

Minutes - Final
Transportation and Economic
Development Committee

Thursday, December 12, 2013

6:30 PM

Council Chamber

For consideration by the General Committee of the City of Barrie on January 6, 2014.

The Transportation and Economic Development Committee met at 6:32 p.m. in the Council Chamber. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Brassard, Transportation and Economic Development Committee
Chairperson

Councillor B. Jackson, Transportation and Economic Development Committee
Member

Councillor M. Prowse, Transportation and Economic Development Committee
Member

Councillor B. Ainsworth

Councillor D. Shipley.

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, C. Ladd

Deputy City Clerk, W. Cooke

Director of Business Development, H. Kirolos

Supervisor of Planning, W. Fischer

Supervisor of Transportation, S. Rose.

The Transportation and Economic Development Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY AND UPDATE

Hany Kirolos, Director of Business Development provided an update on the Economic Development activity in the City of Barrie. He highlighted trade show initiatives, the Health and Wellness Strategy, Ideas in Motion initiatives, the 50 need to know companies and the continued success from the China and Brazil trade missions.

H. Kirolos advised that the unemployment rate for the City is down to 5.1%. He described the variables that contribute to the fluctuation in the unemployment rate and how the rate is determined.

TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

Steve Rose, Supervisor of Transportation provided an update on traffic calming program and discussed the testing of speed cushions as a form of traffic calming initiative and possible permanent traffic calming measure that are being consider to be installed throughout the City. He discussed the success of the use of speed cushions in other municipalities. S. Rose indicated that h

S. Rose indicated that he would be contacting members of Council in early 2014 to discuss traffic concerns in the individual wards.

Members of Committee asked questions and received responses from staff.

The Transportation and Economic Development Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

WATERFRONT AND MARINA STRATEGIC PLAN

That staff in Access Barrie coordinate a program to engage approximately 2500 residents through a poll for feedback on the development of the waterfront including spending options and development scenarios ranging from a passive use to more intense commercial use, prior to the 2014 Municipal Election.

This matter was recommended to General Committee (Section "B") for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 07/01/2014.

The Transportation and Economic Development Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

INVESTIGATION OF ALL-WAY STOP - MILLER DRIVE AND SPOULE DRIVE (WARD 5)

Steve Rose, Supervisor of Transportation advised that traffic studies were conducted at this intersection in August and September 2013 and the results of the studies were that an all-way stop is not warranted. S. Rose noted that staff are currently investigating traffic calming measures for this area.

The Transportation and Economic Development Committee met and discussed the following motion concerning the Investigation of an All-Way Stop - Miller Drive and Sproule Drive (Ward 5):

"That staff in the Engineering Department investigate the feasibility of implementing an all-way stop at the intersection of Miller Drive and Sproule Drive and report back to General Committee in accordance with the All-Way Stop Policy. (Item for Discussion 8.2, August 12, 2013) (File: T07)"

A vote was taken on the above motion and was lost. The Transportation and Economic Development Committee provided no further direction with respect to the matter of the Investigation of All-Way Stop - Miller Drive and Sproule Drive (ward 5). (13-G-196) (File: T00)

This matter was recommended to General Committee (Section "C") for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 07/01/2014.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

CHAIRMAN