



**City of Barrie
Meeting Minutes
City Council**

Wednesday, March 25, 2026
07:00 PM
Council Chambers

Present:

Mayor, A. Nuttall
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, C. Nixon
Councillor, AM. Kungl
Councillor, A. Courser
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, B. Hamilton

Absent:

Councillor, S. Morales

Staff:

Acting Deputy City Clerk, T. McArthur
Acting General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, S. Diemert
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan
Director of Internal Audit, S. MacGregor
Director of Operations, D. Friary
Director of Transit and Parking Strategy, B. Forsyth
Executive Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
Fire Chief, K. White
General Manager of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
Legislative Coordinator, C. Payne
Senior Policy Advisor & Legislative Coordinator, E. Chappell
Legal Counsel, C. Packham
Service Desk Specialist, M. Haupt

1. CALLING TO ORDER BY THE CITY CLERK

The meeting was called to order by the City Clerk at 8:08 p.m.

2. PLAYING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was played.

3. READING OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Land Acknowledgement was read.

4. STUDENT MAYOR(S)

4.1 Swearing in of New Student Mayors

Tara McArthur, Acting Deputy City Clerk called upon Tristan Kilpatrick representing Cundles Heights Public School and Gennaro Cerullo representing St. Joseph's Catholic High School, to be sworn into office as Student Mayor. After being sworn into office, the Student Mayors assumed their seat next to Mayor Nuttall.

Mayor Nuttall congratulated the Student Mayor on their appointment and welcomed them to City Council.

Members of Council introduced themselves.

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

5.1 Adoption of the Minutes of the City Council meeting held on March 11, 2026

The Minutes of the City Council meeting dated March 11, 2026, were adopted as printed and circulated.

6. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

6.1 Recognition of the Maple Ridge Secondary School Senior Girls Basketball Team on winning the AAA OFSAA Championship

Mayor Nuttall recognized and congratulated the Maple Ridge Senior Girls Basketball Team on their victory at the 2025 Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association (OFSAA) Girls AAA Basketball Championship.

Coach Connor Laronde commended the players, coaching staff, and families for their hard work, dedication, and commitment that helped secure the championship title for the second consecutive year.

On behalf of the City of Barrie, Mayor Nuttall presented certificates to the team in honour of their outstanding achievement.

6.2 Recognition of Fire Chief Kevin White

Mayor Nuttall recognized and congratulated Fire Chief Kevin White on his 30-year Service Bar from the Office of the Fire Marshal. Mayor Nuttall commented on Chief White's background, years of service, and family.

On behalf of the City of Barrie, Mayor Nuttall congratulated and thanked Chief White for his loyalty, passion, and unwavering commitment to the City. He presented Chief White with his 30-year Service Bar from the Office of the Fire Marshall.

7. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Nil.

8. DEPUTATION(S) ON COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil.

9. TAX APPLICATIONS

9.1 Application for Cancellation, Reduction or Addition to Taxes dated March 25, 2026, in the amount of \$4,757.16

2026-A-024

Moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by Councillor, B. Hamilton

That the list of applications for cancellation, reduction or addition to taxes dated March 25, 2026, submitted by the Treasurer in the amount of \$4,757.16, be approved.

Carried

10. COMMUNICATIONS

Nil.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 General Committee Report dated March 11, 2026

11.1.1 Report of the Community Safety Committee dated February 25, 2026

2026-A-025

Moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by Councillor, B. Hamilton
That the Report of the Community Safety Committee dated February 25, 2026, is received.

Carried

11.1.2 Planned Implementation of No Parking on Greer Street

2026-A-026

Moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by Councillor, B. Hamilton

That Greer Street, having a road platform width of 12.5 metres, be designed to permit parking on one side only, in accordance with the prior versions of BSD 303. (25-G-123)

Carried

11.1.3 Parking Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee Recommendations

2026-A-027

Moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by Councillor, B. Hamilton

Year-Round Overnight Parking Prohibition with a Single Use Overnight Permit Program

Whereas the Parking Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee after their review of municipal residential parking and current programs, is recommending that a year-round overnight parking prohibition with a single use overnight permit program to include, but not limited to, online registration, a flat fee and not linked to a municipal address, be included City-wide with staff reporting back with the costing and an implementation plan; and

Whereas the Traffic and Parking Strategy Department are in the process of retaining a consultant to undertake updates to the Municipal Parking Strategy; and

Whereas there is an opportunity and benefit to include a review of a year-round overnight parking prohibition and related permit program as part of the Strategy Review given the synergies between the other permit systems and other parking initiatives; and

Therefore, be it Resolved That the Parking Advisory Ad-Hoc Committee's recommendation concerning the implementation of a year-round overnight parking prohibition and related permit system be referred to the Transit and Parking Strategy Department for inclusion in the update to the Municipal Parking Strategy, so this program can be reviewed in concert with other parking initiatives and permit systems.

Carried

11.1.4 Parking Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee Recommendations**2026-A-028**

Moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by Councillor, B. Hamilton

That the following recommendations from the Parking Ad-Hoc Committee be referred to staff in the Development Services Department to review in concert with the updating parking Strategy, past council directions and corporate policies including, but not limited to, contemplated on street painted bike lanes, snow storage and grade separate cycle implementation or implications of these recommendations:

Early Parking Enforcement at Occupancy, Prior to Assumption of the Subdivision

1. That parking enforcement commences at building occupancy, prior to the assumption of the subdivision.
2. That staff develop a process to provide an exemption for trades, moving trucks, and contractors that are required to park on the streets in support of completion of the subdivision.

Residential Parking Restrictions in New Subdivisions

That the following parking restrictions be implemented:

- No parking anytime on public laneways;
- No parking anytime on one side of local streets constructed with an 18m right of way standard;
- No parking anytime on collector roads within the Designated Green Field Area; and
- Parking be permitted on one side of collector streets constructed with a 12.5 road platform width within the Designated Greenfield Area.

Adequate Interior Garage Space for Vehicle Parking

Where a garage space is required to meet the minimum required parking for the lot, a minimum unencumbered interior garage dimension of 14.85 square metres (2.7 metres by 5.5 metres) is required to ensure adequate space for vehicle parking in the implementation of the new Zoning By-law.

Advise Potential Buyers of On-Street Parking Restrictions

That developers/builders advise potential buyers and include warning clauses in residential site plans and subdivision agreements regarding on-street parking

limitations within the subdivision and site plan developments.

Update the Community Information Map for New Subdivision - Parking Restrictions

That staff in the Development Services Department be requested to update the Community Information Map for New subdivisions to clearly reflect on-street parking restrictions.

Carried

11.1.5 Report of the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee dated March 4, 2026

2026-A-029

Moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by Councillor, B. Hamilton

That the Report of the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee dated March 4, 2026, is received.

Carried

11.1.6 Memorandum from D. Moreau, Manager of Water Operations, dated March 4, 2026, concerning the 2025 Drinking Survey.

2026-A-030

Moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by Councillor, B. Hamilton

That the Memorandum from D. Moreau, Manager of Water Operations, dated March 4, 2026, concerning the 2025 Drinking Survey was received.

Carried

11.1.7 Burlesque By-law Review

2026-A-031

Moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by Councillor, B. Hamilton

Adult Entertainment Industry By-law Review - Burlesque Performances

That staff undertake a review of the Adult Entertainment Industry By-law and investigate an amendment to include provisions for Burlesque performances.

Carried

11.1.8 Turf Grass

2026-A-032

Moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by Councillor, B. Hamilton

Turf Grass - Native and Pollinator-Supportive Alternatives

That staff review the City's infrastructure standards related to sod specifications and assess opportunities to allow or promote alternative turf mixtures, where appropriate and consistent with industry standards and best practices, including options that incorporate native species and pollinator supportive alternatives.

Carried

11.1.9 Barrie Baycats Facility Use Agreement**2026-A-033**

Moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by Councillor, B. Hamilton

That the Director of Recreation and Culture Services and/or their designate be authorized to execute the facility use agreement attached as Appendix "A" to the Report to Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee CCS-005-2026 with the Barrie Baycats for use of the Stadium located at the Barrie Community Sports Complex as amended to delete the provision for an additional two-year option to allow for further discussions to take place between the City and Baycats. (CCS-005-2026).

Carried

11.1.10 AAA U18 Dressing Room Agreement**2026-A-034**

Moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by Councillor, B. Hamilton

That the Director of Recreation and Culture Services and/or their designate be authorized to execute the facility use agreement attached as Appendix "A" to the Report to Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee CCS-006-2026 with the Barrie Colts AAA U18 hockey team to utilize a semi-exclusive team dressing room at the Peggy Hill Team Community Centre. (CCS-006-2026)

Carried

11.1.11 Update on the Development Concierge Pilot Program**2026-A-035**

Moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by Councillor, B. Hamilton

1. That staff immediately implement the changes to the Employment and Housing Development Concierge programs recommended in Staff Report DEV-009-2026, including: limiting new Development Concierge applications to projects at the site plan review stage; discontinue automatic enrollment of CIP-funded projects; establishing review timelines; and clearly establishing when the concierge program ends for projects.
2. That Economic Development staff extend the Employment Concierge pilot program for one additional year, to March 31, 2027, incorporating the recommended changes; monitor the effectiveness of the revised program; and report back to Council in early 2027 on program performance, including whether further changes or resources are required to sustain the program.
3. That the two (2) temporary Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF)-funded positions within Development Services (Senior Planner and Supervisor) be extended until December 31, 2027, in order to extend the Housing Concierge pilot program for one additional year, incorporating the recommended changes.
4. That Development Services staff monitor the effectiveness of the revised Housing Concierge program and report back to Council in early 2027 on program performance, including whether further changes to the program are required, and identifying resource options to sustain the program beyond 2027, should Council decide to make the program permanent. (DEV-009-2026)

Carried

11.1.12 No Parking Anytime Indian Arrow

2026-A-036

Moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by Councillor, B. Hamilton

That Traffic By-law 2020-107, Schedule '1', "No Parking Anytime" be amended by adding the following:

"Indian Arrow Road

North side from

Johnson Street to a point 80 metres east thereof"

(DEV-007-2026)

Carried

11.1.13 Investigation – Mulcaster Street and Worsley Street

2026-A-037

Moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by Councillor, B. Hamilton

1. That Traffic By-law 2020-107, Schedule '1', "No Parking Anytime" be amended by removing the following:

<u>"Mulcaster Street</u>	East side for 66 metres north of Collier Street to Worsley Street"
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2. That Traffic By-law 2020-107, Schedule '1', "No Parking Anytime" be amended by adding the following:

<u>"Mulcaster Street</u>	East side from Collier Street to a point 58 metres north" (DEV-008-2026)
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Carried

11.1.14 Kempenfest Financials

2026-A-038

Moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by Councillor, B. Hamilton

1. That for 2026, the City of Barrie support for Kempenfest be as follows:
 - a. Up to \$25,000 of in-kind staff support for site services (ie. waste removal, special event staff support);
 - b. Cost recovery of up to \$17,000 for shuttle bus service supplied by Barrie Transit to be funded from the Tourism Reserve; and
 - c. Up to \$10,000 to support rental and equipment costs for the Family Side Stage to serve as a showcase for local talent and artist development, to be funded from the Tourism Reserve.
2. That the Kempenfest Board be requested to seek fundraising/sponsorship to support the City's fiscal contribution of up to \$27,000 and should they be unsuccessful, that Kempenfest advise Council in writing prior to Council's 2026 summer recess (June 30, 2026). (CCS-004-2026)

Carried

11.1.15 City Initiated Official Plan Amendment to be Consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement (2024)

2026-A-039

Moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by Councillor, B. Hamilton

That the Official Plan Amendment to make Official Plan 2051 (2024) consistent with the new Provincial Planning Statement , 2024 (PPS 2024) in Appendix A - Proposed Part B of Official Plan Amendment No. 3 to Staff Report DEV-006-2026, be approved as amended as follows:

That notwithstanding the Official Plan Amendment as outlined in Appendix A - Proposed Part B of Official Plan Amendment No. 3 to Staff Report DEV-006-026, any property designated Employment Area - Industrial or Service Industrial that contains an existing multi-tenanted building, or is a vacant property that has received site plan approval, draft plan approval or a building permit, can maintain the uses currently permitted in the zone for that property under Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2009-141, as well as any additional uses permitted when a new implementing zoning by-law is approved. (DEV006-2026)

Carried

11.2 General Committee Report dated March 25, 2026.

11.2.1 Confidential Presentation Concerning a Trade Secret or Scientific, Technical, Commercial, Financial or Labour Relations Information, Supplied in Confidence to the Municipality or Local Board, which, if Disclosed, could Reasonably be Expected to Prejudice Significantly the Competitive Position or Interfere Significantly with the Contractual or Other Negotiations of a Person, Group of Persons, or Organization - City-Owned Properties

2026-A-040

Moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by Councillor, B. Hamilton

That staff undertake the confidential direction provided by General Committee at its meeting held on March 25, 2026, concerning a confidential presentation concerning a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization - City-Owned Properties.

Yes (10): Mayor, A. Nuttall, Councillor, C. Riepma, Councillor, C. Nixon,

Councillor, AM. Kungl, Councillor, A. Courser, Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson, Councillor, N. Nigussie, Councillor, G. Harvey, Councillor, J. Harris, and Councillor, B. Hamilton

Absent (1): Councillor, S. Morales

Carried (10 to 0)

11.2.2 Confidential Potential Litigation Matter - Corporate Facilities

2026-A-041

Moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by Councillor, B. Hamilton

That staff undertake the confidential direction provided in Confidential Staff Report CCS-009-2026 concerning the confidential potential litigation matter - Corporate Facilities.

Carried

11.2.3 Confidential Presentation Concerning a Trade Secret or Scientific, Technical, Commercial, Financial or Labour Relations Information, Supplied in Confidence to the Municipality or Local Board, which, if Disclosed, could Reasonably be Expected to Prejudice Significantly the Competitive Position or Interfere Significantly with the Contractual or Other Negotiations of a Person, Group of Persons, or Organization - City-Owned Properties - Post Secondary Facility.

2026-A-042

Moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by Councillor, B. Hamilton

That the Mayor and staff undertake the confidential direction provided by General Committee at its meeting held on March 25, 2026, concerning a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization - Post Secondary Facility.

Carried

12. DEFERRED BUSINESS

13. DIRECT MOTIONS

13.1 Motion Without Notice - Wild Card Brewing C. AGCO - By-the Glass Endorsement Application

2026-A-043

Moved by Councillor, J. Harris

Seconded by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

That pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Procedural By-law 2019-100, permission be granted to introduce a motion without notice concerning Wild Card Brewing Co. AGCO By-the-Glass Endorsement Application.

Carried by Two-Thirds Vote

13.2 Wild Card Brewing Co. AGCO By-the Glass Endorsement Application

2026-A-044

Moved by Councillor, J. Harris

Seconded by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Whereas Wild Card Brewing Co., located at 384 Yonge Street, Unit 14, has submitted an application to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) for a By-the-Glass Endorsement, which would permit the sale and service of manufactured beer on-site for consumption at their brewery; and

Whereas the AGCO requires municipal support as part of the process to confirm that the proposed use is consistent with local by-laws and that Council has no objection to the issuance of the licence; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council endorse Wild Card Brewing Co.'s application to the AGCO for a By-the-Glass Endorsement at 384 Yonge Street, Unit 14;

And That Council confirm it has no objection to the issuance of the licence and supports Wild Card Brewing Co. in meeting all regulatory requirements associated with the application.

Carried

13.3 Motion without Notice - Ribfest Admission

2026-A-045

Moved by Councillor, C. Nixon

Seconded by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

That pursuant to Section 7.1 of Procedural By-law 2019-100 as amended, permission be granted to introduce a motion without notice concerning Ribfest

Admission.

Carried by Two-Thirds Vote

13.4 Ribfest Admission

2026-A-046

Moved by Councillor, C. Nixon

Seconded by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

That notwithstanding Section 6.1.6 of the Council approved Special Events Policy prohibiting anyone hosting a Special Event on Municipal Property to charge a general admission fee or solicit the general public for funds or membership, that the BIA be permitted to charge a \$5 entry fee to the Ribfest Event July 3-5, 2026 in support of charitable organizations and the downtown businesses.

Carried

14. PRESENTATIONS

15. ENQUIRIES

Members of Council did not address any enquiries to City staff.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of Council provided announcements concerning a number of matters.

17. BY-LAWS

That leave be granted to introduce the following Bills and these Bills be read a first, second and third time this day and finally passed:

17.1 By-law 2026-023 Bill #023

Moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by Councillor, B. Hamilton

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to adopt an amendment to the Official Plan (O.P.A. 003) (Official Plan Amendment to be consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement 2024) (DEV-006-2026) (File: D30-001-2025) (Note matter is listed on General Committee Report dated March 11, 2026)

Carried

17.2 By-law 2026-024 Bill #024

Moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by Councillor, B. Hamilton

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to amend City of Barrie By-law 2009-141 and the Township of Springwater By-law 5000, land use control by-laws to regulate the use of land, and the erection, use, bulk, height, location and spacing of buildings and structures in the City of Barrie and formerly in the Township of Springwater, now in the City of Barrie. (Mayoral Direction MDIR002-2026) (RVH Expansion Lands - 201 and 348 Georgian Drive, 1, 5 and 31 Quarry Ridge Road, 15 Gallie Court, 135 and 145 Dunsmore Lane and 366 and 384 Penetanguishene Road) (File: D30-RVH-202)

Carried

17.3 By-law 2026-025 Bill #025

Moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by Councillor, B. Hamilton

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to deem certain Plans of Subdivision or parts thereof not to be a Registered Plan of Subdivision. (12-G-190) (Deeming By-law – DBZ Big Bay Twins Ltd./DBZ Big Bertha Ltd – 545 to 565 Big Bay Point Road) (File: D26-036-2025)

Carried

17.4 By-law 2026-026 Bill #026

Moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by Councillor, B. Hamilton

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to exempt Part of Lots 29 to 44 (inclusive) on Plan 1213, being Parts 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15 and 19 on Plan 51R-45212, City of Barrie, County of Simcoe; being Part of PINs: 58738-0124 (LT), 58738-0049 (LT), 58738-0050 (LT), 58738-0051 (LT), 58738-0052 (LT), 58738-0053 (LT), 58738-0054 (LT), 58738-0055 (LT) and 58738-0122 (LT) from Part Lot Control imposed by Section 50(5) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13. (12-G-190) (DBZ Big Bay Twins Ltd/DBZ Big Bertha Ltd – 545-565 Big Bay Point Road) (File: D23-001-2026)

Carried

17.5 By-law 2026-027 Bill #027

Moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by Councillor, B. Hamilton

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to exempt all of Lot 5 on Plan 1088, being Parts 1 to 7 (inclusive) on Plan 51R-45240, City of Barrie, County of Simcoe; being Part of PINs: 58745-0016 (LT) from Part Lot Control imposed by Section 50(5) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13. (12-G-190) (1000989604 Ontario Corp – 159 Huronia Road)

(File: D23-005-2026)

Carried

17.6 By-law 2026-028 Bill #028

Moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by Councillor, B. Hamilton

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to further amend By-law 2023-032 being a by-law to appoint members to various committees, boards and commissions for the 2022 to 2026 Term of Council. (26-A-004) (Appointment to Barrie Public Library Board – Catherine Kenwell) (CCS-001-2026)

Carried

17.7 By-law 2026-029 Bill #029

Moved by Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by Councillor, C. Riepma

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 11th day of March, 2026.

Carried

18. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

Seconded by: Councillor, AM. Kungl

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Carried

Mayor, A. Nuttall

Wendy Cooke, City Clerk