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COUNCIL

STUDENT MAYORS

Student Mayor Ryan Bate of Monsignor Clair School provided comments at the end of his term as Student Mayor.

Ryan thanked Mayor Aspden and the members of City Council for both an enlightening and enjoyable term of office as Student Mayor. He extended a special note of appreciation to Councillor Mike Ramsay for assisting him during the meetings. Ryan also thanked Monsignor Clair School for participating in the Student Mayor Program and his peers for electing him which enabled him to experience first-hand the inner workings of a municipal government.

Ryan thanked Barrie Fire Fighters Eric Webster and Chris Ivany and Recreation Programmer, Kate Ellis for tours of the Fire Hall and Victoria Village. He noted that he appreciated them taking the time out of their day to show him the operations of their facilities. Ryan indicated that he was looking forward to upcoming tours of both the police station and the landfill site.

Ryan stated that his experience as Student Mayor enabled him to witness how local government works. He observed that during Council, all members were provided an equal opportunity to be heard. Ryan noted that he learned that the democratic process does not end with the election, and that instead, the process continues to impact many, if not all of the decisions made at City Hall. He cited the example of the recent decision with respect to the provision of a grant to the I.O.O.F. Seniors Homes Inc. Ryan also explained that he was unaware that residents were permitted to have a voice and express their opinion on issues that may affect them such as the development of a property in the Tollendal Mill Road area. He commented that he had learned that many of Council's decisions relate directly to finances and responsible spending of the taxpayers' money.

Ryan noted that before being sworn in as Student Mayor two weeks ago, he had no idea of the extent or depth of the responsibilities of a municipal government. He commented that it was an amazing learning experience and he was honoured to be able to witness how a municipal government operates from the vantage point of the Student Mayor. Ryan observed that he had learned many things that he would not have been able to experience by sitting in a classroom and that his participation in the Student Mayor Program had struck a spark of interest in him that would perhaps one day result in him running for a position on City Council.

Ryan commented that the Student Mayor Program had been a fascinating learning experience. He remarked that watching the Councillors in action, observing how decisions are arrived at and how compromises are made was all part of a fantastic educational experience. Ryan thanked Mayor Aspden and the members of City Council for the opportunity to participate in the Student Mayor Program and their hard work on behalf of the citizens of Barrie.

Mayor Aspden presented Ryan with a certificate commemorating his term as Student Mayor.

Matt Clark of Eastview Secondary School was sworn into office as Student Mayor for the period of April 30, 2007 to May 14, 2007.

After being sworn into office, Matt took his seat on the dais beside Mayor Aspden. John Sisson, City Clerk, introduced Members of City Council and City staff to Matt.

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**MAYOR D. ASPDEN'S TRIP TO CHINA AND LETTER ON BEHALF OF A MEMBER OF THE BARRIE
POLICE SERVICE**

City Council adopted a motion in the interest of accountability and transparency, requesting the Chief Administrative Officer to contact the Ontario Provincial Police to request that they undertake an investigation of Mayor D. Aspden's April 2007 trip to China. A second motion was adopted which requires the City Clerk's Office to contact the "Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services" (O.C.C.P.S.) to review several matters relating to Mayor D. Aspden's letter on behalf of a member of the Barrie Police Service.

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAW 2004-185, A BY-LAW TO REGULATE THE SETTING OF OPEN FIRES

City Council amended motion 07-G-205 of General Committee Report No. 20, Section "B" concerning an Amendment to By-Law 2004-185, By-law to Regulate the Setting of Open Fires by adding the following paragraph:

- "4. That staff in the Barrie Fire and Emergency Service be requested to consult with the public regarding the proposed changes concerning Outdoor Solid Fuel Burning Appliances and report back to General Committee with a proposed draft of the new By-law regulating the use of Outdoor Solid Fuel Burning Appliances."

**LIGHTING ISSUES IN DONALD STREET PARK AND PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT ON DONALD
STREET**

City Council deferred consideration of motion 07-G-222 of General Committee Report No. 20, Section "C" concerning Lighting Issues in Donald Street Park and Pedestrian Movement on Donald Street until May 7, 2007 to allow for planned community consultation regarding the matter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Dave Aspden announced that the week of April 28th to May 6th has been proclaimed as Naturopathic Medicine Week. During this week, Naturopathic doctors across Canada will be opening their office doors or going into their communities to inform and educate people on the benefits of naturopathic medicine.

Mayor Aspden noted that the month of May has been proclaimed as Sexual Assault Prevention Month. Sexual Assault Prevention Month is intended to heighten awareness of violence against women and works towards its end.

Mayor Aspden commented that May has also been proclaimed as MS Awareness Month for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. The MS Carnation Campaign will be held on Mother's Day weekend. He noted that every flower makes a difference.

Mayor Aspden stated that May 3, 4 and 5th have been proclaimed as Mathematics Education Week. The Ontario Association of Mathematics Educators will be holding their provincial conference at Georgian College and is expecting over 1,000 teachers at the event. He observed that the local chapter's involvement will raise the profile of mathematics education in the Barrie area.

Mayor Aspden announced that he had attended a flag raising for Stroke Awareness Week. He remarked on the valuable work in the community by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

Mayor Aspden highlighted that May 9th has been proclaimed as McHappy Day. McDonald's restaurants will donate \$1 from every Big Mac, Egg McMuffin and Happy Meal sold on May 9th to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Canada and local children's charities. In Barrie, McDonald's will be raising funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Barrie and District. Mayor Aspden urged all citizens to support this worthwhile charitable effort.

Mayor Aspden announced that John Sisson, City Clerk has accepted the position of CAO for the Town of Bracebridge. Mayor Aspden indicated that Barrie's loss is Bracebridge's gain. John has been a huge asset to the City of Barrie and will be a wonderful addition to Bracebridge's team. Although John has a few more weeks with us before he leaves for Bracebridge, on behalf of City Council, Mayor Aspden extended best wishes to John on a brilliant future.

Councillor Alex Nuttall announced that the Holland Canada Chorus, a choir comprised of both Dutch Canadians and residents from Holland will be performing at the Springdale Reform Church in Holland Marsh on May 14th at 7:30 p.m.

Councillor Jeff Lehman extended his appreciation to all of the residents and organizations that participated in the Community Clean Ups on the past weekend. He made particularly mention of the students of high schools, specifically students of Barrie Central Collegiate, for their assistance in cleaning up the downtown core.

Councillor Lehman noted that the Barrie Waterfront Festival is scheduled to take place from May 18th to 21st, 2007. He reminded residents that Simcoe Street from Fred Grant Square to Dunlop Street and Fred Grant Square from Dunlop Street to Simcoe Street will be closed to traffic from Friday, May 18th at 6:00 a.m. until Monday, May 21st at 11:00 p.m. Lakeshore Drive from Bayfield Street to Mulcaster Street will be closed from Thursday, May 17th at 9:00 a.m. to Tuesday, May 22nd, at 12:00 a.m. for the midway set up and removal.

Councillor Mike Ramsay announced that the Barrie Branch of the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty towards Animals will be hosting a "Friends for Life" Walk-a-thon on May 27th at 9:00 a.m. at Heritage Park. Pledge forms are available on the OSPCA's website at <http://www.ospca.org/barrie/walkathon.htm>

Councillor Jerry Moore provided a brief update regarding three meetings held earlier in the day, in Ottawa with Infrastructure Canada and the Minister of Culture's office. Councillor Moore indicated that the meetings were very successful at raising the City of Barrie's profile and awareness of the plans for the City Centre. He thanked M.P. Patrick Brown for setting up the meetings and for the opportunity to meet with Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Councillor Moore indicated that he had the opportunity to speak with Prime Minister Harper regarding Barrie and proposed infrastructure projects.

Mayor Aspden announced that he was honoured to represent the City of Barrie on Sunday, April 29th at the Negev Dinner presented by the Jewish National Fund of Canada to provide a tribute to Mr. Stephen Sperling, a local businessman and community leader for his support of the Maof Environmental Education Program and the Am Shalom Education Program. Negev Dinners/Galas honour community leaders and those who have given outstanding personal effort of behalf of the Jewish State. Mayor Aspden noted that half of the funds associated with the Environmental Outreach Programs will remain in Barrie and provide an opportunity to educate youth with respect to the environment.

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GENERAL COMMITTEE

APPLICATION FOR AN OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT – EMEN INVESTMENTS LTD. – 218, 222, 224 BAYFIELD STREET AND 7 GROVE STREET WEST – (APRIL 30, 2007) (File: D09-OPA104 & D14-1427)

Ms. Trudy Paterson, Senior Planner, Skelton Brumwell & Associates explained that the purpose of the public meeting is to review an application for an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment submitted by Skelton Brumwell & Associates Inc. on behalf of EMEN Investments Ltd., for lands located at the south-west corner of Bayfield Street and Grove Street West. The property is legally described as Part of Lot 23, Registered Plan 135, and is located within the Queen's Park Planning Area. She noted that the property is known municipally as 218, 222, 224 Bayfield Street and 7 Grove Street West and has a total area of approximately 0.15ha.

T. Paterson noted that the subject lands are designated Residential Area within the City's current Official Plan and were re-designated to City Centre by Official Plan Amendment 100 which is currently under appeal for an unrelated matter. She advised that the applicant is requesting that the City Centre designation referred to in Official Plan Amendment 100 for the subject lands, be brought forward through a separate amendment as part of the subject application. T. Paterson concluded by advising that the owner has also applied to amend the current zoning of the property from Multiple Family Dwelling Second Density RM2 (SP-375) to Transition Centre Commercial C2 to permit the future development of the property for a single storey professional office.

There were no comments from the audience with respect to the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendments. One written submission was received regarding this matter. The comment has been forwarded to staff in the Planning Services Department for review.

The following matters will be considered by City Council on April 30, 2007:

BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH A 1 FT RESERVE ALONG EASTERLY SIDE OF BAYVIEW DRIVE NORTH OF CHURCHILL DRIVE AS A PUBLIC HIGHWAY

The Committee approved a recommendation to enact a By-law to establish as a public highway the property described as Part of Lot 8, Con. 12, geographic Township of Innisfil, now in the City of Barrie designated as that part of Part 1, Plan 51R-12135 lying south of Part 4, 51R-22852, being the property referred to by PIN 587360085.

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USE OF COUNCIL CHAMBERS BY TALK IS FREE THEATRE IN OCTOBER 2007

The Committee approved a recommendation to permit Talk is Free Theatre to utilize the Council Chambers during the period of October 8 to October 28th for rehearsals and performances of the play, "The Inspector General", under the following terms and conditions:

- a) Admission fees will be charged in accordance with Talk is Free Theatre's regular practice;
- b) Proof of insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000 dollars naming the City of Barrie as an additional insured will be required;
- c) Costs associated with the provision of security and/or cleaning of the Council Chambers will be charged to Talk is Free Theatre; and
- d) Talk is Free Theatre will be required provide a damage deposit in the amount of \$250.00.

COMMUNITY POLICING PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

The Committee approved a recommendation authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement between the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, the City of Barrie and the Barrie Police Services Board for funding under the Community Policing Partnership Program for a term of April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2009.

ARDAGH BLUFFS PARK PLAN

The Committee approved the Ardagh Bluffs Park Plan for implementation.

The Planning Services Department will revise Zoning By-law 85-95 so that all areas within the Ardagh Bluffs Park limits are zoned Environmental Protection as part of an overall comprehensive update to the By-law.

The Planning Services Department will rezone the portion of the Harvie Road unopened road allowance that crosses the Ardagh Bluffs Park to Environmental Protection as part of an overall comprehensive update to the By-law.

The Legal and Real Estate Services Branch of the City Clerk's Office will be authorized to negotiate for the acquisition of additional property identified on Attachment #1 if and when they become available for sale at fair market value, and report back to General Committee.

Staff will initiate a parking study to assess the need for internal parking facilities within the Ardagh Bluffs Park, and report back to General Committee in Fall 2008.

NO PARKING ON DORIS DRIVE

The Committee approved a recommendation to amend Traffic By-law 80-138 to prohibit parking on both sides of Doris Drive, from Highcroft Road to a point 45 metres west.

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**PEER REVIEW – NORTHERN ETHANOL CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL (AIR & NOISE)
APPLICATION**

The Committee approved a recommendation to receive the letter report entitled "Peer Review of a Certificate of Approval (Air & Noise) Application for a Proposed Northern Ethanol Plant", dated April 18, 2007 as prepared by Jacques Whitford Environmental Engineering Scientific Management Consultants for information.

The letter report prepared by Jacques Whitford Environmental Engineering Scientific Management Consultants will be submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Environment (MOE) and the report will form the basis of the City of Barrie's comments to MOE on the Northern Ethanol Certificate of Approval (Air & Noise) Application.

In light of the deficiencies of the Northern Ethanol Certificate of Approval (Air & Noise) Application related to air, odour and noise issues, the Ontario Ministry of Environment (MOE) will be requested to: withhold any approval of the Northern Ethanol application pending submission of critical information satisfactory to the City of Barrie and the MOE; and resolve outstanding issues as identified in the peer review.

Staff will continue to work with Northern Ethanol to gather and review information sufficient to facilitate the Ontario Ministry of Environment's (MOE) review of the potential odour and noise issues associated with the Northern Ethanol Certificate of Approval (Air & Noise) Application and that staff report back to General Committee after submission of further information by Northern Ethanol to the MOE.

As a condition of any Certificate(s) of Approval (Air and Noise) issued in connection with the proposed Northern Ethanol development, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment will be requested to include conditions regarding air emissions monitoring and reporting that are as stringent as reasonably possible.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE CONVERSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LANDS FOR A
RELIGIOUS FACILITY – NORTH EAST CORNER HURONIA ROAD AND LOCKHART, SUBDIVISION
FILE D12-223**

The Committee approved a recommendation to not sell the lands in the future to a religious organization that are owned by the City of Barrie, designated and zoned Environmental Protection Area, located north of Lockhart Road on the east side of Huronia Road, forming part of the Lover's Creek Valley Corridor and have been dedicated to the City as a condition of subdivision approval for Eighteen Eighteen Inc. (D12-223). Mr. Bernick will be so advised.

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY'S TOWN
CENTRE BLOCK IN PAINSWICK SOUTH PLANNING AREA**

The Committee approved a recommendation authorizing the City Clerk's Office to prepare and issue a request for an "Expression of Interest" (EOI) for lands referred to as the Town Centre Block in the Painswick South Planning Area, and known municipally as 48 Dean Avenue.

The EOI will outline key conditions and requirements of the City for the development of the Town Centre site which must include the development/construction of a 15,000 sq. ft. Barrie Library satellite facility.

The City Clerk will report back to General Committee after receipt and review of the EOI submissions with recommendations for potential Town Centre Block development projects.

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NAMING OF A STREET IN HONOUR OF THE EXELL FAMILY

The Committee approved a recommendation to refer the letter dated April 23, 2007 from Lenora Crowe (Exell) and Edith Crockford (Exell) concerning the naming of a street in honour of the Exell family to the Heritage Barrie Committee for consideration.

INSTALLATION OF A CROSSWALK ON EMMS DRIVE AT JACKSON STREET

The Committee approved a recommendation requesting staff in the Engineering Department to investigate the feasibility of installing a crosswalk on Emms Drive at Jackson Street to accommodate students and parents attending Holly Meadows School and maintenance of the crosswalk in the winter months to provide access to the sidewalk on the west side of Emms Drive and report back to General Committee.

TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

The Committee approved a recommendation requesting staff in the Engineering Department to review and report back to General Committee on the feasibility of implementation of a tree planting program for the re-planting of trees in residential areas along either side of the Newmarket Subdivision rail corridor to provide a buffer for neighbouring residents, upon completion of the Subdivision's re-construction as required to facilitate the return of GO train service to Barrie.

The report will include specific information on potential costs, process for identifying planting locations, timing and other related matters as identified by staff.

LETTER FROM THE COUNTY OF SIMCOE CONCERNING LONG TERM CARE ADMINISTRATION

The Committee approved a recommendation to refer the letter from Thomas Evans G.M. Finance and Administration, The Corporation of the County of Simcoe dated April 25, 2007 regarding Long Term Care Administration to Corporate Services Committee for consideration.

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