



# City of Barrie

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## Minutes - Final General Committee

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Monday, May 17, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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### GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT For consideration by Barrie City Council on May 31, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, J. Lehman at 7:01 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

**Present:** 11 - Mayor, J. Lehman  
Deputy Mayor, B. Ward  
Councillor, C. Riepma  
Councillor, K. Aylwin  
Councillor, A. Kungl  
Councillor, R. Thomson  
Councillor, N. Harris  
Councillor, G. Harvey  
Councillor, J. Harris  
Councillor, S. Morales  
Councillor, M. McCann

#### **STAFF:**

Acting Manager of Revenue and Taxation, G. Marsh  
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse  
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke  
Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur  
Deputy City Clerk, C. Swan  
Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews  
Director of Development Services, M. Banfield  
Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter  
Director of Finance/Treasurer, C. Millar  
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan  
Director of Infrastructure, B. Araniyasundaran  
Director of Operations, D. Friary  
Director of Recreation and Culture Services, R. Bell  
Director of Transit and Parking Strategy, B. Forsyth  
Executive Director of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid  
Fire Chief, C. Mainprize

General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine  
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, A. Miller  
Manager of Marketing and Communications, C. Harris  
Manager of Corporate Asset Management, K. Oakley  
Manager of Wastewater Operations Branch  
Senior Asset Management Planning Coordinator , T. Reeves  
Supervisor of Compliance and Technical Support, D. Moreau  
Supervisor of Development Charges, M. Villeneuve  
Transportation Planning Lead, B. Gratrix.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Barrie Police Chief, K. Greenwood  
Barrie Police Service, Sergeant V. Gates  
A. Way, MASS LBP  
G. Scanlan, Watson and Associates Economics Ltd.

The General Committee reports that the following matter(s) were dealt with on the consent portion of the agenda:

**SECTION "A"**

**21-G-121**

**REPORT OF THE CITY BUILDING COMMITTEE DATED MAY 11, 2021**

The Report of the City Building Committee dated May 11, 2021 was received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 5/31/2021.

The General Committee recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s) which were dealt with on the consent portion of the agenda:

## **SECTION "B"**

### **21-G-122      70 AND 72 DUNLOP STREET EAST SIGN INSTALL - AMENDED APPLICATION TO AMEND APPLICATION TO ALTER DESIGNATED HERITAGE BUILDING**

That consent be granted in accordance with Section 33 and 34 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for the proposed alteration to a building designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, being 70 and 72 Dunlop Street East for the purpose of installing a sign described as having a black background with white lettering, being larger in size and backlit at the Heritage Barrie Committee meeting dated April 14, 2021.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/31/2021.

### **21-G-123      AMENDMENT OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE RELATED TO COMMITTEE COMPOSITION**

That the composition of the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee be increased by one, to add a representative of Living Green.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/31/2021.

### **21-G-124      REDUCING GHG EMISSIONS THROUGH PARK AND YARD NATURALIZATION AND EDUCATION**

1. That staff in the Operations Department investigate the feasibility of creating a plan to phase-out gas powered maintenance equipment through strategies, included but not limited to procurement processes, park designs, park naturalization, in order to reduce the City's greenhouse gas emissions and noise pollutions and report back to the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee.
2. That staff in the Business Performance and Environmental Sustainability Department investigate the development of a program to incentivize citizens to purchase electric lawn and garden equipment in order to reduce the city's greenhouse gas emissions and to reduce noise pollution and report back to the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/31/2021.

**21-G-125 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE WEBPAGE**

That staff in Access Barrie be directed to create a communication campaign to promote Bike Month from May 31 to June 30, 2021 in the City of Barrie, through the City's communication channels and social media.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/31/2021.

**21-G-126 NAMING RIGHTS AGREEMENT EXTENSIONS**

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a one-year extension for the Naming Rights Agreements for the Sadlon Arena and the Five Points Theatre due to the impacts of COVID-19 on operations at the facilities and in a form acceptable to the Executive Director of Access Barrie and the Director of Legal Services. (ACC001-21)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/31/2021.

**21-G-127 APPROVAL OF WHISKEY CREEK AT MINET'S POINT DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS REPORT**

That the preferred alternative identified in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Report for Whiskey Creek Drainage Improvements at Minet's Point dated April 2021, be endorsed. (CAM002-21) (File: D03-WH2)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/31/2021.

**21-G-128 INTERIM UPDATE - BARRIE PUBLIC ART POLICY**

That the interim update to the Barrie Public Art Policy attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report ECD007-21, be approved. (ECD007-21)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/31/2021.

**21-G-129 MODULAR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECT - VESPRA AND VICTORIA STREETS**

1. That Staff Report FAC002-21 concerning the Modular Supportive Housing Project - Vespra and Victoria Streets, be received.
2. That given the significant development constraints associated with the Vespra and Victoria Streets site, staff consult with the County of Simcoe regarding its interest in the site over the longer term for affordable or supportive housing and report back to General Committee.

3. That staff work with the County of Simcoe to determine sites or projects other than Vespra and Victoria Streets, that the City of Barrie could consider supporting to allow for a more expeditious provision of supportive housing. (FAC002-21) (File: L17-66, L17-71) (P9/21)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/31/2021.

**21-G-130****DEVELOPMENT CHARGE CREDIT AGREEMENT - MAPLEVIEW DRIVE  
EAST NEW SANITARY SEWER AND ROAD EXPANSION PROJECT  
EN1270 (UPDATED)**

1. That the General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management be authorized to amend the previous Development Charge Credit Agreement for the entirety of Phase 1 of the Maplevue Sanitary Sewer (Project Number EN1270) dated as of the 25th day of June, 2019 (the "Previous Agreement") in a form approved by the Director of Legal Services, the Director of Infrastructure and the Director of Finance and Treasurer.
2. That the General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management be authorized to complete a new Development Charge Credit Agreement wherein the Hewitt's Creek Landowners Group and their Trustee and the City agree to the details of the landowners commitments to complete a portion of the Maplevue Sanitary Sewer being the completion of Phase 1 and the entirety of Phase 2 of Project Number EN1270 (the "Project"), in a form approved by the Director of Legal Services, the Director of Engineering, and the Director of Finance and Treasurer.
3. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a Funding and Development Charge Credit Agreement with the Hewitt's Creek Landowner Group and their Trustee. (LGL010-21) (File: D27-GRO)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/31/2021.

**21-G-131****CITY ANNUAL DECLARATION OF JUNE 7TH AS "SIR ROBERT BARRIE DAY"**

WHEREAS June 7th, 2021 marks the 180th anniversary of the death of the City of Barrie's namesake, Rear-Admiral Sir Robert Barrie, KCB, KCH; and

WHEREAS it is also the 8th anniversary of the signing of the Twinning Certificate between Barrie and Harrogate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Barrie declares June 7th as "Sir Robert Barrie Day" annually in his honour. (Item for Discussion 8.1, May 17, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/31/2021.

**21-G-132****INVITATION TO PRESENT - FUTURE MAJORITY**

That the Future Majority organization be invited to provide a presentation to City Council concerning their initiatives and programs. (Item for Discussion 8.2, May 17, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/31/2021.

**21-G-133****SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM FOR SPEED PADS**

That staff in the Development Services Department explore sponsorship program opportunities for speed pads including any operational criteria and report back to General Committee prior to the 2022 seasonal program. (Item for Discussion 8.3, May 17, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/31/2021.

**SECTION "C"****21-G-134****2021 TAX RATES**

1. That the tax rates for the 2021 taxation year be established as identified in Appendix "A" to Staff Report FIN008-21.
2. That the City Clerk be authorized to prepare all necessary by-laws to establish the 2021 tax rates as described within Staff Report FIN008-21. (FIN008-21) (File: F22)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/25/2021.

**21-G-135****2021 PROPERTY TAX CLAWBACK RATES**

That the City Clerk be authorized to prepare the necessary Tax Capping By-law to establish the 2021 property tax clawback rates as described in Staff Report FIN010-21. (FIN010-21) (File: F22)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/25/2021.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

## **SECTION "D"**

### **21-G-136**

#### **PRESENTATION CONCERNING THE CITY OF BARRIE'S WATER AND WASTEWATER FINANCIAL PLAN**

Gary Scanlan of Watson and Associates Economics Ltd. provided a presentation concerning the City of Barrie's Water and Wastewater Financial Plan.

Mr. Scanlan discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An overview on the study conducted to establish the City's Water and Wastewater Financial Plan;
- The current 2021 water and wastewater billing rates;
- The water and wastewater forecast for new customers and volumes;
- The capital needs and financing associated to water and wastewater from 2021 to 2030;
- A summary of the City's lifecycle infrastructure costs;
- Operating budgets associated to expenditures and anticipated additional full-time staff; and
- Charts illustrating the water and wastewater operation budgets from 2022 to 2030, the average annual residential bill, and a comparison of other municipalities annual residential bills.

Members of General Committee asked a number of questions to Mr. Scanlan and City staff and received responses.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 5/31/2021.

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

**SECTION "E"****21-G-137**      **PROPOSED BRADFORD BY-PASS**

1. That, in accordance with the *Lake Simcoe Protection Act*, the City of Barrie requests that the Government of Ontario conduct a comprehensive impact assessment on Lake Simcoe and those vulnerable watersheds and inflows into Lake Simcoe.
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Provincial Minister of Transportation, Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, all local MPPs and municipalities along the Lake Simcoe watershed along with a request for support.

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/31/2021.

**21-G-138**      **CITY OF BARRIE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING PLAN**

That the "Our Shared Plan for a Safer Barrie: The City of Barrie's First Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, 2021-2024" attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report FES001-21, be adopted. (FES001-21) (File: S00)

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/31/2021.

**SECTION "F"****21-G-139**      **2021 DOWNTOWN BARRIE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION LEVY (WARD 2)**

1. That the City of Barrie establish a special charge of 0.344553% for 2021 to levy an amount of \$561,077 upon commercial and industrial properties in the Downtown Improvement Area.
2. That the Downtown Barrie Business Association (BIA) 2021 Operating and Capital budgets, as presented in Staff Report FIN009-21, be approved.
3. That the City Clerk be authorized to prepare the appropriate by-law authorizing this 2021 special charge rate and levy requirement.
4. That staff in the Finance Department prepare a memorandum for additional information concerning the Meridian Place payment within the BIA Budget and in consultation with the BIA Board of Directors. (FIN009-21) (File: F05)

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/25/2021.



**SECTION "G"****21-G-140****WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM FINANCIAL PLANS 2021**

1. That, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 453/07, the City of Barrie's Water and Wastewater Financial Plan - Rate Analysis Study dated April 29, 2021 as provided in Appendix "A" to Staff Report INF005-21, be approved.
2. That, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 453/07, the City of Barrie's Water and Wastewater Ontario Regulation 453/07 Financial Plan dated April 29, 2021 as provided in Appendix "B" to Staff Report INF005-21, be approved.
3. That Council deem the drinking water system financially viable.
4. That a copy of the City of Barrie's Water and Wastewater Financial Plan - Rate Analysis Study and Water and Wastewater Ontario Regulation 453/07 Financial Plan be provided to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. (O. Reg. 453/07, Section 3(1)6)
5. That the resolution approving the Water and Wastewater Ontario Regulation 453/07 Financial Plan be submitted to Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, satisfying the requirements under the *Safe Drinking Water Act*. (S.D.W.A. Section 32(5) 2.ii)
6. That, notification of the availability of the City of Barrie's Water and Wastewater Financial Plan - Rate Analysis and Water and Wastewater Ontario Regulation 435/07 Financial Plan to the public as prescribed by Ontario Regulation 453/07 be made. (INF005-21)

This matter was recommended (Section "G") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/31/2021.

Pursuant to Procedural By law 2019-100, as amended, Section 4, Subsection 10, the order of business was altered such that the Item for Discussion concerning the Outdoor Activity Restrictions was considered ahead of the Item for Discussion concerning the Ontario Community Building Fund - Sadlon Arena.

**21-G-141****OUTDOOR ACTIVITY RESTRICTIONS**

That the Provincial Government be requested to immediately lift restrictions to permit outdoor activities such as golf, sports fields, tennis courts, pickleball courts, to allow for everyone to take care of their physical and mental health and is in alignment with the advice of the Provincial Medical Advisory Table. (Item for Discussion 8.5, May 17, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "G") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/31/2021.

General Committee recessed from 9:22 p.m. to 9:33 p.m.

**21-G-142****ONTARIO COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND - SADLON ARENA**

1. That staff in the Recreation and Culture Services Department report back to General Committee before completing and submitting a grant application for the Ontario Community Building Fund - Capital Stream for an expansion onto the existing Sadlon Arena, and that staff work with community stakeholders including but not limited to Tourism Barrie, the Barrie Colts Organization, the Canadian Hockey League, Skate Canada and Curling Canada to ensure that the application meets the requirements of these organizations to host provincial, national and international level competitions.
2. That the grant application include a three storey addition on the north side of the building that will include a new grand entrance to the arena with additional multi purpose/trade show space, ticket booths, concessions, a multi use sports bar, additional office/retail space, a possible new home for the Barrie Sports Hall of Fame, additional dressing rooms, player dining/lounge facilities, medical facilities, storage and meeting space, a media lounge and VIP lounge, a new sound system, an upgraded green room along with additional spectator seating and any other components as identified by the above named stakeholders to meet their organizations requirements to host provincial, national and international competitions and events.
3. That staff in the Recreation and Culture Services Department, in consultation with Corporate Facilities Department, obtain up to date estimated construction costs to include as part of the grant applications.
4. That staff in the Recreation and Culture Services Department report back to General Committee on financing options and ongoing operational implications for the proposed Sadlon Centre expansion. (Item for Discussion 8.4, May 17, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "G") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/31/2021.

**21-G-143****INVESTIGATION TO CONSTRUCT PROFESSIONAL GRADE PICKLEBALL COURTS**

That staff in the Development Services Department investigate the feasibility of constructing 13-14 professional grade pickleball courts with a shaded seating area and the potential for a winter dome at a City owned park to be funded from the Federal Gas Tax and Community Re-investment Reserve for potential construction in spring of 2022 and report back to General Committee. (Item for Discussion 8.6, May 17, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "G") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/31/2021.

**ENQUIRIES**

A member of General Committee addressed an enquire to City staff and received a response.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 p.m.

CHAIRMAN