



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final General Committee

Monday, May 3, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT For consideration by Barrie City Council on May 10, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, J. Lehman at 7:00 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 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 Legal Services, I. Peters
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 Corporate Asset Management, K. Oakley
Manager of Enforcement Services, T. Banting
Portfolio Manager, T. Rayaisse
Senior Manager of Accounting and Revenue, C. Smith
Supervisor of Development Charges, M. Villeneuve.

ALSO PRESENT:

G. Scanlan, Watson and Associates Economics Ltd.
N. Neale, Watson and Associates Economics Ltd.

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

SECTION "A"

**21-G-103 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE
DATED APRIL 20, 2021**

The Report of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee dated April 20, 2021 was received. (File: C05)

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 5/10/2021.

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-104 INVESTIGATION OF MAINTENANCE OF PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS

That staff in the Operations Department investigate the current interconnected walkway system in the City to address resident safety and accessibility concerns, and the feasibility of facilitating both the summer and winter maintenance to increase pedestrian year-round access and report back to Accessibility Advisory Committee.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/10/2021.

21-G-105 **2021 DEBT ISSUANCE SCENARIOS**

1. That the 2021 debenture issuance plan be amended as per scenario 2 of paragraph 15. 2) in the Report to Finance and Corporate Services Committee dated April 20, 2021 concerning 2021 Debt Issuance Scenarios, and debentures be issued on the projects identified in Appendix "A" of the Report.
2. That additional tax supported debt charges in 2021 be funded first from any year end surplus and then from the tax rate stabilization reserve.
3. That additional water rate funded debt charges in 2021 be funded first from any year end surplus and then from the water rate stabilization reserve.
4. That additional wastewater rate funded debt charges in 2021 be funded first from any year end surplus and then from the water rate stabilization reserve. (File: F29) (P8/21)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/10/2021.

21-G-106 **WATER BILL SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS AND SMALL BUSINESSES**

1. That staff in the Finance Department establish a residential low-income water bill support program with the parameters established as per motion 21-G-006, to be funded from the water and wastewater stabilization reserves, with the full cost of the program being included in the 2022 operating budget, to be funded directly from the water and wastewater rates;
 - a) That the annual income criteria be based on the LICO tables as attached to Appendix "A" of the Staff Report concerning the Waterbill Support Program for Low-Income Households and Small Businesses dated April 20, 2021 and support documentation based on the City's RecAccess Program; and
 - b) That one additional full time staff complement be added to the Finance Revenue Team to administer this program, and this position be funded from water and wastewater revenues.
2. That staff in the Finance Department investigate and report back by way of memorandum regarding the cost of a High Water Credit Program based on the City of Thunder Bay's program. (File: F29) (P5/21) (Note: A9 of Circulation List dated May 3, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/10/2021.

21-G-107**INVESTIGATION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AN ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

1. That an Arts Advisory Committee of Council be established under the base Terms of Reference attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report ECD003-21 and that the Procedural By-law 2019-100 as amended, be amended accordingly.
2. That staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department advertise for interested applicants for the Committee.
3. That the Barrie Public Art Committee remain operating as a working group under the updated Terms of Reference attached as Appendix "D" to Staff Report ECD003-21 and provide quarterly updates on their activities to the City Building Committee. (ECD003-21) (File: R05P) (P46/20)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/10/2021.

21-G-108**PEDESTRIANIZATION OF DUNLOP STREET - OPEN AIR DUNLOP 2021 (WARD 2)**

1. That the pedestrianization of Dunlop Street be supported in partnership with the Downtown Barrie Business Association (BIA) through the Open Air Dunlop 2021 programming, subject to the approval of all required special event permits and Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) requirements, as follows:
 - a) Fifteen (15) Saturdays on Dunlop Street East between Mulcaster Street and Clapperton Street, starting every Saturday from June 5 until September 4, and Saturday, October 9;
 - b) Four (4) Friday half-day closures from noon onward on Dunlop Street East between Mulcaster Street and Clapperton Street on July 2, July 30, September 3, and October 8; and
 - c) One (1) Friday half-day and five (5) Saturdays on Dunlop Street West between Bayfield Street and Toronto Street on July 2, 3, 10, 17 and 24.
2. That the City of Barrie contribute up to \$60,000 to support the 24 road closures over the duration of the program, to be funded from the Reinvestment Reserve. (ECD006-21)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/10/2021.

21-G-109 **LIVING GREEN BARRIE**

That staff in the Development Services Department be directed to explore opportunities for collaboration with Living Green Barrie. (Item for Discussion 8.2, May 3, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/10/2021.

21-G-110 **EXTENSION OF PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTS SUPPORTING LOCAL RESTAURANTS - PARKING TICKETS**

1. That the program approved in motion 21-A-045 allowing persons to show proof of purchase (receipt) from a Barrie restaurant in an amount equal to or greater than the set fine within five days after receiving a parking ticket be extended to June 3, 2021 or two weeks beyond this current Provincial Stay at Home Order.
2. That this program be reinstated if any future Provincial Stay at Home Orders are issued related to COVID-19.
3. That this program does not apply to any tickets that are received where parking is prohibited or causes a safety concern. (Item for Discussion 8.3, May 3, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/10/2021.

21-G-111 **DOWNTOWN BARRIE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (BIA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENTS**

That the individuals identified in the correspondence from the Downtown Barrie Business Association (BIA) Board of Management dated April 28, 2021 be appointed to the Downtown Barrie Business Association Board of Directors for a term ending November 14, 2022. (Item for Discussion 8.5, May 3, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/10/2021.

The General Committee met for the purpose of a Public Meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Lehman advised the public that the purpose of the meeting was to obtain public input on the proposed new Development Charge By-law and the underlying Background Study pursuant to Section 12 of the Development Charges Act, 1997, as amended. He advised any interested persons wishing notification of the Staff Report to sign the notification form required by the Legislative and Court Services Department. Mayor Lehman confirmed with the Director of Finance/Treasurer that notification was conducted in accordance with the Development Charges Act.

SECTION "C"

21-G-112 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT CHARGE BY-LAW AND UNDERLYING BACKGROUND STUDY - CITY OF BARRIE (MAY 3, 2021) (FILE: F21)

Gary Scanlan and Nancy Neale of Watson and Associates Economics Ltd. advised that the purpose of the public meeting was to present and obtain public input for an update to the existing Development Charge (DC) By-law, and Underlying Background Study.

Mr. Scanlan discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- A summary of the update to the existing DC By-law;
- The Background Study processes and timelines;
- The purpose of DCs for municipalities;
- The changes to the DC legislation since 2019;
- The update to remove the 10% mandatory deduction from some City services;
- The established combination of services as per Bill 197;
- The proposed amendments and policies to the Development Charge By-law;
- Charts illustrating the following as of 2019:
 - Schedules of recalculated DC's for residential, and non-residential;
 - Residential (Single Detached) comparison;
 - Non-Residential - Retail comparison; and
 - Non-Residential - Non-Retail comparison.
- The next steps in the process.

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

VERBAL COMMENTS:

1. **Sebastian Vasoff, 2 Kozlov Street** discussed his concern associated to the two year window for a development and the locked in charge rate with the ability to renew afterwards. He provided a possible scenario associated to the charges going down after the two year period and he suggested that the scenario should be taken into consideration in the definition of the by-law. Mr. Vasoff discussed his concern with the Provincial Government downloading that could result in multiple sources of funding. He provided his opinion on commercial development charges going up during a non COVID year, and during COVID that it is bad enough for businesses, and better for homeowners.

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

1. Correspondence from SkyDev dated April 28, 2021.
2. Correspondence from Goodmans, Barristers and Solicitors dated April 29, 2021.
3. Correspondence from Osler, Hoskin and Harcourt LLP dated May 3, 2021.

This matter was recommended (Section "C") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 5/10/2021.

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

SECTION "D"**21-G-113****INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT**

1. That the Report to the Investment Board concerning the 2020 Investment Management Annual Report and approved by the Investment Board on April 7, 2021, be received for information.
2. That staff in the Finance Department provide a presentation to City Council concerning the activities of the prudent Investment Board.
3. That staff in the Finance Department report back by way of memorandum regarding the longer term, historical information on the performance of the full Investment Portfolio.
4. That staff in the Finance Department and the Investment Board investigate the feasibility of adopting a Responsible Investment Screening Process for the City's Investment Portfolio using a structure of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors and report back to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee in 2022.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/10/2021.

SECTION "E"**21-G-114 BUSINESS LICENCE - ABSENTEE LANDLORDS**

That staff in Legislative and Court Services Department prepare an amendment to the Business Licensing By-law 2006-266 for consideration by General Committee to allow for a pilot project that requires absentee landlords to obtain a business license before renting out a single family home, a semi-detached home or a townhouse unless the owner lives on the premise, with the following parameters:

- a) That the licensing requirements apply to properties in the area bounded by Duckworth Street, Steel Street, Penetanguishene Road and the City Limits on the north side of Georgian Drive in Ward 1;
- b) That duration of the pilot be for a period of three years from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2024;
- c) That the by-law amendments contain provisions for inspection upon initial application and yearly thereafter at the discretion of City staff;
- d) That staff provide additional staffing levels and costs associated with the implementation of this pilot project, along with a licensing and inspection fee schedule with a goal to making the pilot project revenue neutral;
- e) That staff create a graduated fines schedule associated with violations of the by-law that will act as a deterrent to those multiple offenders;
- f) That staff evaluate the success of the pilot project and report back to General Committee by September 30, 2024 with the results of the pilot project; and
- g) That a meeting be scheduled between Georgian College President Mary Lynn West-Moynes and appropriate college staff, Mayor, J. Lehman, Councillor, S. Morales, and Councillor, C. Riepma about exploring the construction and operation of purpose-built student housing on Georgian College lands. (Item for Discussion 8.1, May 3, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "E") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/10/2021.

SECTION "F"**21-G-115 NAMING IN RECOGNITION OF DALE HAWERCHUK**

1. That in memory of Dale Hawerchuk and in recognition of his nine years as the Head Coach of the Barrie Colts Hockey Team and his tremendous support of hockey in Barrie, staff in the Recreation and Culture Services Department install signage at the entrance off of Bayview Avenue into the Sadlon Arena parking lot, that would identify it as Dale Hawerchuk Way.
2. That staff in the Recreation and Culture Services Department be directed to work with the Barrie Colts organization to determine an unveiling date that would coincide with other events being planned to honour Dale Hawerchuk. (Item for Discussion 8.4, May 3, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/10/2021.

Mayor, J. Lehman left the Chair at 9:20 p.m. and Deputy Mayor, B. Ward assumed the Chair.

Mayor, J. Lehman reassumed the Chair at 9:24 p.m.

SECTION "G"**21-G-116 REQUEST FOR PRESENTATION FROM THE DOWNTOWN BARRIE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (BIA)**

1. That the Downtown Barrie Business Association (BIA) be requested to provide a presentation to City Council concerning their governance model, vision including suggestions for possible boundary expansion, and objectives for the remainder of the 2018 - 2022 Term of Council prior to the end of June 2021.
2. That staff in the Legislative and Court Services prepare a memorandum on the status of current partnerships and joint programming with the BIA, an understanding of City Council's role and future options for the BIA and report back at the time of the presentation. (Item for Discussion 8.6, May 3, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "G") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/10/2021.

SECTION "H"**21-G-117 REQUEST FOR STOP SIGNS FOR DURATION OF PROVINCIAL COVID-19 FRAMEWORK**

That for the duration of the Provincial COVID-19 Framework, staff in the Development Services Department review and consider approving stop sign requests initiated through Items for Discussion at General Committee that meet 20% less volume than the Provincial Guidelines, based on recent data collected by staff that states that there is minimal pedestrian activity and on average a reduction of 15-25% less vehicles on the roadway than the previous year. (Item for Discussion 8.7, May 3, 2021)

This matter was recommended (Section "H") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/10/2021.

The General Committee reports that upon adoption of the required procedural motion it met in closed session electronically at 9:48 p.m. to discuss the content of confidential Staff Report CCS001-21 concerning a confidential potential disposition of land matter - Simcoe Street.

Members of General Committee, Chief Administrative Officer, City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, Deputy City Clerk, Director of Finance/Treasurer, Director of Information and Technology, Director of Legal Services, Executive Director of Access Barrie, General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management and the General Manager of Community and Corporate Services were in attendance for the portion of the meeting closed to the public. Members of the press and public were not present for this portion of the meeting.

The General Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "I"**21-G-118 CONFIDENTIAL POTENTIAL DISPOSITION OF LAND MATTER - SIMCOE STREET**

That motion 21-G-118 contained within the confidential notes to the General Committee Report dated May 3, 2021 concerning the discussion of Staff Report CCS001-21 regarding a confidential potential disposition of land matter - Simcoe Street, be received. (CCS001-21)

This matter was recommended (Section "I") to City Council for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 5/10/2021.

The General Committee reports upon adoption of a procedural motion, it met in public/open session at 10:26 p.m.

Mayor, J. Lehman noted that the in-camera/closed session portion of the meeting was related to a confidential potential disposition of land matter concerning Simcoe Street. Mayor, J. Lehman stated that with the exception of the procedural matter to move into public/open session, votes were not taken during the portion of the meeting closed to the public.

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

SECTION "J"

21-G-119 POTENTIAL DISPOSITION OF LAND MATTER - SIMCOE STREET

That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to undertake the actions identified in Appendix "B" to confidential Staff Report CCS001-21 concerning Simcoe Street. (CCS001-21)

This matter was recommended (Section "J") to City Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/10/2021.

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 10:27 p.m.

CHAIRMAN