

I also know the cost of living was cited as the number one concern by residents in our ward during a recent poll. This is why I will continue to represent your voice at city hall, to ensure we are receiving value for every tax dollar we spend. It is a privilege to serve you and I invite you to stay connected through my Facebook page or website.

Wishing you all a very happy holiday season,

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM YOUR  
WARD 10 ADVISORY COUNCIL



(L-R) Councillor Bryn Hamilton, Scott Herman, Steve Conforti, Peter Stibbard, & Andreia Pacheco.

## THE VOICES OF WARD 10

**What is the main issue facing the city at this time?** (poll Nov. 26, 2023)

Cost of Living – 49%  
Infrastructure/Roads – 17%  
Housing – 9%  
Crime – 9%  
Addiction – 8%  
Economy/Jobs – 3%  
Environment – 2%  
Transit – 1%

## STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH EVERYTHING WARD 10



Scan the QR code or go to **BrynForBarrie.ca** to sign up for my email list to receive monthly Ward 10 updates.

You can also follow me at **fb.com/brynforbarrie.ca** and be sure to also join the **Barrie Ward 10 Community Board** on Facebook, too.

## Community News & Update WARD 10 BARRIE

— WINTER 2023 —

November 16th 2023 marked one year since Council was sworn in for the 2022-2026 Council term. I'm proud of what we've been able to accomplish by working closely and collaboratively with city staff, and our Provincial MPPs and Federal MPs over this last year.

The Ward 10 Advisory Council has also been meeting on a quarterly basis and has been an invaluable way for me to get practical advice on what's important to families and residents in ward 10. Council continues to be guided by our strategic priorities and below you will see some of the highlights we've achieved this past year.

As Ontario prepares for massive population growth, how our city grows will be a key focus for this term on council. We need to balance growth against infrastructure needs, establish affordable, secure and adequate housing, maintain city service levels, and uphold the safe and tightly knit communities that many of us love within Ward 10.

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## Q3 Q4 | COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### THRIVING COMMUNITY:

Council approved a new transit network (at no additional cost) to include improved frequency, reduced trip times, and coverage to the new areas in Ward 10.

An improved ecological offsetting policy was approved aimed at planting more trees within our city limits

The Ward 10 Advisory Council launched a family sponsorship program aiming to help Ward 10 families in need. In September we helped 10 families with back-to-school supplies.

Painswick Park has re-opened as Canada's largest fully accessible playground!



### COMMUNITY SAFETY:

Barrie was recently recognized as being the country's lowest on the Violent Crime Severity Index, according to a Statistics Canada report.

Automated speed enforcement (ASE) cameras are finally here! Council approved the leasing of two cameras to be rotated around the City every 2 months. The first location in Ward 10 will be on Prince William Way with "coming soon" signs in mid-February and activation mid-May.

I will continue to work with Citizens on Patrol and Barrie Police Services (BPS) to crack down on speeding in our neighbourhoods. More speed blitzes are planned for Hurst Dr., Big Bay Point and Mapleview.

Thanks to community input, council directed staff to investigate the cost/feasibility of an adult school crossing guard program. More to come soon!

Council approved my request to reconstruct the main parking lot in Painswick Park to a fully accessible asphalt parking lot making this safer for all.



### AFFORDABLE PLACES TO LIVE:

Council approved the City of Barrie's pledge to the Province to help address the housing gap by facilitating 23,000 new housing units by 2031. This year we exceeded our annual target by more than 10%.

For the 2nd year in a row the city's portion of the operating budget was reduced to a 0% increase.

Progress is finally being made in addressing chronic homelessness in Barrie. Council allocated funding to local organizations that provide much-needed support and shelter to those in need, including opening a cooling and warming centre. We know there is still more to do.

Council identified 3 city owned parcels of land to sell off. This will benefit our community by increasing capital to support additional priorities for the city while keeping taxes low.

### INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS:

Council is committed to fixing Barrie's roads and upgrading our infrastructure. The Big Bay Point Road Painswick Bridge Rehabilitation was completed in October 2023, and paving on Big Bay Point Road between The Queensway and 20th Sideroad is also complete.

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