

**The Following Matters Were Dealt With At the
Council and General Committee Meetings held on March 26, 2007**

COUNCIL

2007 OPERATING BUDGETS WITH FORECASTS FOR 2008 AND 2009

City Council adopted motion 07-G-135 approving the 2007 Operating Budgets with Forecasts for 2008 and 2009 by:

- a) Decreasing the Transfer to the General Capital Reserve Account (account 01-13-1510-0000-4910) by \$1,100,000 and that \$375,000 be added to the Transfer to Capital Fund for Roads (01-16-2510-0000-4930) for a net impact of \$725,000."
- b) Reducing the amount for the Contingencies (Account 01-13-1520-00000-3000) from \$250,000 to \$210,000.
- c) Reducing the amount to be transferred to the Corporate Fleet Reserve from \$923,863 to \$863,863 associated with conventional transit (01-17-4200-0000-4910)

This motion approved the 2007 Operating Budgets reflecting a tax levy requirement of \$134,057,417 and a 2.98% blended tax rate increase over 2006.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Aspden congratulated Councillor Lynn Strachan on the birth of her baby girl Alexandra on Tuesday, March 20th, 2007.

Mayor Aspden congratulated Jon Babulic on his appointment as Chief Administrative Officer, Richard Forward on his appointment as Acting Commissioner of Community Services and Wendell McArthur on his appointment as Acting Director of Engineering. He extended his appreciation to Gary Calvert for assuming the role of Acting City Administrator over the past several months and noted that Gary Calvert will be returning to his duties as Commissioner of Development Services, as well as continuing in the role as Acting Commissioner of Corporate Services until the recruitment and hiring of the new Commissioner of Corporate Services has occurred.

Councillor Lehman announced that the Downtown Barrie BIA will be holding its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7, 2007 starting at 10 a.m. He noted that Fred Grant Street between Dunlop Street East and Simcoe Street and Simcoe Street between Fred Grant Street and Dunlop Street East will be closed on Saturday, April 7, 2007 from 6 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the event.

Councillor Brassard noted that the Lung Association and Living Green Barrie will be hosting an information session regarding the Northern Ethanol plant on Wednesday, March 28th at 7 p.m. at the Southshore Community Centre.

Mayor Aspden announced that a Mayor's Open House will be held on Tuesday, April 3rd from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the City Hall Rotunda.

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GENERAL COMMITTEE

The following matters will be considered by City Council on April 2, 2007:

PROPOSAL FOR AN ETHANOL PLANT AT THE FORMER MOLSON PLANT

The Committee approved a recommendation to receive the memorandum from J. Sisson, City Clerk dated March 20, 2007 regarding the proposal by Northern Ethanol for the development of an ethanol plant at the former Molson Brewery site located at One Big Bay Point Road, for information purposes.

City staff will continue to review the Northern Ethanol development application and report back to General Committee as required for direction related to the proposed development.

OUTSTANDING DEVELOPMENT CHARGES FOR THE IOOF SENIORS HOME INC.

The Committee approved a recommendation to receive the memo from S. Ross, City Treasurer dated March 20, 2007 regarding Development Charges for the IOOF Seniors Home Inc., for information purposes.

DEEMING BYLAW – LOT 47, REGISTERED PLAN 51M-379 (RAWSON AVE)

The Committee approved a recommendation to enact a Deeming By-law per Section 50(4) of the Planning Act over Lot 47 on Registered Plan 51M-379, Rawson Avenue, which would serve to create a single property for lands owned by the City of Barrie and intended to be conveyed to Morriello Construction Limited.

GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY FOR THE CORPORATION AND THE COMMUNITY

The Committee approved a recommendation to adopt the Greenhouse Gas Inventory for the Corporation and the Community, as prepared by CH2M Hill (October 2006).

Striking Committee will facilitate the formation of a Community Energy Steering Committee of appropriate staff and interested community members, to develop appropriate targets for reduction, and projects to meet these Greenhouse Reduction Targets for the Community, and report back to Community Services Committee.

The Engineering Department will evaluate projects, including an assessment of the Viability of Capturing Gases from the Sandy Hollow Landfill Site, and the costs and benefits for implementation to achieve the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets for the Corporation, and report back to General Committee.

Staff will establish a monitoring program to quantify and verify reductions in emissions for both the Corporation and Community, and report back to General Committee.

ALL-WAY STOP SIGN - CUMMING DRIVE AND BLOOM CRESCENT

The Committee approved a recommendation to not install an All-Way Stop at the intersection of Cumming Drive and Bloom Crescent (easterly intersection).

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**ALL-WAY STOP SIGNS - SANDRINGHAM DRIVE AND BIRKHALL PLACE, AND RAQUEL STREET
AND ESTHER DRIVE**

The Committee approved a recommendation to refer the recommendation to not install an All-Way Stop at the intersection of Sandringham Drive and Birkhall Crescent and at the intersection of Raquel Street and Esther Drive to Community Services Committee for consideration.

MARSELLUS DRIVE – HEAVY TRUCK PROHIBITION

The Committee approved a recommendation to prohibit heavy trucks on Marsellus Drive, between Mapleview Drive West and Mapleton Avenue, and that By-law 80-138 be so amended.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CRAIGMEL PLAN OF
SUBDIVISION – PHASES I & II, LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF BIG BAY POINT ROAD, WEST
OF PRINCE WILLIAM WAY, REGISTERED PLAN 51M-683**

The Committee approved a recommendation to accept the “as-constructed” municipal services within, and complementary to, the Craigmel Plan of Subdivision – Phases I & II, described as Registered Plan 51M-683 (Ministry File 43T-98502). A by-law will be prepared to assume the streets within the Plan of Subdivision 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 \$283,640.00 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 Developer.
- b) That a Letter of Credit in the amount of \$37,661.00 be held for the purpose of securing certain minor uncompleted works such as driveway paving and sodding adjacent to lots under construction, and for completing lot grading for undeveloped lots and blocks, and which shall be held until the work is completed.
- c) That a Letter of Credit in the amount of \$46,572.00 be held until municipal acceptance and the assumption of Phase III.

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENT AND SECTION 326 (MUNICIPAL ACT) SERVICING COST
APPORTIONMENTS**

The Committee approved a recommendation to adopt Appendix “A” to Staff Report FIN016-07 as the policy for apportioning costs under a local improvement petition or Section 326 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25 installations.

By-law 2516, as amended, will be repealed.

2007 DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT AREA BOARD LEVY

The Committee approved a recommendation to establish a special charge of 0.298912% for 2007 to levy an amount of \$251,093 upon commercial properties in the Downtown Improvement Area. The appropriate by-law will be prepared.

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STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ACTION PLAN

The Committee approved a recommendation to endorse in principle, the list of action plans associated with each of the 10 Strategic Priorities as per Appendix "A" to Staff Report CAO002-07. Staff will provide more detailed business plans to Council by June 2007.

NORTH SHORE TRAIL – VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN - PHASE 1

The Committee approved the Vegetation Management Plan, Phase 1 Area, regarding the maintenance of the North Shore Trail as detailed in Option 1, Appendix "A" to Staff Report ENG015-07, to permit selective vegetation removal, and replacement with low growth native species.

The maintenance of the North Shore Trail described in the Vegetation Management Plan, Phase 1 Area will be reviewed in the Fall of 2008.

SEPARATION OF OFFICE EXPENDITURES FOR THE MAYOR'S AND CAO'S OFFICE IN FUTURE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

The Committee approved a recommendation to clearly separate the Mayor's Office and the CAO's office expenditures in all future Operating and Capital budgets.

FUNDING ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES – REDEVELOPMENT OF CITY CENTRE

The Committee approved a recommendation that Councillor R. Jackson, Councillor J. Lehman and Councillor J. Moore act as liaisons between City staff, the City's development consultant, representatives of the Federal and Provincial Governments and other interested stakeholders to investigate opportunities for funding assistance and to promote the renewal and redevelopment of the City Centre (including the Allandale, Waterfront and Historic Downtown areas) in an environmentally friendly manner that encourages economic and cultural synergies that benefit the entire community.

The Councillors will provide regular written updates to General Committee regarding funding and development opportunities.

GEORGIAN BAY VOLUNTEER SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM

The Committee approved a recommendation to invite Deborah MacKenzie, CHRP, Georgian Bay Volunteer Search and Rescue, to make a presentation to General Committee regarding the Georgian Bay Volunteer Search and Rescue Team.

2007 SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Committee approved a recommendation to refer the letter from Jim Bradley, Minister Responsible for Seniors dated March 2007 regarding nominations for the 2007 Senior of the Year Award to the Community Services Committee for review.

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PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL SPORTING COMPETITION EVENT

The Committee approved a recommendation to invite Mark Taylor, Vice President, Event Properties IMG Canada to make a presentation to the Community Services Committee regarding a proposal to hold a major international sporting competition event in Barrie, in the summer of 2008.

For further details, please contact:

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