City of Barrie

REPORT NO. 53 OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

For consideration by the Council
of the City of Barrie on December 6, 2004.

The General Committee met at 8:15 p.m. on November 29, 2004.

COUNCIL: Mayor, R.J. Hamilton
Councillor, A.V.G. Smith
Councillor, D. Aspden
Councillor, P.W. Brown
Councillor, B.J. Ward
Councillor, L. M. Strachan
Councillor, M.P. Prowse
Councillor, S.B.A. Trotter
Councillor, J.R. Moore
Councillor, K.A. LePage
Councillor, T.J. Moore.

STUDENT MAYOR: Emily Charron, Barrie Central Collegiate (left the meeting at 9:06 p.m.)

STAFF: City Administrator, P. Lee
City Clerk, J. Sisson
City Treasurer, S. Ross
City Clerk’s Assistant, L. Pearson
Commissioner of Community Services, K. Columbus
Commissioner of Corporate Services, J. Craig
Commissioner of Development Services, G. Calvert
Director of Engineering, R. Newlove (left the meeting at 11:03 p.m.)
Director of Human Resources, S. Kaplan (left the meeting at 11:03 p.m.)
Director of Leisure, Transit and Works, S. Armatage (left the meeting at 9:45 p.m.)
Deputy City Clerk, D. McAlpine
Environmental Waste Manager, R. Yole (left the meeting at 9:45 p.m.)
Fire Chief, R. Hickey (left the meeting at 9:45 p.m.)
Policy Planner, E. Hodgins (left the meeting at 9:45 p.m.)
Manager of Environmental Services, A. Scott (left the meeting at 9:45 p.m.).

The General Committee met for the purpose of a public meeting pursuant to the Planning Act and reports as follows:

SECTION “A”

Mayor Hamilton advised the public that any concerns or appeals dealing with the Official Plan Amendment and Rezoning should be directed to the City Clerk’s Office. Any interested persons wishing further notification of the staff report regarding the application were advised to sign the appropriate notification form required by the City Clerk’s Office. Mayor Hamilton confirmed with the City Clerk’s Assistant that notification was conducted in accordance with the Planning Act.
Mr. Eric Hodgins, Policy Planner, Planning Services Department advised that the purpose of the public meeting is to review an application for an Official Plan Amendment and rezoning submitted by the City of Barrie. The subject lands are located at the City of Barrie Waste Management Facility and known municipally as 272 Ferndale Drive. The property is identified as Part of Lots 21, 22 and 23, Concession 7, formerly in the Township of Vespra, now in the City of Barrie.

Mr. Hodgins indicated that the subject property is currently designated Environmental Protection Area and Sandy Hollow Landfill Site in the City’s Official Plan and zoned Environmental Protection EP, Municipal Sanitation MS and Municipal Sanitation Special Provision MS (SP-256) according to Zoning By-law 85-95.

Mr. Hodgins provided a map of the lands and reviewed the areas that are proposed for redesignation and rezoning. He further commented that the purpose of the application is as follows:

- the reclassification of Section 5.6 of the Official Plan from Sandy Hollow Landfill to Waste Management Facility;
- the redesignation of approximately 10 ha of land from Environmental Protection Area to Open Space and a rezoning from Environmental Protection EP to Open Space OS to permit a range of open space uses including playgrounds, trails, sports fields, soccer fields, accessory parking areas, buildings and structures;
- the redesignation of approximately 4 ha of land from Environmental Protection Area to Waste Management Facility and a rezoning from Environmental Protection EP to Municipal Sanitation MS Special Provision to permit the relocation of the existing compost facility;
- the redesignation of approximately 3 ha of land from Environmental Protection Area to Waste Management Facility and a rezoning from Environmental Protection EP to Municipal Sanitation MS Special Provision to permit a fire training area incorporating a vehicle extrication pad, training tower and flashover unit; and,
- the redesignation of approximately 7 ha of land from Environmental Protection Area to Waste Management Facility and a rezoning from Environmental Protection EP to Municipal Sanitation MS Special Provision to permit a soil management area.

Mr. Hodgins commented that an environmental impact study had been completed in April, 2004. He indicated that the Ministry of Natural Resources, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and the Ministry of Environment had reviewed and provided comment on the report. He further commented that an addendum to the report was submitted in October, 2004.
COMMENTS:

1. **Larry Sauer, 79 Benson Drive** stated that he has lived in the area for 8 years. He feels that there does not appear to be a long term plan for this land. He expressed concern with motorized vehicles such as ATVS on the property and the difficulty in patrolling the Open Space area. He also expressed concern with the lighting for the sports fields, the noise and the type of buildings which are going to be proposed as part of the fire training facility. He feels that further detailed plans should be provided to the residents.

2. **Craig Weir, 286 Edgehill Drive** expressed concern with the amount of loose garbage that is strewn against the fences and trees on a windy day at the landfill site. He feels that this issue would pose a safety concern if children were to utilize the area. He also expressed concern with the smoke from the Fire Training Centre and asked how the smoke’s toxic fumes would be controlled.

3. **Karen Greenough, 40 Benson Drive** expressed concern that the proposed Open Space uses would result in noise and increased traffic would pose a safety issue. She is also concerned with the lighting of the open space and fire and smoke that will be created from the Fire Training Facility.

4. **Evelyn Ferguson, 453 Edgehill Drive** commented that Ferndale Drive is a busy street and she feels that the Open Space will create a further safety issue for pedestrians in the area. She also stated that the sand pile and paper blowing in the area is not aesthetically pleasing.

5. **Joe Schembri, 51 Benson Drive** is concerned that the Open Space will take away the privacy and quiet he presently enjoys with the green space behind his property. He also feels that the residents need to be provided with more details specifically on traffic, parking and the volume of people that may be using the Open Space lands.

6. **Jim Wilcox, 31 Hodgson Drive** asked how long the City had been working on this plan. He feels that the residents should have been provided with more information on the plan and asked for information on the process that is used to notify the residents of a Public Meeting. He further commented that he is not aware of residents in the area asking for more sports fields.

7. **Arnie Ivsins, 43 Alfred Street** asked if consideration had been given to implementing the green bin program to divert the organic waste from the landfill.

8. **Nathan Klaassen, 77 Benson Drive**, questioned if the area designated for the management/compost area would allow other activities other than soil management. He also inquired regarding access routes to the Open Space lands.

9. **William McLinden, 21 Benson Drive** asked where the parking area would be established. He noted that he is generally concerned with the ambiguity of the Open Space area.

10. **Mike Murandler, 307 Miller Drive** stated that he is concerned with the proposed fire training area and questioned where the access will be for the training facility.

11. **Keith McKinnon, 27 Huntington Drive** stated that he feels more specific plans are needed including the details on tree preservation and a site plan.
12. **Ann Scully, 437 Edgehill Drive** stated that she feels more information should be given to the residents and that a map containing detailed information regarding the location of each use should have been circulated with the Public Meeting Notice. She is also concerned with the proposed size of the compost and soil management areas.

13. **George Hess, 45 Benson Drive** expressed concern with the number of changes that have occurred in the area over the past several years. He would like assurance that a year from now the plans presented this evening will not change.

14. **Michael Brown, 446 Edgehill Drive** outlined his concerns regarding the smoke that will be created by the Fire Training area. He also expressed concern regarding the noise that may be created from developing the site. He stated that he would like to see a buffer zone created behind his house to help mitigate the impact of the noise.

15. **Larry Sauer, 79 Benson Drive**, outlined his concerns with security in the area if the Open Space uses are approved. He again expressed concern that the police do not have a vehicle to accommodate patrolling of this area.

16. **Liuwe Ottema, 321 Miller Drive** is concerned with the noise that may be created from the Open Space and is concerned with the chemicals that may be emitted into the air from the Fire Training area. He asked if the fire training area was a part of the environmental impact study and if the documents were available for public viewing.

17. **Mike Linseman, 442 Edgehill Drive**, stated that he has concerns with the dismantling of the EP designation. He suggested that a comprehensive plan for lands should be developed for long term. He questioned if other areas had been considered for the location of the Fire Training Facility. He also expressed concern with the effect that the smoke from the facility will have on the wildlife and participants attending the sports fields.

**WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS**

1. Letter dated November 17, 2004 from Holly Spacek, Simcoe County District School Board indicating that they have no objections to the proposed redesignation and rezoning.

2. Letter dated November 22, 2004 from Janet Franks outlining her objection to the redesignation and rezoning of the property. She feels that Ferndale Drive North is already extremely dangerous and increased traffic will pose an increased safety issue. She is also concerned with the destruction of the meadowland area, the noise that will be created from the proposed use of the property and the smoke that will be created from the proposed fire training facility.

3. Letter dated November 20, 2004 from Mike Linseman stating his concerns with the proposed location of the fire training facility.

4. Letter dated November 16, 2004 from Alfred W. Egerton, requesting notification of any further information and forthcoming decisions to be made by Council regarding the Redesignation and Rezoning of the land at the City of Barrie Waste Management Facility.
5. Letter dated November 17, 2004 from Kevin DeVos, Ministry of Transportation, Central Region, Corridor Management Office stating that the Ministry has no comments or concerns with the proposed redesignation and rezoning.

6. Letter dated November 25, 2004 from Richard C. Jones, Jones Consulting Group representing two separate property owners, David Blenkam of AGC Development Inc. and Bernie and Heather Still. He indicates that his clients do not object to the City’s initiatives but feels that the provisions of appropriate buffers to eliminate noise, odour and visual impact should be implemented.

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

SECTION “B”

CITY OF BARRIE’S 2005 ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

1. That the draft 2005 Accessibility Plan attached as Appendix “A” to Staff Report CLK086-04 be approved.

2. That the staff working group, in consultation with the Accessibility Advisory Committee monitor implementation of the Plan and report back to General Committee with the City’s 2006 Accessibility Plan in October, 2005 in accordance with the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario’s guidance.

3. That the allocation of $5,000 be continued in the 2005 Operating Budget for the Accessibility Advisory Committee and that these funds be utilized to support the activities of the Committee in helping the City of Barrie meet its obligations under the Ontarians With Disabilities Act, 2001 at the discretion of the City Clerk and the City Treasurer. (CLK086-04) (File: C05)

ACCEPTANCE OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE OAK TERRACE PLAN OF SUBDIVISION, LOCATED WEST OF ST. VINCENT STREET AND NORTH OF LIVINGSTONE STREET - REGISTERED PLAN 51M-682

1. That Council accept the “as-constructed” municipal services within and complementary to the Oak Terrace Plan of Subdivision described as Registered Plan 51M-682, and that a by-law be prepared to assume the streets as public highways subject to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, City Clerk, Director of Engineering, and Barrie Hydro and subject to the following conditions:

   a) That a Letter of Credit, in the amount of $132,761.00, be held until the completion of the one-year maintenance period, at which time a final inspection of the works, within and associated with this plan, will be performed with the Owner;

   b) That a Letter of Credit, in the amount of $10,055.00, be held for the purpose of securing uncompleted work including $3,555.00 for municipal works within the municipal right-of-ways (driveway approaches, and boulevard sodding adjacent to 4 uncompleted lots) and $6,500.00 for lot grading certification. (ENG039-04) (File: D12-286)
04-G-683  LETTER FROM RICHARD BULLIS REGARDING ROADWORK ON ECCLES STREET

That the letter from Richard Bullis dated November 16, 2004 concerning roadworks on Eccles Street be referred to staff in the Engineering Department for appropriate response. (File: T00)

04-G-684  PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT

That the letter from R. Kelly, Chair, Community Task Force for Physician Recruitment dated November 22, 2004 regarding a request for funding for the Physician Recruitment Program be referred to the Corporate Services Committee for consideration. (Circ. November 29, 2004, C5) (File: S00)

SECTION “C”

04-G-685  SIMCOE COUNTY MUSEUM FUNDING REQUEST

1. That an amount of $64,800 be included in the City of Barrie’s 2005 to 2009 operating budgets as its contribution to the Simcoe County Museum capital expansion program and that the County of Simcoe be so advised.

2. That, in response to the County of Simcoe’s resolution regarding the name of the revised “Village Street” at the Simcoe County Museum, the City of Barrie provides the name of “Barrie’s Main Street, circa 1880” and that the County of Simcoe be so advised. (FIN018-04) (File: F00)

The General Committee reports that upon adoption of the required procedural motion it met In-Camera to discuss a confidential security of property matter and a confidential labour relations matter. Members of the press and public were not present for this portion of the meeting.

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

SECTION “D”

04-G-686  CONFIDENTIAL SECURITY OF PROPERTY MATTER

That confidential motion 04-G-686 contained within the confidential notes of General Committee Report No. 53 be adopted.

Pursuant to Procedural By-law 90-01, as amended, Section 1, Subsection 7, the Committee adopted a procedural motion in order to extend the meeting past 11:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight.

04-G-687  CONFIDENTIAL LABOUR RELATIONS MATTER

That confidential motion 04-G-687 contained within the confidential notes of General Committee Report No. 53 be adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

CHAIRMAN