



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Seniors Advisory Committee

Monday, June 12, 2017

10:00 AM

Huronian Room "A"

For consideration by the Community Services Committee on October 4, 2017.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, R. Cotton at 10:01 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 9 - Chairman R. Cotton
Vice Chair M. Stevenson
G. Sels
H. Stone
J. Comper
J. Youell-Robson
L. Ricardo
M. Malcolm
R. McEachern

Absent: 2 - Councillor B. Ainsworth
R. Cheeseman

STAFF:

Accessibility Co-ordinator, C. Dillon
Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur
Manager of Sustainable Development, M. Kalyaniwalla
Planner, E. Terry
Recreation Programmer, J. Goulie.

The Seniors Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

FOOD INSECURITY PRESENTATION

Naomi Wachowiak, Public Health Nurse from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit provided a presentation concerning the food insecurities effecting communities in the City of Barrie and surrounding areas.

Ms. Wachowiak discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- Household food insecurity is the poor or unstable access to food due to financial constraints;
- How big is the problem associated with food insecurities in households;
- The statistics associated with the number of households with food insecurities;
- The Canadian Security Survey and local food banks assist in gathering information on the number of households with food insecurities;
- A chart associated with the cost of food and housing in Simcoe County;
- A graph illustrating Barrie's Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) food insecurities from 2007 to 2014;
- The impacts associated to seniors with food insecurities;
- The root cause of food insecurities; and
- Ideas to improve food insecurity such as good income policies, education and awareness.

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

OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW PRESENTATION

Merwan Kalyaniwalla, Manager of Sustainable Development and Edward Terry, Planner provided a presentation regarding the review of the Official Plan.

Mr. Kalyaniwalla and Mr. Terry discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The background regarding the initial approval and updates to the Official Plan;
- An overview of the Hewitt's Secondary Plan and the Salem Secondary Plan;
- Highlights of the Provincial Policy Statement and the Provincial Growth Plan; and

- A review of the City's objectives based on the following themes:
 - Urban City;
 - Waterfront City;
 - Complete City;
 - Resilient City;
 - Mobile City;
 - Prosperous City;
 - Safe City; and
 - Cultural City.

In closing, Mr. Terry detailed the next steps in the Official Plan Review process.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions related to the information presented and received responses from City staff.

55+ INFORMATION DIRECTORY

Cheryl Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update concerning the progress of creating a 55+ Information Directory. Ms. Dillon indicated that she had spoken with the Barrie Examiner and she was advised that they produced past 55+Information Directories but it is not currently being produced. She noted that the Barrie Examiner is interested in working with the Seniors Advisory Committee to create an updated 55+ Information Directory.

Members of the Committee advised they would review the last 55+ Information Directory produced for sections requiring updates and relevant information and report back to the Committee at a future meeting.

SENIORS MONTH - BARBEQUE

Julie Youell-Robson provided an update regarding a kick-off to Seniors Month with the Senior Advisory Committee sponsoring a barbeque hosted by the Parkview Centre and held on June 7, 2017.

Ms. Robson advised that approximately 110-112 people and volunteers attended the event. She noted that the addition of the Seniors Advisory Committee members at the barbeque was welcomed addition.

The Committee discussed a thank you letter to be sent to the Parkview Centre for hosting the event.

EVENT CALENDAR

The Committee discussed upcoming events taking place at the 55+ Centres for the month of June and noted that further information can be located in the Parkview Allandale Seniors (PALS) June 2017 Newsletter located on the City of Barrie Website or at the 55+ Centres.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

CHAIRMAN