



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final

Infrastructure, Investment, and Development Services Committee

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

For consideration at General Committee on October 30, 2017.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Councillor D. Shipley at 7:01 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 4 - Councillor, D. Shipley
Councillor, A. Prince
Councillor, A. Khan
Councillor, S. Morales

Absent: 1 - Mayor, J. Lehman

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor, B. Ainsworth
Councillor, B. Ward
Councillor, M. McCann.

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur
Deputy City Clerk, W. Cooke
Director of Environmental Services, J. Thompson
Director of Planning and Building Services, A. Bourrie
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine
Supervisor of Traffic and Parking Services, T. Hanrahan
Zoning Administrative Officer, R. White.

The Infrastructure, Investment and Development Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

OPEN DELEGATION BY ANDRÉ CHAMPOUX CONCERNING TRAFFIC LIGHT SENSORS NOT DETECTING MOTORCYCLES FOR LIGHTS TO CHANGE

Tom Hanrahan, Supervisor of Traffic and Parking Services provided information pertaining to traffic signal detections.

Mr. Hanrahan discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- How the traffic signal detection works;
- The types of detection devices that the City uses;
- A diagram illustrating the induction-loop traffic sensors; and
- Photographs showing the location on a road lane, where a motorcycle and bicycle could be detected.

Members of the Committee asked several questions and received responses from City staff.

Mr. André Champoux provided an Open Delegation regarding traffic sensor detectors associated with motorcycles and discussed the following concerns and suggestions:

- The traffic sensors are not detecting his motorcycle when he approaches the majority of signaled intersections in the City;
- The location of the traffic sensor detectors for motorcycles is difficult to see;
- Motorcyclists are taught to drive on the left side of the lane, not in the centre where the traffic sensors are located;
- A comment from City staff associated with an approach to maneuvering intersections where sensors may not be detecting motorcycles appropriately; and
- A suggestion to paint a bright colour on the road to indicate where the traffic sensor is located.

Members of the Committee asked several questions and received responses from City staff and Mr. Champoux.

The Infrastructure, Investment and Development Services Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

TRAFFIC SENSORS DETECTORS

That staff in the Roads, Parks and Fleet Department investigate the traffic sensor detection loops at the following intersections to ensure they are operating at a standard that detects motorcycles and report back to General Committee before Spring of 2018:

- a) Miller and Tiffin (facing Dunlop Street);
- b) Yonge Street at the GO Station (facing Yonge Street); and
- c) Bayview Drive and Mapleview (going south on Bayview).

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/30/2017.

The Infrastructure, Investment and Development Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES

Councillor, Doug Shipley provided a brief explanation of Staff Report PLN031-17 concerning Recreational Vehicle Parking in Residential Zones.

Andrea Bourrie, Director of Planning and Building Services and Ryan White, Zoning Administrative Officer provided an overview concerning City staff's investigation of Recreational Vehicle Parking in Residential Zones and discussed the provisions that City staff were recommending to be implemented.

Mr. White discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The current regulations as defined in the Zoning By-law 2009-141 associated with recreational vehicles;
- Diagrams illustrating the proposed regulations to prohibit the parking of recreational vehicles in the front yard and side yard abutting a street;

- Pictures demonstrating the potential sightline and safety impacts of recreational vehicle parking in the front and side yard abutting a street;
- A chart showing regulations associated with recreational vehicle parking in residential areas in other municipalities;
- The recommendation to amend the Zoning By-law to prohibit recreational vehicle parking on any street in a residential zone; and
- The suggestion associated with a seasonal Recreational Vehicle parking provision.

Members of the Committee asked several questions and received responses from City staff.

Members of the Committee received the following concerns and suggestions from 26 residents in regards to prohibiting Recreational Vehicle Parking in Residential Zones:

- That safety concerns could be minimized if residents back into their driveways and a minimum set-back is established from the end of trailer to the sightline;
- That Barrie area schools educate children on traffic safety in residential areas;
- That drivers need to slow down in residential areas and parents should educate and watch their children to ensure their safety;
- The concerns of residents who park commercial vehicles in driveway associated with security and possible loss of business;
- The design of new residential neighbourhoods with smaller lot sizes, smaller driveways and that homes are built closer together minimizing storage options for recreational vehicles;
- The lack of affordable and adequate areas to store recreational vehicles;
- That the definition of recreational vehicles is too broad and recreational trailers should have a separate definition;
- That the option of a 72 hour grace period of each calendar month to provide the opportunity to conduct maintenance, load or unload a recreational vehicle is not adequate;
- A suggestion of a permit system for recreational vehicle parking;
- That Barrie is a recreational city and due to its proximity to Northern Ontario and prohibiting the parking of recreational vehicles could potentially limit residents to easy access to their vehicles and cause financial hardship, potentially resulting in moving out of the City; and
- That solution or method be reviewed associated with the process related to residential vehicle parking in a residential area.

Members of the Committee asked several questions and received responses from City staff and residents.

The Infrastructure, Investment and Development Services Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "D"

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES

That no further action be taken on a blanket ban of Recreational Vehicles on residential properties. (PLN031-17) (File: D14-GEN) (P45/16)

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/30/2017.

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SECTION "E"

REPORT OF THE HERITAGE BARRIE COMMITTEE DATED OCTOBER 3, 2017

The Report of the Heritage Barrie Committee dated October 3, 2017 was received. (File: C05)

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

CHAIRMAN