the Hewitt's Creek Valley in all future corporate communications materials.
7. That staff in the Development Services and Operations Departments work with Tourism Barrie and other organizations known to list public beaches to remove any specific reference to Wilkins Beach.
8. That staff in the Operations Department continue to provide a level of service for the specified shoreline area that is consistent with service levels provided in other City-owned environmentally protected lands, specifically noting that the level of service is lower than the level provided at the other formal waterfront beach areas.

9. That staff in the Development Services Department explore City initiated amendments to Zoning By-law 2009-141 to review the benefits of establishing a new Natural Shoreline zone and consider tailoring the permitted uses and activities for the specified areas to be consistent with the waterfront activity centres hierarchy identified in the Waterfront and Marina Strategic Plan (2015) and any updates thereto. (DEV008-21) (P26/20) (Note: Staff Report DEV008-21 is in conjunction with Staff Report LCS004-21 dated March 29, 2021)

Attachments: [DEV008-210329](#)

EMT002-21

2020 BUDGET AND BUSINESS PLAN YEAR-END REPORT

1. That Staff Report EMT002-21 concerning the 2020 Budget and Business Plan Year-End Report be received.
2. That the following budgeted transfers from reserves in the 2020 Operating Budget be eliminated in order to support the reserve balances for increased 2021 pressures:
 - a) Reinvestment Reserve: \$1,000,000;
 - b) Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve: \$1,000,000;
 - c) Growth Management Reserve: \$741,500; and
 - d) Provincial Gas Tax Reserve: \$2,150,000.
3. That \$3,045,924 in discretionary Development Charge discounts and exemptions granted during the year be recovered from the related rates as follows:
 - a) \$2,117,527 from the 2020 year-end Tax supported operating results;
 - b) \$314,948 from the 2020 year-end Water Rate operating results; and
 - c) \$613,449 from the 2020 year-end Wastewater Rate operating results.
4. That \$3,905,796 of Safe Restart Funding (Phase 1 Municipal Operations) be used in 2020 to offset COVID-19 pressures related to expenses and lost revenues associated with Tax Rate supported services.
5. That \$2,358,716 of Safe Restart Funding (Phase 1 Transit) be used in 2020 to offset COVID-19 pressures related to expenses and lost revenues associated with Transit Services.
6. That \$868,674 of Safe Restart Funding (Phase 1 Municipal Operations) be used in 2020 to offset COVID-19 pressures related to expenses and lost revenues associated with Parking Services.

7. That \$225,530 of Safe Restart Funding (Phase 1 Municipal Operations) be used in 2020 to fund the needs based COVID-19 relief program for elimination of fixed charges and waived overdue account penalties for Water Services (\$98,030) and Wastewater Services (\$127,500).
8. That two reserves be established for Safe Restart Funding (Municipal Operations and Transit) and unused funds related to the Safe Restart agreements be allocated to the reserves as required.
9. That after the tax related Safe Restart funding allocations and the transfer of \$2 million to the WSIB Reserve, the Tax Rate surplus of \$3,136,570 be allocated 70% to the Tax Capital Reserve and 30% to the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve in accordance with the City's Financial Policies.
10. That after the water related Safe Restart funding allocations, the Water Rate surplus of \$72,175 be allocated 70% to the Water Capital Reserve and 30% to the Water Rate Stabilization Reserve in accordance with the City's Financial Policies.
11. That after the wastewater related Safe Restart funding allocations, the Wastewater Rate surplus of \$664,314 be allocated 70% to the Water Capital Reserve and 30% to the Water Rate Stabilization Reserve in accordance with the City's Financial Policies.
12. That pursuant to Ontario Reg. 653/05 and the City's Capital Financing and Debt Management Policy, Staff Report EMT002-21 serve as the method for disclosing outstanding financing leases. (EMT002-21) (File: F00)

Attachments: [EMT002-210329](#)

INF004-21

PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST - MAPLEVIEW WATER TOWER INTERNAL REPAIRS (WARD 7)

1. That the project entitled "Mapleview Water Tower Internal Repairs" be added to the 2021 Capital Plan with a total budget of \$1,271,000 and that funding be derived from the Water Capital Reserve.
2. That the contract be awarded to Landmark Municipal Services for the interior repairs to the Mapleview Water Tower, to expedite this work to perform preventative maintenance, prevent storage tank degradation, and prevent the disruption of an essential component in the City's water distribution service in accordance with Section 13 of the Emergency Purchases of Procurement By-law 2019-015. (INF004-21)

Attachments: [INF004-210329](#)

LCS003-21**ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNCIL COMPENSATION REVIEW COMMITTEE**

1. That a Council Compensation Review Committee be struck, comprised of five citizen members of the community.
2. That the proposed Terms of Reference for the Council Compensation Review Committee attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report LCS003-21, be approved.
3. That staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department advertise for interested applicants for the Committee. (LCS003-21) (File: C11)

Attachments: [LCS003-210329](#)

LCS004-21**NEW PARKS REGULATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF BARBEQUES AND TENT STRUCTURES AND TO AMEND CURRENT PARKS USE BY-LAW 2019-059**

1. That the Parks Use By-law 2019-059, as amended, to regulate and govern the use of and activities permitted within City parks, environmentally protected land, and open space, be further amended by adding the sections identified in the draft by-law attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report LCS004-21.
2. That staff in the Operations Department in consultation with the Legislative and Court Services Department (Enforcement Services Branch) be directed to:
 - a) Prepare and install new signage or replace existing signage where required that depicts the new regulations in all impacted parks; and
 - b) The installation of such signage be completed as operational time permits, with a focus on high utilization locations as a priority.
3. That staff be authorized to make application to the Ministry of the Attorney General for set fines for the newly amended sections ranging from \$100.00 to \$1,000.00 based on the nature of the offence. (LCS004-21) (File: P01) (P26/20) (Note: Staff Report LCS004-21 is in conjunction with Staff Report DEV008-21 dated March 29, 2021)

Attachments: [LCS004-210329](#)

LGL006-21 SALE OF VETERAN'S LANE (WARD 6)

1. That the property legally described as Part 1 on 51R-32592 and known municipally as Veteran's Lane, Barrie (the "Subject Property") as shown in Appendix "A" to Staff Report LGL006-20, be sold to Sean Mason Homes (Vet Lane) Inc. (the "Purchaser") in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the Agreement of Purchase and Sale (the "APS") attached as Appendix "B" to Staff Report LGL006-20.
2. That The Corporation of the City of Barrie (the "City") remove its condition on Council approval contained within the APS and proceed to complete the sale process.
3. That the City permanently close the Subject Property as a highway and pass a by-law to effect the closure.
4. That the Purchaser be permitted to include the Subject Property in development applications, including Site Plan Control, subject to any subsequent approvals associated with same being withheld until the transfer of the Subject Property is completed.
5. That the proceeds from the sale be transferred to the Tax Capital Reserve.
6. That the City Clerk be authorized to execute all associated and required documents necessary to remove the condition of sale or amend any term contained in the APS on the recommendation of and in a form approved by the Director of Legal Services. (LGL006-21)

Attachments: [LGL006-210329](#)

TPS003-21 INVESTING IN CANADA INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FUNDING AGREEMENT

That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) with the Province of Ontario as represented by the Ministry of Transportation related to the public transit stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP). (TPS003-21)

Attachments: [TPS003-210329](#)

7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION

Nil.

8. ITEM(S) FOR DISCUSSION**ITM 8.1**

Note: This item has been WITHDRAWN.

BILL 197 - PROPOSED CHANGES TO APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW LANDFILL SITES

WHEREAS Schedule 6 of Bill 197, *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020* considers amendments to the *Environmental Assessment Act* relating to municipal autonomy and the principle that municipalities can veto a development outside their municipal boundary in an adjacent municipality; and

WHEREAS Bill 197 empowers multiple municipalities to 'veto' development of a landfilling site within a 3.5 kilometres zone inside the boundary of an adjacent municipality; and

WHEREAS Bill 197 establishes a dangerous precedent that could be expanded to other types of development; and

WHEREAS Bill 197 compromises municipal autonomy and the authority of municipal councils to make informed decisions in the best interest of their communities and municipal taxpayers; and

WHEREAS the amendments in Schedule 6 could cause conflict in the effective management of landfill sites, put significant pressure on existing landfill capacity, and threaten the economic activity associated with these sites;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the City of Barrie call upon the Government of Ontario (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)) to amend Bill 197, *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020*, to eliminate the development approval requirement provisions from adjacent municipalities and that the 'host' municipality be empowered to render final approval for landfills within their jurisdiction.
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Jeff Yurek the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Steve Clark the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local MPP's, the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO) and Ontario's Big City Mayors (formerly Large Urban Mayors Caucus of Ontario-LUMCO)
3. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities with a request for supporting motions to be passed by respective Councils and copies of the supporting motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Jeff Yurek the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Steve Clark the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local MPP's, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). (Item for Discussion, 8.1, March 29, 2021)

Sponsor: Mayor, J. Lehman

ITM 8.2**REFRESHMENT VEHICLES - EASTVIEW PARK/ARENA**

That notwithstanding By-law 2019-059 Parks Use By-law, that prohibits the sale of goods and products in a public park, a refreshment vehicle be permitted to locate within Eastview Park or at the Eastview Arena until November 30, 2021. (Item for Discussion 8.2, March 29, 2021)

Sponsor: Councillor, C. Riepma

ITM 8.3**AUDREY MILLIGAN POND AMENITIES**

That staff in the Infrastructure and Growth Management Division investigate the feasibility of designating Audrey Milligan Pond as a park and adding amenities including but not limited to trails, signage, and benches and report back to City Building Committee. (Item for Discussion 8.3, March 29, 2021)

Sponsor: Councillor, K. Aylwin

ITM 8.4**INVESTIGATE LOWERING SPEED LIMITS ACROSS THE CITY OF BARRIE BY 10 KILOMETRES PER HOUR (KM/H)**

That staff in the Operations and Development Services Department investigate the feasibility of lowering speed limits across the City by 10 km/h including the costs of replacing signage and report back to General Committee in advance of the 2022 Business Plan process. (Item for Discussion 8.4, March 29, 2021)

Sponsor: Councillor, K. Aylwin

ITM 8.5**LIVING GREEN BARRIE**

That Living Green Barrie be invited to provide a presentation to City Council concerning Living Green Barrie's mandate and the launch of the "10 Actions for Climate", an initiative to engage residents in activities related to climate action. (Item for Discussion, 8.5, March 29, 2021)

Sponsor: Councillor, A.M. Kungl

ITM 8.6**MONARCH ULTRA EVENT**

That Monarch Ultra be invited to provide a presentation to City Council concerning the "Monarch Ultra Run Event", which aims to raise awareness of the monarch butterflies migratory journey, their declining population and conservation efforts taking place at the local level. (Item for Discussion 8.6, March 29, 2021)

Sponsor: Councillor, A.M. Kungl

ITM 8.7

Note: This item has been WITHDRAWN.

UPPER YORK REGION SEWAGE SOLUTIONS PROJECT

That the following item be referred to the staff in the Infrastructure Department to report back to by way of a memorandum to provide further information, including what other municipalities along Lake Simcoe municipalities are doing by April 12, 2021:

WHEREAS Barrie and its City Council is committed to the health and protection of Lake Simcoe; and

WHEREAS the construction of the Upper York Sewage Solutions Project will eject 47 million litres of effluent water into the Lake Simcoe watershed on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS this effluent will contain untreatable pharmaceuticals, micro-plastics, and will raise the temperature of Lake Simcoe; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has proposed moving the effluent to the Lake Ontario watershed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That Barrie City Council join in support of the Government of Ontario and the Chippewas of Georgina Island in the diversion of the Upper York Sewage Solutions Project's effluent to Lake Ontario. (Item for Discussion 8.7, March 29, 2021)

Sponsor: Councillor, M. McCann

ITM 8.8 RECOGNITION OF COVID-19 VICTIMS

That staff discuss with the Barrie District Realtors Association the possibility of installing a recognition fixture in remembrance of the victims of COVID-19 and report back to General Committee before September 2021. (Item for Discussion 8.8, March 29, 2021)

Sponsor: Councillor, S. Morales

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

Nil.

10. ENQUIRIES**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS****12. ADJOURNMENT**

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