

**The Following Matters Were Dealt With At the
 Council and General Committee Meetings Held On February 27, 2006**

COUNCIL

Student Mayors

Student Mayors Gian Carlo Quintieri from Ferndale Woods Elementary School and Zack Coulter from Mapleview Heights Elementary School provided their comments at the end of their term as Student Mayors.

Gian Carlo thanked Members of Council for the opportunity of a lifetime. He stated that having the chance to work alongside the Mayor was an unbelievable learning experience. He also noted that he learned first hand how Council and the City of Barrie operate. Gian Carlo concluded by thanking Council for the Student Mayor Program and noted that he would always remember this experience.

Zack thanked Members of Council on behalf of the Mapleview Heights Municipal Team, for allowing him to participate in the City of Barrie Student Mayor Program. He stated that by attending the City Council meetings, he had the opportunity to learn about the City of Barrie and how Council looks after the little things. He also noted that he realized that there are many community groups within the city that make Barrie a better place. He concluded by indicating that his experience enabled him to learn more about the City of Barrie, the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Hamilton thanked Gian Carlo and Zack for their comments and presented them with a certificate from the City of Barrie.

Presentation – Ontario Senior Winter Games Legacy Fund

George Taylor and Jim Hughes on behalf of the Ontario Senior Winter Games, thanked members of Council for the opportunity to attend the Council meeting. Mr. Taylor, stated that it took over 2 years of volunteer time to prepare for the games held in February 2005. He noted that the Games generated a surplus of \$118,287 which was to be given back to health and senior organizations in the community. Applications from local organizations were submitted and approved by the Ontario Senior Winter Games Organizing Committee.

George Taylor and Jim Hughes on behalf of the Ontario Senior Winter Games, presented Legacy Funds Commitment Letters to the following organizations:

Organization	Project	Amount
City of Barrie	Fitness equipment and introduction of "Smart Start" fitness program aimed at inactive seniors	\$63,000
Ontario Senior Games Association	Development of website and organizational development of districts	\$25,000
YMCA	Installation of pool lift and railings to steps	\$11,000
Gilda's Club – Barrie	Fitness equipment	\$6,000
Simcoe County District Senior Games Assoc.	Organizational development for the advancement of sporting opportunities in Simcoe County	\$5,000
Barrie Canoe Club	Purchase of tandem kayak and introduction of seniors' kayaking	\$4,600
City of Barrie	Development of trails and benches at The Gables park	\$3,787

Presentation – Ontario Senior Winter Games Legacy Fund (continued)

Mayor Hamilton thanked the Games Organizing Committee for their hard work and dedication to the organization and presentation of the 2005 Winter Games. He noted that the Games Organizing Committee's sound financial management would ensure that many local community groups will benefit from the legacy of the 2005 Ontario Senior Winter Games.

Presentation – Tourism Barrie EDCO Marketing Awards

Kathleen Trainor, Executive Director of Tourism Barrie made a presentation regarding the Economic Developers Council of Ontario Awards. Ms. Trainor stated Tourism Barrie, the official tourism office for the City of Barrie, received two First Place awards, and one finalist certificate, at the 2006 Ontario Economic Development Awards ceremony on February 1, 2006. She noted that Tourism Barrie received first place awards for their *Winter Fun in Barrie* brochure and their recently recreated website. Ms. Trainor noted in addition to winning two First Place awards, Tourism Barrie received a Finalist certificate for the Tourism Barrie's Partnership Information Packages for the Industry Communiqué category. Ms Trainor concluded by thanking Council for their continued support of tourism.

Mayor Hamilton thanked Tourism Barrie for its continued efforts to promote Barrie as a tourism destination. He specifically commended Kathleen Trainor on her dedication and innovative approach to marketing Barrie and noted that Barrie residents are getting great value from Tourism Barrie.

Announcements

Councillor Tom Moore announced that he had attended the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) Nordic Ski Championship Banquet on Thursday, February 23rd, 2006. He noted that 630 athletes and coaches had participated at the Nordic events held at Hardwood Hills. Councillor Moore commented that Hardwood Hills is one of the top three Nordic tracks in North America. On behalf of the City of Barrie, Councillor Moore congratulated the staff of Hardwood Hills and Innisdale Secondary School for hosting a successful event.

Councillor Adam Smith announced that he had attended the 55th Annual General Meeting of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority. He noted that the Minister of Natural Resources and Minister Responsible for Aboriginal Affairs, David Ramsay provided the keynote address and congratulated the Conservation Authority on its 55 years of success.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Presentation of the “Building a Creative Future Plan”

Mr. T. Handy, Ted Handy and Associates presented to General Committee regarding the Cultural Plan “Building a Creative Future Plan”. T. Handy commented that the Downtown Commercial Master Plan, adopted by Council, recognizes arts and cultural activities as essential for success and designated a cultural neighbourhood. T. Handy noted that a component of the success of the downtown revitalization will be cultural resources, including the arts and arts districts.

T. Handy commented that Culture can be thought of as the beliefs, attitudes, customs and practices of a people and a place. Cultural activities and places contribute significantly to the vibrancy and quality of life in a city. He noted that creating wealth is only one of the important direct benefits that the arts bring to a community. He commented that the research, analysis conducted as part of the plan provides an understanding of the scope of Barrie's arts community, its impact and potential.

T. Handy stated that the following requirements are necessary in establishing the downtown as Barrie's first cultural place:

- A healthy sustainable arts community;
- Thoughtful consideration of staged arts facility development;
- The attraction of culture-based opportunities and organization into the downtown, and
- A sound marketing and business plan.

Presentation of the “Building a Creative Future Plan” (continued)

T. Handy commented that the primary recommendation contained within the Plan is the creation of a Cultural Development Office (CDO) to provide the development of cultural policies, oversight of funding to support and promote cultural organizations, industries, and activities and to provide advice, counsel and planning on cultural development to all City departments. Mr. Handy outlined a number of other recommendations contained within the Plan including moving Georgian College’s School of Design and Visual Arts to the downtown area.

T. Handy noted that the arts and culture sector has grown from a very small to a remarkably significant player in Barrie’s economy. He concluded by noting that the Downtown Commercial Master Plan provides an excellent business case for strategic public and private sector investment. He further added that these investments should be planned to generate wealth, capture the opportunity that culture provides and ensure a unique quality of place.

Public Meeting

Application for Rezoning – Elemental Developments – Southwest Corner of Bayfield Street and Grove Street

A Public Meeting was held to review an application for a rezoning submitted by Innovative Planning Solutions on behalf of Elemental Developments for lands located at the southwest corner of Bayfield Street and Grove Street. The property is legally described as Part of Lot 23, Registered Plan 135, and is located within the Queen’s Park Planning Area. The property has a total area of approximately 0.2ha.

The lands are considered to be designated Residential Area within the City’s Official Plan and are currently zoned Multiple Family Dwelling First Density RM1 in accordance with Zoning By-law 85-95.

The owner has applied to amend the current zoning of the property from Multiple Family Dwelling First Density RM1 to Multiple-Family Dwelling Second Density RM2 (Special) to permit the future development of a three storey, nine unit apartment building with at grade parking.

The applicant is requesting a reduction to the minimum lot area requirement of 1,830m² to 1,499.14m², a reduction to the minimum front yard setback of 7m to 5.6m, an increase to the maximum gross floor area from 60% to 67%, and an increase in the maximum number of units permitted from 7 to 9. All other standards of the By-law would remain unchanged and the property would be subject to site plan control.

There were no comments from the audience regarding the application. Two pieces of written correspondence were received regarding the application. The written comments have been forwarded to staff in the Planning Services Department for reference purposes.

The following matters will be considered by General Committee on March 6, 2006:

Rotary Club Presentation on the Development of a Waterfront Park Recognizing the Relationship between CFB Borden and the City of Barrie

The Committee approved a recommendation to refer the Rotary Club proposal for the development of a park to recognize the long standing relationship between the City of Barrie and CFB Borden to staff in the Leisure, Transit and Works Department. Staff will meet with representatives of the Barrie Rotary Club and Canadian Forces Base Borden to refine the proposal and report back to General Committee.

Heavy Truck Ban Policy

The Committee approved a recommendation requesting staff to continue to address heavy truck complaints on a site specific basis and install “No Heavy Truck” signs as required.

Request for Addition of Niche Walls – Barrie Union Cemetery Co.

The Committee approved a recommendation to add three new niche walls in the Barrie Union Cemetery pursuant to Chapter 4, Section 3 (2) Cemeteries Act (Revised) R.S.O. 1990 and in accordance with the written application and site plan submitted January 31, 2006 by Barrie Union Cemetery Co.

A copy of the decision together with the reasons for it, will be sent to the Registrar and to the applicant. The City will publish notice of the decision in the local newspaper.

Communications Capital Projects

The Committee approved a recommendation to reallocate residual funds in the 2005 Communications Equipment capital account in the amount of \$72,793 as follows:

- a) \$19,060 to the Firehouse Web Module as a 2006 capital project
- b) \$37,000 to the Firehouse Scheduling Module as a 2006 capital project
- c) \$16,733 to the capital expenditure reserve (13-04-0441) in accordance with Council policy.

Use of Barrie Arena as an Emergency Shelter

The Committee approved a recommendation to adopt the protocol attached as Appendix A to Staff Report LTW004-06 for activating the Barrie Arena as an emergency shelter during extreme weather conditions.

Building a Creative Future

The Committee approved a recommendation to receive the draft Building A Creative Future Plan as prepared by Ted Handy & Associates dated February 2006 and presented to General Committee on February 27, 2006.

Staff will be authorized to conduct an open house to receive further community input, and report back to General Committee with the final plan and recommendations by April 24, 2006.

Official Plan and Zoning By-law Applications regarding Bayvista Industrial Inc. Lands – Bayview Drive and Churchill Drive

The Committee did not approve the application submitted by Bayvista Industrial Inc. for the redesignation and rezoning of the lands located at the northeast corner of Bayview Drive and Churchill Drive from General Industrial to General Commercial not be approved.

A public meeting will be scheduled with respect to the rezoning of the lands located at the northeast corner of Bayview Drive and Churchill Drive, which are owned by Bayvista Industrial Inc., from Heavy Industrial M2 to General Industrial EM4.

Rebuilding of the Oak Ridge Facility

The Committee approved a recommendation requesting the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to move the rebuilding of Oak Ridge to the next phase as soon as possible to ensure that Ontario remains a humane and progressive Province with a modern health care infrastructure.

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