HIGHLIGHTS: General Committee of Barrie City Council  
Monday, June 17, 2019

All General Committee motions will be considered for final approval at the June 24, 2019 Barrie City Council meeting.

Public Meeting

Application for a Zoning Bylaw amendment - City initiated housekeeping amendments to Zoning Bylaw 2009-141

A Public Meeting was held to review municipally initiated amendments to Barrie’s Zoning Bylaw, which are intended to address inconsistencies, barriers for implementation, errors and omissions - in both text and mapping - that have become apparent through the bylaw’s use since its Aug. 10, 2009 approval. These revisions relate to legislative changes or requirements, modified definitions and revised standards that should assist and improve the bylaw’s implementation. Signs, parking and second suites are some of the matters being considered.

A staff report on these proposed housekeeping amendments to the Zoning Bylaw is anticipated to be considered by Barrie Councillors in the fall of 2019. Any required changes to other City bylaws such as the Business Licensing Bylaw and the Registration Bylaw for Two-Unit Houses would be addressed at the same time.

Staff Reports/Motions

Development Charge Credit Agreement - Maplevie sanitary sewer project

Barrie Councillors gave initial approval to a motion authorizing the completion and execution of a Development Charge (DC) Credit Agreement with the Hewitt’s Landowner Group. The DC credits would be given to the landowners in exchange for their completion of this project - construction of a sanitary sewer along Maplevie Drive East from the Hewitt’s trunk sewer to the eastern limits of the Bulut property. This $2-million project will be completed at the same time as the Maplevie transmission watermain, which is being completed by both the Salem and Hewitt’s landowner groups.

Development Charge Credit Agreement - Maplevie transmission watermain project

The completion and execution of a Development Charge (DC) Credit Agreement with the Hewitt’s and Salem landowners groups was given initial approval by City Councillors. DC credits would be given to the landowners in exchange for their completion of the construction of a transmission watermain along Maplevie Drive East from Royal Jubilee Drive to Yonge Street in Barrie, at a cost of $3.37 million. This project would be completed at the same time as the construction of a sanitary sewer along Maplevie Drive East from the Hewitt's trunk sewer to the eastern limits of the Bulut property.
Items for Discussion

Provincial Government - Audit and Accountability Fund

Councillors gave initial approval to a motion to have City staff apply for provincial funding, from Ontario’s Audit and Accountability Fund, in support of a third party review of the City’s service delivery and modernization opportunities. As part of the expected matching funding by the province for this program, $75,000 would be set aside from Barrie’s strategic priorities reserve.

The $7.35-million Audit and Accountability Fund is a provincial initiative to help Ontario municipalities search for efficiencies and better ways than raising property taxes to balance their budgets.

The City of Barrie does ongoing work finding efficiencies through service reviews and innovation.
This motion is sponsored by Deputy Mayor Barry Ward.

No parking restrictions - Windsor Crescent

A motion to change the No Parking Anytime schedule in Barrie’s Traffic Bylaw for a stretch of Windsor Crescent was given initial approval by City Councillors. The north side of the south leg of Windsor Crescent from a point 140 metres east of Birchall Place to a point 56 metres north and east would be added to the schedule, and no parking signs would be located there. This motion is sponsored by Councillor Mike McCann.

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New park regulations and to repeal current Parks Use Bylaw 2010-033

Barrie City Council gave final approval to a motion that regulates activities in and use of City parks, while repealing the current Parks Use Bylaw. The proposed new regulations are designed to allow for enhanced activities in certain areas of Barrie’s parks, while maintaining overall standards City wide.

Dogs will be permitted in all waterfront parks while on leash, but remain prohibited from entering or remaining in all beach areas. Owners will continue to be responsible for keeping their dog on a leash no longer than six feet at all times.

Staff have determined that Barrie parks are not only used as general gathering places, but for family events, community gatherings and in some cases to enhance various commercial activities.

Application for Zoning Bylaw amendment (H&H Capital Group Ltd.) - 124, 180 and 228 McKay Road West (Ward 7)

City Council gave final approval of a motion to rezone this 86-acre property to permit the development of 327 single family homes, 359 townhouses and a mixed block that includes 100 high density residential units. The project will also contain one elementary school and a neighbourhood park.

This property is located west of Veteran’s Drive and north of McKay Road West. It’s generally flat and contains one home, a barn and horse track. There are trees on its western portion and it’s mostly farmed fields.
Official Plan amendment and Zoning Bylaw amendment applications (750 Mapleview Inc.) - 750 Mapleview Dr. E. (Ward 10)

Council gave final approval to Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw amendments changing the limits of environmental protection and residential designations on this 3.43-acre property, which is located on the north side of Mapleview Drive East, east of Yonge Street and the rail line. The changes will, at a minimum, permit the development of 90 townhouses on this property. City staff consider the change in land-use designation to accurately identify the limits of the property’s natural heritage features.

Application for Official Plan amendment and Zoning Bylaw amendment (Pivag) - 45 and 51 Penetang St. (Ward 2)

Final approval by City Council was given to a motion redesignating and rezoning 45 and 51 Penetang St. in Barrie to permit the development of 50 apartments in a six storey residential building.

The developer is asking for special provisions on building height, parking, landscaped open space, buffering, front and side yard setbacks, and gross floor area. This property is located northwest of Codrington Street and west of Dundonald Street, northeast of the City’s Urban Growth Centre.

Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw amendment application - Innovative Planning Solutions - 40, 42, 44 and 50 Anne St. and 124, 128 and 130 Henry St. (Ward 2)

Council gave final approval to rezone and redesignate the Hi-Way Pentecostal Church site in Barrie to develop a new, two storey church on its south-east corner, fronting Anne Street.

A second, mixed-use, three storey structure connected to the church will front onto Henry Street. The new church is to include a large sanctuary for 800 people, while the campus is to have a gymnasium, a childcare nursery and support spaces such as classrooms and meeting rooms.

This property is located near Anne Street North and Highway 400, abutting Henry Street to the south.

Long term financing and debt options

A motion that City Finance Department staff work with the Federal and Provincial governments to explore opportunities that may exist in order to provide additional flexibility and cost reductions when dealing with long-term financing or debt options was given final approval by Barrie City Council.

Zoning Bylaw amendment application - Dusko Jankov - 403 Cox Mill Rd. (Ward 8)

City Council gave final approval to a motion rezoning 403 Cox Mill Rd. in Barrie to facilitate severing this property into two lots to develop two single family homes on this 0.3-acre site. The severance still requires approval from the Committee of Adjustment. This property is located on the east side of Cox Mill Road, south of Arbour Trail.
Financing the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport (LSRA) expansion through a sale of shares

Council gave final approval to a motion to sell the majority of Barrie’s ownership in LSRA to reduce the City’s financial commitment toward capital investments required for airport expansion to serve future business and employment opportunities.

The County of Simcoe is interested in acquiring a significant portion of Barrie’s share of LSRA, which would decrease the City’s ownership to 10% from 60%. Barrie would see a corresponding reduction in its maintenance, operating, capital and borrowing charges.

A provision would be included in the agreement identifying that should the LSRA corporation be dissolved in the future, or land or building assets in the future be sold, the proceeds would be distributed to the three LSRA shareholders (Barrie, the County of Simcoe, Oro-Medonte Township) on the basis of their historic investments in the airport, including land acquisition.

The County’s purchase of shares from Barrie has an approximate value of $3.7 million; this would be a City funding source for the LSRA’s capital budget requests related to securing significant employment opportunities at the airport, which is located on Line 7 North in Oro-Medonte Township.

2020 Business Plan and Budget directions

A motion that City staff prepare a 2020 Business Plan for all tax-supported services in Barrie was given final approval by Council.

It will include the continuation of an annual Dedicated Infrastructure Renewal Fund and a 3% cap on any potential property tax increase, excluding legislated charges and the levy associated with the Dedicated Infrastructure Renewal Fund. Any user fees that are added, removed, increased or decreased by 5% or more, relating to current fees, will be presented to Councillors within the Business Plan binder documents.

City staff will also consider including an increased contribution of $110,000 to the Tax Capital Reserve, or approximately $2 per Barrie household, for more active transportation initiatives. The planned budget request for the city wide cycling program could be increased by $110,000 with funding from the Tax Capital Reserve for each year the $2 levy is in place.

Active transportation is any form of human-powered movement, such as walking, cycling, wheeling, in-line skating, skateboarding and ice skating. It also involves combining transportation such as walking or cycling with public transit.

Application for Zoning Bylaw amendment (1980168 Ontario Inc.) - 105, 107, 109 and 111 Edgehill Dr. (Ward 5)

A motion to rezone 105, 107, 109 and 111 Edgehill Dr. in Barrie was given final approval by City Council to permit development of 63 back-to-back townhouses, within four buildings, on this 1.9-acre property.

It’s located on the south side of Edgehill Drive, west of Anne Street North, and comprises four adjacent parcels of land. This site slopes down from Edgehill Drive to Highway 400, and contains three single-family homes.

The developer is asking for special provisions on height, density, parking, gross floor area, front and side yard setbacks, and lot coverage.