



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Community Services Committee

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

For consideration by the General Committee of the City of Barrie on May 28, 2012.

The Community Services Committee met at 7:06 p.m. in the Council Chamber. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

PRESENT:

Councillor L. Strachan (Chair)
Councillor D. Shipley
Councillor J. Robinson
Councillor B. Jackson
Councillor B. Ainsworth.

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, C. Ladd
Deputy City Clerk, C. deGorter
Director of Engineering, W. McArthur
Director of Parks, Roads and Fleet, D. Friary
General Manager of Community Services, J. Sales
Manager of Infrastructure Planning, S. Patterson
Supervisor of Council Secretariat, L. Pearson
Supervisor of Parks Planning, W. Fischer.

ALSO PRESENT:

G. Machan, Chairperson, Resilience Collaborative
L. Slotek, Associate Director, Knowledge Mobilization, Canadian Index of Wellbeing

The Community Services Committee met and reports as follows:**SECTION "A"****CANADIAN INDEX OF WELLBEING AND RESILIENCE COLLABORATIVE PRESENTATION**

Ms. Lynne Slotek, Associate Director for Knowledge Mobilisation, Canadian Index of Wellbeing (CIW) provided a presentation regarding the Canadian Index of Wellbeing entitled "Measuring What Matters". Ms. Slotek provided background information regarding the development of the Canadian Index of Wellbeing (CIW) and outlined the vision and mission associated with the index. She indicated that the Canadian Index of Wellbeing is rooted in Canadian Values. Ms. Slotek described the objectives of the CIW and reviewed why it was developed. She provided the definition of wellbeing adopted by the CIW and introduced the leadership and the international partners associated with the Canadian Index of Wellbeing.

Ms. Slotek reviewed the criteria utilized for the selection of the indicators for the index. She provided the framework for the CIW and explained the purpose of the CIW composite index. Ms. Slotek explained the value of the Canadian Index of Wellbeing and the purpose of utilizing the index at the local level of government. She highlighted a number of trends related to the indicators and commented that she believes the information provides a greater understanding of Canadian society. Ms. Slotek explained why she feels the CIW should be utilized at the local level of government and provided examples of groups and municipalities utilizing the index. She concluded the presentation by describing the benefits communities and organizations have experienced utilizing the CIW across Canada.

Members of the Committee asked a question regarding the information provided and received responses from the presenter and City staff.

Mr. Gary Machan, Chairperson for the Resilience Collaborative provided an overview of the Resilience Collaborative. He explained how the Resilience Collaborative was developed in the City of Barrie and the partners involved. He noted that presentations have been provided to several community stakeholders concerning the initiatives of the Resilience Collaborative. Mr. Machon commented that he believes there is a partnership opportunity between the Resilience Collaborative and the City of Barrie to support City Council's strategic priority of community vitality using the Canadian Index of Wellbeing.

Members of the Committee asked several questions regarding the information provided and received responses from the presenter and City staff.

Attachments: [Concept Paper.pdf](#)
[Resilience Collaborative.pdf](#)
[CIW Presentation to Barrie.pdf](#)

NORTH SHORE TRAIL UPDATE

Walter Fischer, Supervisor of Parks Planning and Development for the City of Barrie provided a presentation regarding the North Shore Trail Update. Mr. Fischer described the North Shore Trail Master Plan and noted that it was approved by City Council in 2002. He provided a status update for each of the recommendations contained within the North Shore Master Plan.

Members of the community were provided the opportunity to address the Committee regarding their concerns regarding the North Shore trail.

Sarah Uffleman commented that she feels the "Adopt-a-trail Program" has never been fully implemented. She suggested that the City form an Advisory Committee with residents, naturalist clubs and other stakeholders to provide a method to communicate with the various stakeholders. She stated that she feels that a structured mechanism is required for community involvement.

Robert Lehman commented that he believes the residents living along the trail should be consulted regarding the maintenance of the trail. He indicated that he feels residents want to be included in the planning process for the North Shore Trail as he believes the decisions related to the trail impact the residents directly.

Al McNair encouraged the Committee to support the formation of a working group concerning the North Shore Trail. He stated that he feels a formal structure may help to achieve a balance between the various North Shore Trail stakeholders.

Members of the Committee asked several questions regarding North Shore Trail matters and received responses from City staff and the residents in attendance at the meeting.

Members of the community provided comments concerning the North Shore regarding the following matters:

- 2012 maintenance of the trail
- Flower beds along the trail
- Adopt-a-Trail Committee
- Garbage can installation
- Additional signage

Attachments: [Pres North Shore Trail Update.pdf](#)

The Community Services Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

NORTH SHORE TRAIL WORKING GROUP

1. That a working group be established consisting of one representative from each of the various stakeholders including but not limited to, local residents, naturalist clubs, trail users, service clubs and staff from the Engineering Department and Roads Parks and Fleet Department concerning the ongoing maintenance of the North Shore Trail.
2. That staff in the Engineering Department prepare a report for General Committee with a proposed Terms of Reference for the North Shore Trail Working Group. (File: R00)

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/28/2012.

The Community Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT DATED APRIL 4, 2012

The Environmental Advisory Committee Report dated April 4, 2012 was received.

Attachments: [EAC Report April 4 2012.pdf](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT DATED MAY 2, 2012

The Environmental Advisory Committee Report dated May 2, 2012 was received.

Attachments: [EAC Report May 2 2012.pdf](#)

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE REPORT DATED MAY 2, 2012

The Communities in Bloom Committee Report dated May 2, 2012 was received.

Attachments: [CIB Report May 2 2012.pdf](#)

The Community Services Committee met and and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "D"

JOHN EDWIN COUPE PARK (WARD 2)

1. That funds be considered in the 2013 Business Plan (capital and operating) for the development of the three phase implementation strategy for the construction of John Edwin Coupe Park.
2. That the Communities in Bloom Committee investigate potential fund raising opportunities within the community toward the implementation of the garden. (File: R00)

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/28/2012.

The Committee adjourned at 8:51 p.m.