



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

9:30 AM

Huronian Room "B"

For consideration by the City Building Committee on September 10, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Robb Meier at 9:34 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 9 - Chairman R. Meier
Councillor K. Aylwin
Councillor S. Morales
A. Carlyle
S. Diaz - SMDHU
E. Jacoby-Hawkins
A. McNair - Nature Barrie
J. Northcote
T. Searls

STAFF:

Acting Deputy City Clerk, T. McArthur
Forestry Supervisor, K. Rankin
Risk Management Inspector, K. Thomson
Transit Operations Planner, M. McConnell.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and reports as follows:

CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY UPDATE

Katie Thompson, Risk Management Official provided an update on the City's Climate Change Strategy. She noted that the status for the Strategy will be an ongoing process, and will be reporting to Council four times per year. Ms. Thompson advised of a climate change exchange wherein information is shared with local municipalities and stakeholders.

The Committee provided suggestions to assist in spreading the word on climate change such as City incentives to build energy efficient and green buildings, and to further educate about climate change in schools.

SOUTHSHORE TRAIL /NORTHSHORE TRAIL NATURALIZATION SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Al McNair advised that the subcommittee included representation from Nature Barrie, the Barrie Garden Club, and City staff. He commented that it was a good and informative meeting.

Mr. McNair advised of the topics discussed at the first Southshore Trail/Northshore Trail Naturalization Subcommittee meeting which included their mandate, the City's Bee City initiative, the City's natural areas, the inventory of the natural forest areas, an invasive species assessment, a look at all parks, and the existing conditions of the trails.

ORGANIC WASTE DIVERSION

The Committee discussed ideas to further the organic waste diversion in the City such as organic waste containers being provided during special events, the need to encourage more organic waste diversion within condominiums, and potential ways to encourage organic waste diversion in new developments in the City.

PHASING OUT OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS AT CITY FACILITIES

No action taken on this item.

ONTARIO ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL FUND

Sherry Diaz, Representative of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Department (SMDHU) provided information on the partnership with local School Boards and the Public Health concerning the Ontario Active School Travel Fund Project. Ms. Diaz advised that the Ontario Active School Travel Fund is an initiative of the Ontario Active School Travel Project of a provincial framework to increase active transportation during school journeys. She commented that the project is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Education and is being managed and delivered by Green Communities Canada.

Ms. Diaz advised that she will update the Committee on the progress of the Project.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY (ATS) COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee noted that the Active Transportation and Sustainability (ATS) Committee will be discussing the Terms of Reference during a special meeting to be held in July, 2019.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT CHARGES FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND GREEN ENERGY

Erich Jacoby-Hawkins provided a background and status of the Local Improvement Charges for Energy Efficiency and Green Energy. He advised the need for a funding mechanism to encourage energy efficiency and green energy such municipalities setting up a working group through the clean air alliance, the City to be involved in the CHEERIO Initiatives (Clean Air Partnership), in the new Developments, a great opportunity for bonuses or incentives for items like solar heating or solar panels.

The Committee agreed to defer this item to a future meeting for further discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

CHAIRMAN