



**Minutes - Final
Community Services Committee**

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

7:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by the General Committee on October 24, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by Councillor, L. Strachan at 7:00 p.m. and the following were recorded as being present:

PRESENT: Councillor L. Strachan, Chair
Councillor J. Robinson

STAFF: Deputy Clerk, C. deGorter
Director of Leisure, Transit and Facilities, B. Roth
Fire Chief, J. Lynn
General Manager of Infrastructure, Development and Culture, R. Forward
Manager of Recreation, Steve Lee Young
Recreation Supervisor of Community & Special Services, M. Kovacs
Recreation Programmer - Inclusion, Y. Navaratnam
Supervisor Vital Statistics and Corporate Print and Mail Services, N. Brancaccio.

The Community Services Committee met and reports as follows:

PRESENTATION - INCLUSION SERVICES PROJECT

M. Kovacs, Recreation Supervisor of Community and Special Services provided a presentation regarding the Inclusion Services Project. M. Kovacs stated that the purpose of the presentation was to inform the Committee of the new and enhanced services to community members with unique needs and exceptionalities. She explained that the goal of inclusion services is to understand and create barrier free infrastructure, programs and services.

M. Kovacs stated that changes to customer service to reduce barriers for inclusion services were necessary in order to be aligned with the City of Barrie's Recreation Master Plan. In addition, M. Kovacs noted that recreation programs must be in compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) and Human Rights legislation.

M. Kovacs noted that in order to accomplish these changes a collaborative approach was used between internal and external agencies. She outlined some of the challenges and successes that had resulted in the review of the programs being offered. M. Kovacs also provided an overview of the "choice" participation model which is a continuum of services and programs to offer choice, promote transition and provide greater opportunities for unique populations to participate in community recreation. M. Kovacs concluded by outlining the progress to date, the benefits associated with inclusion services as well as the next steps with the project.

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED
SEPTEMBER 7, 2011**

The Environmental Advisory Committee Report dated September 7, 2011 was received.

**REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE DATED
OCTOBER 12, 2011**

The Communities in Bloom Committee Report dated October 12, 2011 was received.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

CHAIRMAN