



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final General Committee

Monday, March 8, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT For consideration by Barrie City Council on March 22, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lehman at 7:03 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
Deputy City Clerk, C. Swan
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 Information Technology, R. Nolan
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 Legal Services, A. Mills
Supervisor of Compliance and Technical Support, Infrastructure - Water, D. Moreau.

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

SECTION "A"

21-G-046 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE DATED FEBRUARY 23, 2021

The Report of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee dated February 23, 2021 was received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 3/22/2021.

21-G-047 REPORT OF THE CITY BUILDING COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 2, 2021

The Report of the City Building Committee dated March 2, 2021 was received.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 3/22/2021.

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-048 OUR SHARED PLAN FOR A SAFER BARRIE: THE CITY OF BARRIE'S FIRST COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL BEING PLAN, 2021-2024

That the "Our Shared Plan for a Safer Barrie: The City of Barrie's First Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, 2021-2024" circulated on January 14, 2021 be accepted subject to minor revisions to reflect the intent of the discussions during the Community Safety and Well-Being Committee meeting held on January 14, 2021.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/22/2021.

21-G-049 **PLATFORM WHEELCHAIR SWING PROPOSAL**

That staff in the Development Services and Operations Departments investigate the feasibility of installing a platform wheelchair swing in a public park, based on the funding secured by local recipients, and as presented at the Committee's meeting held on February 11, 2021 and report back to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/22/2021.

21-G-050 **REPORT TO PRESENT OUR SHARED PLAN FOR A SAFER BARRIE: THE CITY OF BARRIE'S FIRST COMMUNITY AND SAFETY WELL-BEING PLAN 2021-2024**

That staff in the Barre Fire and Emergency Service Department prepare a staff report to present the publication-ready version of the "Our Shared Plan for a Safer Barrie: The City of Barrie's First Community and Safety Well-Being Plan 2021-2024" to General Committee and City Council.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/22/2021.

21-G-051 **WATER BILL PAYMENT DEFERRAL SCENARIOS**

That the Report to Finance and Corporate Services Committee dated February 23, 2021 concerning water bill payment deferral scenarios, be received for information purposes.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/22/2021.

21-G-052 **CLEAN AIR ALLIANCE - PHASE-OUT OF GAS FIRED POWER PLANTS IN ONTARIO**

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario is planning to increase electricity generation and greenhouse gas pollution from Ontario's gas-fired power plants by more than 300% by 2030 and by more than 400% by 2040, reversing more than a third of the greenhouse gas pollution reductions achieved by phasing out our coal-fired power plants; and

WHEREAS Greenhouse gas pollution is causing temperatures in Canada to rise at more than double the rate of the rest of the world, causing impacts to the operations and citizens of the City of Barrie; and

WHEREAS one of the City of Barrie's strategic priorities is fostering a safe and healthy City by building a greener Barrie and adapting and mitigating climate change; and

WHEREAS the City of Barrie is taking measures to mitigate and adapt to the climate impacts caused by increasing greenhouse gas pollution; and

WHEREAS the planned increase in electricity-related greenhouse gas pollution will reduce the effectiveness of the City of Barrie's greenhouse gas reduction efforts; and

WHEREAS there are feasible, cost-effective alternatives to increasing gas-fired electricity generation without increasing greenhouse gas pollution at costs well below the current price for Ontario's nuclear energy (9.6 cents/kWh), including:

- Energy efficiency investments;
- Low-cost, distributed, renewable energy, providing employment in Ontario communities and restoring our leadership in this industry;
- The purchase of low-cost power offered by the Province of Quebec from its existing hydroelectric generating stations; and
- Using Quebec's system of reservoirs like a giant battery to back-up made in Ontario renewable power and eliminating the need to use gas-fired power plants for this purpose.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the City of Barrie requests the Government of Ontario to place an interim cap of 2.5 megatonnes per year on the greenhouse gas pollution from Ontario's gas-fired power plants and develop and implement a plan to phase-out all gas-fired electricity generation by 2030 to help the City of Barrie, the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to meet their climate targets.
2. That a copy of the resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Health, all local MPPs and MPs, the Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus (OBCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the President of Hydro Quebec and the Premier of Quebec.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/22/2021.

21-G-053

DRINKING WATER PROTECTION POLICY

1. That the draft Drinking Water Protection Policy attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report BPE001-21, be approved.
2. That the Manager of Business Performance and Environmental Sustainability or designate be delegated the authority to amend the Drinking Water Protection Policy on an as needed basis, and report back to General Committee through a memorandum to advise of any changes and associated rationale. (BPE001-21) (File: E00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/22/2021.

21-G-054 CIRCULAR ECONOMY APPROACH - POLICIES AND 2021-2022 INITIATIVES

1. That the draft policies to support a Circular Economy Approach to Waste Management and attached as Appendix "B" to Staff Report BPE002-21, be approved.
2. That the Manager of Business Performance and Environmental Sustainability or designate be delegated the authority to amend or add to the policies for a Circular Economy Approach to Waste Management on an as needed basis, and report back to General Committee through a memorandum to advise of any changes and associated rationale. (BPE002-21) (File: E00)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/22/2021.

21-G-055 SURPLUSING OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY - 223 BAYFIELD STREET (WARD 2)

1. That the property known municipally as 223 Bayfield Street, Barrie, outlined in Appendix "A" to Staff Report LGL003-21 (the "Subject Property") be declared surplus to the needs of The Corporation of the City of Barrie (the "City").
2. That the Subject Property be offered for sale to Hillcorp Investment and Development Inc. (the "Purchaser") to facilitate development in conjunction with the adjacent property owned by the Purchaser.
3. That the Purchaser be permitted to submit a Zoning By-law Amendment application for the Subject Property and include it in development applications.
4. That the City Clerk be authorized to execute an Agreement of Purchase and Sale ("APS") conditional upon future Council approval and in a form approved by the Director of Legal Services. (LGL003-21) (File: L17-14)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/22/2021.

21-G-056 REQUEST TO CHANGE RESTRICTIONS ALLOWING SMALL BUSINESSES TO OPERATE DURING GREY-LOCKDOWN ZONE

Item was **WITHDRAWN**.

21-G-057**PAID SICK DAYS**

1. That Barrie City Council request the Government of Ontario to:
 - a) Require employers in Ontario to provide no less than five paid sick days annually to workers, after three months of employment, through amendments to the *Employment Standards Act, 2000*, or through a different mechanism;
 - b) Provide necessary funding, fiscal relief, and/or support to employers so that all workers in Ontario have access to no less than ten paid sick days annually in the event of a declared infectious disease emergency such as the COVID-19 pandemic; and
 - c) Ensure all workers in Ontario have access to protected and paid emergency leave so that care can be provided to children, parents, and/or other family members who may become ill.
2. That a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Labour, Trades Skills and Development and local Members of Provincial Parliament. (Item for Discussion 8.3, March 8, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/22/2021.

21-G-058**TRANSFER PAYMENT AGREEMENT FOR SAFE RESTART AGREEMENT (SRA)**

That a by-law be passed to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Transfer Payment Agreement for Safe Restart Agreement (SRA) - Phase 2 Municipal Transit Funding with the Province of Ontario. (Item for Discussion 8.4, March 8, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/22/2021.

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

SECTION "C"**21-G-059 DEFERRED BY MOTION 21-G-038 - WATER OPERATIONS BRANCH
2020 DRINKING WATER SYSTEM REPORTS**

That Staff Report INF001-21 regarding the City of Barrie's Drinking Water System including the following Schedules A - E, be received for information purposes:

- a) Schedule A - 2020 Drinking Water System Operations Report;
- b) Schedule B - 2020 Annual Report, Section 11, Ontario Regulation (O.Reg.) 170/03;
- c) Schedule C - 2020 Municipal Summary Report, Schedule 22, O.Reg. 170/03;
- d) Schedule D - Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Standard of Care; and
- e) Schedule E - Quality Management System (QMS) Management Review Meeting Minutes. (INF001-21)

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/22/2021.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "D"**21-G-060 A REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM REGULATORY BY-LAW 2010-036
AS AMENDED, TO PERMIT AN INDOOR GUN RANGE AT 342 KING
STREET, BARRIE (WARD 7).**

That staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department be directed to work with the proponent, the Chief Firearms Office of Ontario, and Barrie Police Service to identify applicable regulations, the potential amendments to City of Barrie by-laws that would be required to provide an exemption to allow for an indoor gun range at 342 King Street, as well as implications of the proposed gun range and provide notification of this proposal to properties in the commercial King Street area to allow for input, and report back to General Committee.

Item was **LOST**.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 3/22/2021.

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

SECTION "E"

21-G-061 ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACTION PLAN UPDATE - PROGRAM APPROVALS FOR BUSINESS IN THE PARKS AND PATIOS EVERYWHERE

1. That Staff Report ECD002-21 concerning an update on the Barrie COVID-19 Economic Recovery Action Plan be received as a follow-up to motions 20-G-061, 20-G-099 and 20-G-177.
2. That the Business in the Parks Pilot Program be extended until December 31, 2021, and that Sunnidale Park be added to the authorized list of Parks included in the Business in the Parks Pilot Program.
3. That the program parameters, application process and operating criteria for the Patios Everywhere Program as outlined in Appendix "B" to Staff Report ECD002-21 be approved for the 2021 patio season with a start date of April 1, 2021 ending on November 30, 2021 and that the provisions governed in Business Licensing By-law 2006-266, as amended, shall not apply.
4. That Schedule M of the Fees By-law 2021-20 be amended to add Sunnidale Park to the list of parks to which the private function permit fees apply.
5. That the Downtown BIA Patio Program be permitted to operate from April 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021 with exceptions to accommodate Dunlop Streetscape deficiency repairs and winter snow events that may require temporary patio removal.
6. That any City of Barrie fees associated with the Patios Everywhere Program and the Downtown BIA Patio Program be waived for the 2021 patio season from April 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021.
7. That the Director of Development Services or their designate be given delegated authority to issue permits under the Patios Everywhere Program to Refreshment Vehicles, including determining the application process, operating criteria and to work with other operational departments to establish designated spots for these vehicles. (ECD002-21) (P42/20)

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/22/2021.

SECTION "F"**21-G-062****MARKET PRECINCT TASK FORCE, PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE TASK FORCE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS revitalizing the west end of Downtown Barrie and the creation of more affordable housing are urgent priorities for Council; and

WHEREAS the recent decision to close Georgian Theatre and not to proceed with renovating Fisher Auditorium has highlighted the urgent need for a large performing arts facility in Barrie; and

WHEREAS helping the City's residents, business community, and cultural community recover from COVID includes addressing these three key issues, which can be part of a strong recovery for Barrie; and

WHEREAS Council directed City staff to develop a funding strategy by April for strategic projects, as part of the 2021 Business Plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That three Task Forces; a Market Precinct Task Force, a Performing Arts Centre Task Force, and an Affordable Housing Task Force be established.
2. That each Task Force be mandated to report to General Committee by the end of 2021 with a plan to accomplish the following:
 - a) Market Precinct Task Force - a plan for investments in the economy and in public spaces in the west end of Downtown Barrie;
 - b) Performing Arts Centre Task Force - a plan to construct a modern performing arts facility in the city core to replace Georgian Theater and Fisher Auditorium; and
 - c) Affordable Housing Task Force - a plan to co-ordinate County, City, and charitable/not-for-profit housing projects and policies, to aggressively expand the supply of affordable housing, with particular emphasis on addressing the hardest to house.
3. That each Task Force be comprised of interested members of Council, stakeholder organizations from the downtown, cultural, and housing communities as identified by the Chairs, and staff as identified by the Chief Administrative Officer and/or the Executive Management Team.

4. That the Market Precinct Task Force be chaired by Deputy Mayor, B. Ward, the Performing Arts Centre Task Force be chaired by Councillor, J. Harris, and the Affordable Housing Task Force be chaired by Mayor, J. Lehman.
5. That the Mayor's Office provide administrative (minutes, scheduling) support to the Task Forces, and technical support (mapping, feasibility expertise, etc.) be provided by the following Departments:
 - a) Market Precinct Task Force - Development Services;
 - b) Performing Arts Centre Task Force - Recreation and Culture Services and Economic and Creative Development; and
 - c) Affordable Housing Task Force - Development Services.
6. That each Task Force provide updates via memorandum to Council in June, 2021 and September, 2021.
7. That each Task Force identify any funding requirements associated with their activities, which will be submitted to General Committee as part of the June update, and funded from the Council Strategic Priorities Account if less than \$20,000 for the year.
8. That each Task Force develop an open public consultation portal (online and by phone) and provide for any additional specific public consultation opportunities as deemed appropriate.
9. That given potential Federal and Provincial funding programs may be available in support of COVID recovery, City staff be delegated authority to apply for grants generally in line with the objectives of the Task Force, with funding agreements to be subject to Council approval prior to execution if a grant application is successful. (Item for Discussion 8.1, March 8, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/22/2021.

SECTION "G"**21-G-063 CORRESPONDENCE FROM ENGAGE BARRIE DATED FEBRUARY 28, 2021 REGARDING THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN ON WORKPLACE HARASSMENT INVESTIGATION**

That the correspondence from Engage Barrie dated February 28, 2021 regarding the corrective actions undertaken on workplace harassment investigation from the Circulation List dated March 8, 2021, be referred to staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department and report back to General Committee through a memorandum with a response to the questions raised in the correspondence. (C5, Circulation List dated March 8, 2021) (File: H00)

This matter was recommended (Section "G") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/22/2021.

ENQUIRIES

Members of General Committee addressed enquires to City staff and received responses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

CHAIRMAN