



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

9:30 AM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

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

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chair, Councillor, K. Aylwin at 9:30 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 8 - Councillor K. Aylwin
Councillor S. Morales
A. Carlyle
S. Diaz - SMDHU
E. Jacoby-Hawkins
A. McNair - Nature Barrie
J. Northcote
T. Searls

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. C. Gardner, Medical Officer of Health, SMDHU

STAFF:

Acting Deputy City Clerk, T. McArthur
Infrastructure Planning Engineer, B. Gratrix
Manager of Parks and Forestry Operations, K. Bradley
Manager of Planning and Asset Management, K. Oakley
Supervisor of Forestry, K. Rankin
Transit Operations Planner, M. McConnell.

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

SECTION "A"

PRESENTATION BY DR. GARDNER, MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH CONCERNING THE OPPORTUNITIES TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE

Dr. C. Gardner, Medical Officer of Health from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) provided a presentation concerning the opportunities to address Climate Change.

Mr. Gardner discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An overview on climate change;
- Pictures illustrating natural disasters taken place in Simcoe Muskoka;
- Resource information associated to climate change;
- The SMDHU vulnerability assessment to increase understanding and support resilience for a changing climate;
- Important demographics associated to age, low income and chronic illnesses;
- The rationale of why climate change needs to be addressed quickly;
- A map illustrating the surface temperatures for Barrie and surrounding areas;
- Charts illustrating climate projections associated to extreme heat in the 2020's, 2050's, and the 2080's;
- A chart illustrating the projected precipitation from 2 to 100 years;
- A map illustrating the estimated risks associated to Ontario Lyme Disease;
- A chart illustrating Blacklegged Tick submissions to the Health Unit between 2012 and 2017;
- The benefits of a climate change mitigation plan;
- The actions communities are taking to address climate change;
- How local municipalities planning ahead for climate change;
- A map illustrating the City's walkability and mode share areas; and
- A summary on the opportunities for action on climate change.

The Committee asked a number of questions to Dr. Gardner and received responses.

SELECTION OF A CHAIR

The Committee discussed the selection of a Chair and Vice-Chair. They agreed to appoint Councillor, K. Aylwin as Chair and John Northcote as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

POSSIBILITY OF A TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

The Committee discussed the possibility of a tree planting program in the City that would include public and private lands. They talked about other municipalities that have similar programs and noted that they are often in partnership with outside organizations. The Committee spoke about potential organizations such as Living Green and Nature Barrie to partner with the City.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

INVESTIGATION - TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

That staff in the Roads, Parks and Fleet Department investigate the feasibility of partnering with community organizations such as Living Green Barrie, Nature Barrie and other service clubs for a Tree Planting Program on private and public lands in the City of Barrie and report back to the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee.

This matter was recommended to City Building Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2019-12-10.

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

SECTION "C"

THE INTERNATIONAL CYCLING CITY ASSESSMENT (ICCA) SURVEY

The Committee discussed the International Cycling City Assessment (ICCA) Survey that was created by the Dutch Cycling Embassy as a tool to facilitate a knowledge exchange on a world-wide scale associated to cycling. They noted the survey will provide cities with insights into their current bicycle practice and reveal opportunities for future improvements. The Committee agreed that the results from the survey could benefit the City to enhance a better cycling reality.

SOUTHSHORE NATURALIZATION SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

A. McNair provided a brief update on Southshore Naturalization Subcommittee. He noted that the Subcommittee recently met in November and that he will report back to the Committee at the December 16, 2019 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

CHAIRMAN