



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Community Services Committee

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

For consideration by General Committee on May 5, 2014.

The meeting was called to order by Councillor Strachan at 7:04 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

PRESENT:

Councillor, L. Strachan, Community Services Committee Chairperson
Mayor, J. Lehman, Community Services Committee Member (ex officio)
Councillor, A. Khan, Community Services Committee Member
Councillor, D. Shipley, Community Services Committee Member
Councillor, B. Ainsworth.

STAFF:

City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, D. McAlpine
Deputy Fire Chief, R. Monkman
Fire Chief, J. Lynn
General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, R. Forward
Manager of Roads and Parks Operations, C. Morton
Supervisor of Administrative Support Services, W. Sutherland.

ALSO PRESENT:

S. Sodi, Fire Underwriters Survey.

The Community Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

BARRIE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

Sunjeev Sodi, Public Fire Protection Specialist with the Fire Underwriters Survey provided a presentation on the Barrie Fire Protection Services Review and noted that the Fire Underwriters Survey was founded in 1883 to develop a standardized index of fire insurance grades utilized in underwriting and the determination of insurance rates.

Mr. Sodi commented that the purpose of the presentation is to inform the Committee about the status of the Barrie Fire Protection Services Review. He provided a number of slides and graphs relating to the following key elements:

- The Fire Insurance Grading Index
- An overview of Fire Insurance Grading
- The Fire Risk Assessment
- The Barrie Fire Department Assessment
- Water Supply Assessment for Public Fire Protection

Mr. Sodi provided the previous and updated fire insurance grades for Barrie with details for each station. He reviewed the recommendations to improve Barrie's grading.

Mr. Sodi concluded by noting that the City of Barrie's Fire Master Plan is an excellent document and that the Barrie Fire and Emergency Services system operates on a solid foundation. He suggested that the Fire Master Plan be continually updated and recommendations in the Fire Master Plan be implemented. He also suggested that investment in Fire Prevention would assist to reduce and mitigate risk. Mr. Sodi recommended continued updates and reports to the Fire Underwriters Survey to ensure fire insurance grades are consistent with service levels.

Members of Finance and Corporate Services Committee asked a number of questions regarding the information contained in the presentation and received responses from the Presenter and City staff.

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

SECTION "B"

PLOWING OF THE SOPHIA STREET WEST PATHWAY THAT PASSES THROUGH QUEEN'S PARK

That in light of the unique nature of the Sophia Street West pathway passing through Queens Park and its historic role as a road allowance, staff in the Roads, Parks and Fleet Department investigate the feasibility of plowing the pathway and report back to General Committee with the financial implications associated with the snow removal before the winter season. (File: T00)

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of adoption at the meeting to be held on 05/05/2014.

The Community Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED DECEMBER 4, 2013.

The Report of the Environmental Advisory Committee dated December 4, 2013 was received. (File: C05)

REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 5, 2014.

The Report of the Environmental Advisory Committee dated March 5, 2014 was received. (File: C05)

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

SECTION "D"

ANTI-IDLING

1. That Access Barrie, in partnership with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and Natural Resources Canada, create an anti-idling awareness campaign.
2. That staff in the Roads, Parks and Fleet Department review the current anti-idling policy and give consideration to extending the policy to include City-employed Contractors during the procurement process and also investigate the feasibility of implementing an anti-idling by-law and report back to the Environmental Advisory Committee before August 31, 2014.

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of its adoption at its meeting to be held on 05/05/2014.

The Community Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "E"

REPORT OF THE SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 24, 2014.

The Report of the Seniors Advisory Committee dated March 24, 2014 was received. (File: C05)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

CHAIRMAN