



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Community Services Committee

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

6:30 PM

Council Chamber

For consideration by General Committee on May 16, 2016

The meeting was called to order by the Chair of the Community Services Committee, Councillor Ainsworth at 6:32 p.m. The following Committee members were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 4 - Chairman B. Ainsworth
Mayor, J. Lehman
Councillor, R. Romita
Councillor, A. Khan

Absent: 1 - Councillor, P. Silveira

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, A. Prince

STAFF:

City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, D. McAlpine
Committee and Print Services Supervisor, L. Pearson
Community Events Co-ordinator, A. Donnelly
Director of Culture, R. Q. Williams
Manager of By-law Services, T. Banting
Supervisor of By-law Services, J. Forgrave
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, P. Elliott-Spencer
Web and New Media Co-ordinator, P. MacFadden.

The Community Services Committee met and reports as follows:**SECTION "A"****SPECIAL EVENTS POLICY QUARTERLY REPORT UPDATE**

R. Q. Williams provided a presentation regarding the Special Events Policy Quarterly Report Update. Mr. Williams discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The number of Special Event Permit applications issued for 2015 and received to date for 2016;
- The road closure process utilized for Special Events; and
- A review of past and upcoming Corporate Events.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions related to the information provided and received responses from City staff. (File: D00)

THE KEEPING OF BACKYARD HENS - COMMUNITY SUGGESTION

Tammy Banting, Manager of By-law Services outlined the content of the Memorandum from G. Allison, Director of Building and By-law Services dated April 4, 2016 regarding Keeping of Backyard Hens - Community Suggestion. She explained the Community Suggestion forum process and indicated that if a suggestion received 500 votes, the suggestion is forwarded to staff for a response. Ms. Banting provided the history related to keeping of chickens in the City of Barrie and noted that previous to 2001, up to 20 chickens were permitted on residential property.

Two individuals, Gary Jackson and Naomi Wachowiak of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit provided comments and concerns regarding the Keeping of Backyard Hens - Community Suggestion; as follows:

- How Chickens attract predators and carry diseases;
- The health concerns regarding the spreading of disease;
- The enforcement associated with backyard chickens;
- The amount of waste created by chickens;
- The noise and smell associated with backyard chickens;
- The impact of house values if backyard chickens were permitted;
- The duty of citizens to be good neighbours and the duty of council to act on the common good;
- The lack of education and training on looking after backyard hens;
- The resources that are available through the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit;
- The role that a municipality has in community food security and creating an environment for more sustainable food systems; and

- How urban farming could be successful if done responsibly.

Pamela McFadden, Web and New Media Co-ordinator explained the Community Suggestion Forum process and operations.

Members of Committee and a Member of Council asked several questions related to the information provided and received responses from City staff.

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

SECTION "B"

MEMORANDUM FROM G. ALLISON, DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND BY-LAW SERVICES DATED APRIL 4, 2016 REGARDING KEEPING OF BACKYARD HENS - COMMUNITY SUGGESTION

That the memorandum from G. Allison, Director of Building and By-law Services dated April 4, 2016 regarding the Keeping of Backyard Hens - Community Suggestion as well as the comments and discussion provided at the Community Services Committee meeting held on May 4, 2016 be received for information purposes. (16-G-074) (File: P00)

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/16/2016.

The Community Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2016

The Report of the Environmental Advisory Committee dated February 4, 2016 was received. (File: C05)

SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT DATED FEBRUARY 8, 2016

The Report of the Seniors Advisory Committee dated February 8, 2016 was received. (File: C05)

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE REPORT DATED FEBRUARY 11, 2016

The Report of the Communities in Bloom Committee dated February 11, 2016 was received. (File: C05)

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT DATED MARCH 2, 2016

The Report of the Environmental Advisory Committee dated March 2, 2016 was received. (File: C05)

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE REPORT DATED MARCH 10, 2016

The Report of the Communities in Bloom Committee dated March 10, 2016 was received. (File: C05)

SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT DATED MARCH 14, 2016

The Report of the Seniors Advisory Committee dated March 14, 2016 was received. (File: C05)

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT DATED APRIL 6, 2016

The Report of the Environmental Advisory Committee dated April 6, 2016 was received. (File: C05)

SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT DATED APRIL 11, 2016

The Report of the Seniors Advisory Committee dated April 11, 2016 was received. (File: C05)

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE REPORT DATED APRIL 14, 2016

The Report of the Communities in Bloom Committee dated April 14, 2016 was received. (File: C05)

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

CHAIRMAN