

Hi all – WE NEED YOU!

This message comes from the Barrie Arts Alliance (BAA) who represents 22 performance/presentation organizations in Barrie. The BAA supports the location of the new Performing Arts Centre and also requests that Council continue working with Hariri Pontarini Architects (HPA). Please help send a message to Council that we wish for PAC work to continue expeditiously! ***Let's fill Council chamber and remind them of the vibrant community of performers waiting for a new PAC!***

We need you to show up at Barrie City Hall at 6:45 PM on Wednesday October 9, 2nd floor in the Council chamber. Please be there early to get a seat.

We need all of the 22 representatives of the BAA plus as many of the members of your organizations as possible. Everybody should wear their organization's shirts.

General committee of the city of Barrie consists of the same mayor and 10 Councillors as city Council. It deals with matters 1st, and 2 weeks later city Council generally rubber stamps any matters because they've already made the decision.

What follows this email is an email from Danielle Glenn announcing the General committee meeting and enclosing the following documents:

1. The agenda for the evening of October 9
2. The actual full architects report from the fall of 2023 – some 257 pages regarding the Fisher Auditorium site
3. the staff report F AC 005 – 24 which reviews the architect's report and comes to some conclusions in particular supporting the cultural hub concept and the 600 seat main theatre.
4. A staff memorandum regarding the public consultation held in respect of Marshall Green's report. Among other things it indicates that 60% of respondents supported the PAC on the waterfront.

BAA members recommend that we show up in great numbers and sit in the Council Chambers on the 2nd floor. We don't have to say anything. The Mayor usually goes through the agenda items noting who is in attendance. They can always move up agenda items to deal with the greatest number of people present and let them be on their way. **Of course the purpose of our attendance is to show that we're interested in proceeding with the Performing Arts Centre and we look forward to Council making such a decision.**

Council needs to decide what happens next. We have a site, and, it is our position we have the architects - Hariri Pontarini Architects (HPA), who have gained a lot of knowledge about the arts community in Barrie and what needs to be done. There is an argument that the previous contract is at an end – the Fisher Auditorium site contract. Will Council proceed in a way that utilizes the work that's already been done, to continue with the new site? Or will they let out a completely new contract with the request for proposal process which could add 3 to 4 months

before anything further is done to the site? How does their procurement bylaw apply? How can they get the best benefit for Barrie's taxpayer's dollars that have already been spent, to move ahead with this project of completing a Performing Arts Centre. We need a good representation of people there so that they understand that the PAC is important to us. (If you want to see how much work has been done by the architects look at the 257 pages of drawings and reports which are included.)

"The Legislative Services Department is advising you that Staff Report **FAC005-24** concerning **BARRIE PERFORMING ARTS AND EVENT CENTRE** will be discussed at the next General Committee meeting to be held on **Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.**

This meeting will be held ELECTRONICALLY AND IN PERSON in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001* which provides for electronic or in Person participation. Members of the public may observe the proceedings by accessing the live webcast at: <http://youtube.com/citybarrie> or by attending in person at 70 Collier Street, Barrie City Hall in the Council Chambers on the 2nd floor.

For your convenience I have also included the following two links:

General Committee Agenda: <https://barrie.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

FAC005-24- [City of Barrie - File #: FAC005-24 \(legistar.com\)](#)

Please note that it is anticipated that the recommendation from the General Committee meeting will be considered at City Council on October 23, 2024.