



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final General Committee

Monday, November 30, 2020

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by Barrie City Council on December 7, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lehman at 7:52 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:

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur
Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter
Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews
Director of Infrastructure, B. Araniyasundaran
Director of Finance/Treasurer, C. Millar
Director of Human Resources, A.M. Langlois
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan
Director of Internal Audit, S. MacGregor
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
Director of Recreation and Culture Services, R. Bell
Director of Operations, D. Friary

Director of Transit and Parking Strategy, B. Forsyth
Executive Director of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, A. Miller
Manager of Administrative Services (CCS), C. Swan.

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

SECTION "A"

20-G-201 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2020

The Report of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee dated November 17, 2020 was received. (File: C05)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

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

SECTION "B"

20-G-202 REFERRED BY GENERAL COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 9, 2020 - RESPONSE TO MOTIONS 19-G-218 AND 19-G- 255 - NOISE BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

1. That staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department review what other municipalities have done with respect to blitzes and voluntary compliance with their respective Police Services concerning matters such as noisy mufflers and cars and report back to the Finance and Court Services Committee in Q2 of 2021.
2. That staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department work with the Barrie Police Service concerning a possible joint blitz concerning noisy vehicles.
3. That Barrie Police Service be thanked for conducting the past blitzes and be encouraged to do further blitzes to address noisy vehicles in 2021.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

20-G-203 CITY OF BARRIE'S INFRASTRUCTURE STANDARDS - SIDEWALK JOINTS

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee supports for following changes to the City of Barrie's Infrastructure Standards:

- a) Replacement of tooled joints with saw-cut joints into the design of City sidewalks to enhance accessibility features on City sidewalks; and
- b) Newly built or reconstructed City sidewalks to be built to this enhanced Infrastructure Standard and continuing to conform to the applicable Ontario Provincial Standards and the *Accessibility of Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA).

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

20-G-204 AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF BARRIE STREET ADDRESSING POLICY

That Sections 1.5.2, 1.5.3. and 1.5.6. of the City of Barrie Street Addressing Policy be amended to reflect the policy changes identified in Appendix "A" to Staff Report DEV033-20. (DEV033-20) (File: D19-STR)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

20-G-205 MUNICIPAL NAMES REGISTRY - ADDITIONAL NAMES FOR FUTURE STREET NAMES

That the following names be added to the City's Municipal Names Registry:

- a) Pidutti;
- b) Zaba; and
- c) Terry Fox. (DEV036-20) (P42/13, P46/13, P50/13)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

20-G-206**CITY OF BARRIE 2021 CULTURAL GRANTS PROGRAM**

That in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 Cultural Grants Program be modified to address the specific needs of the City of Barrie's arts and culture not-for-profit organizations as follows:

- a) By replacing the 2021 Operating Grant Application with the amended application identified in Appendix "A" to Staff Report ECD018-20;
- b) The recipient organizations of the Cultural Grant Program in 2020, who are unable to deliver on their proposed programming due to COVID-19 be permitted to carry over their funding in support of sustaining their operations and recovery activities from COVID-19 for 2021; and
- c) The reporting on 2021 funding by organizations allow for operating and programming flexibility based on the shifting state of the pandemic and opportunities that may arise. (ECD018-20)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

20-G-207**CAPITAL PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

1. The staff be authorized to close completed and cancelled projects as described in Appendix "A-1" (City Build Capital Project Status) to Staff Report FIN014-20.
2. That staff be authorized to release funding commitments in the amount of \$15,328,560 and adjust funding plans as described in Appendix "C-1" (Projects with Excess Committed Funding) and Appendix "C-2" (Summary of Excess Committed Funding Adjustments) to Staff Report FIN014-20.
3. That staff be authorized to increase funding commitments in the amount of \$5,409,147 and adjust funding plans as described in Appendix "D-1" (Projects Requiring Additional Funding - Council Approval Required) and Appendix "D-2" (Adjustments for Projects Requiring Additional Funding - Council Approval Required) to Staff Report FIN014-20.
4. That staff be authorized to undertake the new capital project as identified in Appendix "B-1" (New Capital Projects), and add the funding commitments in the amount of \$35,000 as described in Appendix "B-1" to Staff Report FIN014-20.
5. That an additional 0.5 full-time equivalent temporary position for a Stormwater Climate Action Fund project manager be approved and funded from the existing budget of the Stormwater Climate Action Fund Capital Project FI1024. (FIN014-20) (File: F00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

20-G-208 CONFIDENTIAL LABOUR RELATIONS / EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS - 2021 CUPE NEGOTIATIONS

That the Corporations Negotiating Committee be directed to continue contract negotiations with CUPE 2380 within the parameters outlined in confidential Appendix "B" to Staff Report HRS003-20. (HRS003-20) (File: H00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

20-G-209 DELEGATION OF OWNER REPRESENTATIVE FOR WATER OPERATIONS QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT REQUIREMENTS

1. That the Infrastructure Department Head or designate be authorized as Owner Representative of the City of Barrie's Drinking Water System for the following, but not limited to:
 - a) New, renewal or amendment applications for the City of Barrie's Municipal Drinking Water Licence, Drinking Water Works Permit and Permit to Take Water;
 - b) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Form 1, 2 and Form 3 verification of amendments to the City of Barrie's Drinking Water Works Permit;
 - c) Endorsement of the Operational Plan (as required) for the City of Barrie's Drinking Water Quality Management System as required under the *Safe Drinking Water Act* and Drinking Water Quality Management Standard;
 - d) Execution of documents associated with the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard accreditation process; and
 - e) Receiving communication regarding the Operational Plan, Management Review, Internal Audits, External Audits, Adverse Water Quality Incidents, and Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Inspections.
2. That the Operating Authority (Water Operations Branch) provide an annual summary to Council to include updates, changes, and pertinent information in relation to the requirements of the *Safe Drinking Water Act* and the City of Barrie's Quality Management System. (INF006-20)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

20-G-210 EXPROPRIATION OF CITY OWNED LAND BY MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION (MTO) (WARDS 2, 4 AND 5)

1. That the payments identified in the Offers of Compensation for property expropriated by the Ministry of Transportation (the "MTO") from The Corporation of the City of Barrie (the "City") as indicated on Appendix "A" to Staff Report LGL007-20 (the "Expropriated Properties") be accepted on a without prejudice basis.
2. That the City retain the necessary consultants to evaluate the appraisals that accompanied the Offers of Compensation to ensure the Expropriated Properties and City interests in other private properties also expropriated were properly valued with funding for these activities being drawn from the payments received.
3. That all payments received including the recovery of the City's costs for retaining consultants to finalize the expropriations be applied to cost centre 1305 - Corporate Revenues- GL Account 852100 - Sale of Fixed Assets.
4. That the Director of Legal Services be delegated authority to settle the expropriations and the City Clerk be authorized to execute all associated documents in a form approved by the Director of Legal Services. (LGL007-20) (File: L00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

20-G-211 INVESTIGATION PARKING RESTRICTION SAUNDERS ROAD (WARD 8)

That Traffic By-law 80-138, Schedule 'A', "No Parking Any Time" be amended by adding the following:

"Saunders Road Both sides from Welham Road to Huronia Road". (OPR009-20) (File: T04) (P63/19)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

20-G-212 INVESTIGATION REGARDING ADDITIONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS ALONG J.C. MASSIE WAY (WARD 3)

1. That Traffic By-law 80-138, Schedule 'A', "No Parking Any Time" be amended by removing the following:

"J.C. Massie Way Both sides between Cundles Road to a point 94 metres north thereof."

"J.C. Massie Way North side from a point 265 metres north of Cundles Road to Little Lake Drive."

- "J.C. Massie Way South side from a point 250 metres north of Cundles Road to Little Lake Drive."
2. That Traffic By-law 80-138, Schedule 'A', "No Parking Any Time" be amended by adding the following:
- "J.C. Massie Way North side from Cundles Road East to Little Lake Drive."
- "J.C. Massie Way South side from Cundles Road East to a point 35 metres east of Little Lake Drive." (OPR010-20) (File: T04) (P28/20)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

20-G-213 AUTOMATED SPEED CAMERAS IN SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONES

1. That staff in the Operations Department advise the City of Toronto's Joint Processing Centre that the City of Barrie is seeking to participate in the Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program, with the goal of operating two (2) mobile ASE cameras and rotating them between community safety zones and school zones across Barrie's 10 Wards.
2. That staff in the Operations Department report back to General Committee with details concerning the next steps of implementation required regarding the installation, operations and maintenance costs of the cameras and related signage, Joint Processing Centre operating costs and Provincial costs. (OPR011-20) (File: T00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

20-G-214 INVESTIGATION - INSTALLATION OF A CROSSWALK ON ELMBROOK DRIVE - TRILLIUM WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (WARD 7)

That staff in the Operations Department investigate the feasibility of installing a crosswalk on Elmbrook Drive in the area of Trillium Woods Elementary School and report back to General Committee. (Item for Discussion 8.3, November 30, 2020)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

SECTION "C"**20-G-215 NORTH SHORE TRAIL VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the North Shore Trail is a heavily used pedestrian waterfront trail in the City of Barrie; and

WHEREAS, the importance of the North Shore Trail will only increase as the City grows; and

WHEREAS, the North Shore Trail Vegetation Management Plan was prepared several years ago; and

WHEREAS, the City hires a contractor in the Fall to implement the Vegetation Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the vegetation community is changing; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to review the effectiveness of the current Vegetation Management Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that staff in the Operations and Development Services Departments undertake a review and update the North Shore Trail Vegetation Management Plan in order to:

1. Improve the health and diversity of the existing vegetative community.
2. Implement appropriate trimming, pruning and thinning of existing trees to create a vigorous tree cover over the long term.
3. Remove invasive species such as garlic mustard, phragmites, and dog strangling vine and managing sumac, virginia creeper and other similar species.
4. Create appropriate vistas to the waterfront.
5. Plant new trees and shrubs in appropriate locations in order to enhance the vegetation community.
6. Encourage the proliferation of plants that support pollinators and bird habitats.
7. Reduce the amount of erosion at Kempenfelt Bay.

and report back to General Committee with the updated North Shore Vegetation Plan. (Item for Discussion 8.2, November 30, 2020)

Mayor, J. Lehman declared a potential pecuniary interest on the foregoing matter as a member of his family owns property in close proximity to the subject lands. He did not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter. He remained in the virtual General Committee meeting.

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "D"

20-G-216

PRESENTATION FROM THE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES BRANCH REGARDING THE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES STAFFING AND GROWTH REVIEW 2020 TO 2041

Tammy Banting, Manager of Enforcement Services provided a presentation concerning a review of Enforcement Services, its staffing and anticipated staffing growth until 2041 to provide proactive enforcement and community safety.

Ms. Banting discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The elements that staff reviewed;
- Review of staff's authority with respect to the Noise By-law and *Line Fences Act*;
- The increase of in enforcement matters since 2003, and current hours of coverage to address these matters;
- The increase in call volumes, administrative and enforcement matters from 2003 to 2019 with number of staff staying static;
- A breakdown of the type of calls for service;
- The need for additional staffing for some proactive enforcement and anticipated growth;
- The COVID-19 response by Enforcement Services;
- The current response time for enforcement matters;
- Impacts of no change in staff resourcing;
- The proposed staffing increase to maintain or increase response levels;
- A comparison of other municipalities on staffing levels / calls for services; and
- A summary of other considerations that were not contemplated in the request for additional resources.

Members of General Committee asked a number of questions to 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 12/7/2020.

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

SECTION "E"

20-G-217

ENFORCEMENT SERVICES - STAFFING AND GROWTH REVIEW 2020 TO 2041

1. That the intake form for an additional full-time Municipal Law Enforcement Officer I position and allocations for the associated vehicle, workstation and uniform, etc., to maintain the current level of service be considered as part of the 2021 Business Plan and Budget.
2. That an intake form be prepared for consideration as part of the 2022 Business Plan and Budget for two additional Municipal Law Enforcement Officer I positions and the allocations for the associated vehicle(s), workstations and uniforms.
3. That staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department continue to review resourcing demands from growth, call volumes, technology and regulatory changes, and include intake forms in future years to allow for current levels of service to be maintained and proactive enforcement to be enhanced.
4. That the City of Barrie opt out of the application of the *Line Fences Act R.S.O 1990*, c. 17 save and except Section 20 of the *Line Fence Act*, through the passage of the draft by-law attached as Appendix "C" to Staff Report LCS004-20 and all staff appointments as Fence Viewers be revoked upon passage of the by-law.
5. That staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department explore ways to have contact information for properties, including but not limited to phone numbers, emails, and alternative addresses, in order to allow the Enforcement Services Branch to reach property owners that have properties with by-law infractions in a quick and timely manner, and report back to General Committee by the April 12, 2021.
6. That correspondence be sent to Georgian College Board of Directors concerning the cost-sharing an additional Enforcement Services officer starting on August 2021, and report back to Council via a memorandum once a response is received. (LCS004-20) (File H05) (P19/19)

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

SECTION "F"**20-G-218****BILL 229, *PROTECT, SUPPORT AND RECOVER FROM COVID-19 ACT* -
SCHEDULE 6 - *CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT***

WHEREAS, the Province has introduced Bill 229, *Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act* - Schedule 6 - *Conservation Authorities Act*; and

WHEREAS, the Legislation introduces several changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder conservation authorities' role in regulating development, permit appeal process and engaging in review and appeal of planning applications; and

WHEREAS, we rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property, and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the *Planning Act*; and

WHEREAS, the changes allow the Minister to make decisions without conservation authority watershed data and expertise; and

WHEREAS, the Legislation suggests that the Minister will have the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs which are negotiated between the conservation authorities and municipalities to meet local watershed needs; and

WHEREAS, municipalities require a longer transition time to put in place agreements with conservation authorities for non-mandatory programs; and

WHEREAS, municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on conservation authority boards should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice Chair of the conservation authority boards should be duly elected; and

WHEREAS, the changes to the 'Duty of Members' contradicts the fiduciary duty of a conservation authority board member to represent the best interests of the conservation authority and its responsibility to the watershed; and

WHEREAS, conservation authorities have already been working with the Province, development sector and municipalities to streamline and speed up permitting and planning approvals through Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative; and

WHEREAS, changes to the legislation will create more red tape and costs for the conservation authorities, their municipal partners, and potentially result in delays in the development approval process; and

WHEREAS, municipalities value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within conservation authority jurisdictions for the health and well-being of residents; municipalities value conservation authorities' work to prevent and manage the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and municipalities value conservation authorities' work to ensure safe drinking water;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Province of Ontario work with conservation authorities to address their concerns by repealing and/or amending changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and the *Planning Act* set out in Bill 229.
2. That the Province of Ontario delay enactment of clauses affecting municipal concerns.
3. That the Province of Ontario provide a longer transition period up to December 2022 for non-mandatory programs to enable coordination of conservation authority municipal budget processes.
4. That the Province of Ontario respect the current conservation authority/municipal relationships.
5. That the Province of Ontario embrace their long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities and provide them with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role.
6. That the resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable Doug Downey, MPP and Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and Andrea Khanjin, MPP. (Item for Discussion 8.1, November 30, 2020)

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

20-G-219

ADDITIONAL SOUND BARRIERS ALONG HIGHWAY 400 - BARRIE

1. That in the interest of improving the quality of life for Barrie residents in the area of Highway 400, the City of Barrie request the following changes in response to the Notice of Completion and Submission of Design and Construction Report for replacement of the Anne Street Bridge and Installation of Noise Walls along Highway 400, Barrie:
 - a) That in addition to the sound barriers recommended, the following additional sound barriers be installed:
 - i) Adjacent to Highway 400, northeast of Anne Street to the end of Edgehill Drive;
 - ii) Adjacent to the Sunnidale Road bridge on both sides; and

- iii) Immediately north of Bayfield Street, on both sides, adjacent to any residential properties.
- b) That other areas be considered for appropriateness of a berm versus noise walls.
- 2. That a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Downey, MPP. (Item for Discussion 8.4 November 30, 2020)

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/7/2020.

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.

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

CHAIRMAN