

City of Barrie

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

**For consideration by the General Committee
of the City of Barrie on June 6, 2011.**

The Community Services Committee met at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Chamber on May 17, 2011.

PRESENT: Councillor L. Strachan, Chair
Councillor D. Shipley
Councillor B. Ainsworth
Councillor J. Brassard.

STAFF: Deputy Chief, R. Monkman
Environmental Investigation and Response Supervisor, K. Walker-Prince
Fire Chief, J. Lynn
General Manager of Community Operations, J. Sales
General Manager of Corporate Services, E. Archer
General Manager of Infrastructure, Development and Culture, R. Forward
Manager of Accounting, K. Short (joined the meeting at 7:11 p.m.)
Manager of Environmental Operations, S. Coulter
Supervisor of Parks Planning & Development, W. Fischer (left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.)
Supervisor of Vital Statistics, Corporate Mail and Print Services, N. Brancaccio.

ALSO PRESENT: M. Jacquemain, Barrie Ultimate League (left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.)
K. Jacquemain, Barrie Ultimate League (left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.)
R. Nicholson, Aerarium Development Corporation (left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.)
P. Russell, Golder and Associates.

The Community Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

11-CMSC-011 SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY UPDATE

Sandy Coulter, Manager of Environmental Operations provided an update on the Sustainable Waste Management Strategy. Mr. Coulter stated that as Barrie is one of the fastest growing cities in Canada and the landfill is expected to reach capacity in 2024, in order to accommodate future needs a sustainable waste management strategy is essential. He provided an overview of the priorities associated with the development of the strategy, mission statement and guiding principles and noted that it is important to recognize waste as a resource.

Pam Russell, Golder Associates stated that the strategy will be coming forward for General Committee's consideration in December 2011. She outlined the wind turbine feasibility assessment which will evaluate the possible impact of the turbine on current and potential waste management operations. Ms. Russell commented that the community engagement approach will integrate community interests through the planning process. She noted that the public will be able to attend workshops and open houses in order to obtain input regarding suggestions, issues and concerns.

Mr. Coulter concluded by outlining the next steps and the approximate timing for each stage of the strategy development process.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions regarding waste management in general and different options available to the City.

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11-CMSC-012 WASTE PICK UP FROM CONDOMINIUMS

Sandy Coulter, Manager of Environmental Operations noted that options for waste pick up from condominiums will be included as part of the Waste Management Strategy. Residents of multi-residential housing units will have an opportunity to provide input regarding pick up from condominiums. Mr. Coulter noted that a change in service level and related financial implications was a possibility.

11-CMSC-013 PROPOSAL FOR THE CREATION OF A DISC GOLF COURSE - UPDATE

Walter Fischer, Supervisor of Parks Planning & Development provided an update regarding the proposal for the creation of a disc golf course. He stated that potential sites that are easily adaptable with a large enough acreage and sensitive to the neighbouring land uses were being investigated. Mr. Fischer requested that staff be provided with additional time to review the sites and to meet with the proponents in order that a recommendation to General Committee can be made at the end of the summer.

Mark Jacquemain of the Barrie Ultimate League stated that he was looking forward to working with staff to discuss a preferable location.

11-CMSC-014 WATER AND WASTEWATER BILLING AND COLLECTION POLICY

Sandy Coulter, Manager of Environmental Operations provided a presentation regarding the Water and Wastewater Billing and Collection Policy. He provided background information on paragraph 41 of the proposed by-law which was referred to the Community Services Committee on March 21, 2011. He stated that the existing exemption is currently restricted to the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional sector for manufacturing processes or irrigation processes. Mr. Coulter outlined the proposed changes to the Class III Exemption Policy and stated that the owners currently registered for the exemption for irrigation purposes will be phased out over a period of five years. He noted that the rationale for discontinuation of the Class III Exemption for irrigation purposes is driven by promoting water conservation and seizing the opportunity to adjust current policies with the anticipated framework under the Water Opportunities Act.

Rob Nicholson, Aerarium Development Corporation stated his concern with the phasing out of the Class III Exemption. He stated that he feels that water being used for irrigation is not ending up in sewers and the businesses currently being exempted should continue to be exempt.

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

SECTION "B"

11-CMSC-015 WATER AND WASTEWATER BILLING AND COLLECTION POLICY

That the following paragraph of the draft by-law concerning Water and Wastewater Billing and Collection Policy be received and forwarded to General Committee without recommendation:

- "41. A Class III Exemption is available to Industrial, Commercial and/or Institutional water users who redirect a minimum of 100 m3 of water per month away from the municipal wastewater works due to evaporative losses in HVAC systems, water consumed in product, irrigation and once through cooling water.
- a) For the purpose of this policy, multi-residential units using a single water supply will be considered as a commercial water user.
 - b) Owners currently registered for a Class III Exemption relating to irrigation will be phased out over a period of five years from the date of the enactment of this by-law.
 - c) To continue to be eligible for the Class III Exemption for process related exemptions and for the five remaining years of the irrigation exemption program:
 - i. Water returned to the municipal storm or wastewater works shall comply with current Sewer Use by-law limits.
 - ii. All exemption meters or other measuring devices shall be provided and maintained by the applicant. Failure to use approved water volume measuring devices that yield accurate readings will result in wastewater use charges according to the Fees By-law unless alternative consumption measurements are approved by the Director of Operations.
 - iii. Applicant must ensure that all other legislative requirements are met and that all necessary permits have been obtained.
 - d) The Class III exemptions for both process and irrigation reasons, will be automatically discontinued in the event of a change in ownership, tenancy or related plumbing system. In the case of the process exemption, the new owner will need to re-apply to become eligible for the exemption.
 - e) Applicants for this program shall submit a completed Class III exemption application, including the schematics of piping and metering to the Operation Centre. Any proposed changes must be approved by the Operations Department." (11-A-101) (11-G-063) (FIN005-11) (File: F00)

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11-CMSC-016 MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT – ELECTRONIC DATA ACCESS

1. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Authorized Register Agreement (ARIS) with the Ministry of Transportation for Electronic Data Transfer Migration to the Internet, for the purpose of invoicing associated with motor vehicle accident response, at a onetime set up fee of \$250 and \$12.50 per transaction.
2. That the Deputy Fire Chief, Manager of Operations, be authorized to renew the ARIS agreement on an annual basis.
3. That the 2011 Fees By-law include an administrative charge of \$17.20 to any invoice issued under Schedule "G". (11-A-146) (11-G-111) (FES001-11) (File: P00)

The Community Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

11-CMSC-017 REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 21, 2011

The report of the Communities in Bloom Committee dated March 21, 2011 was received.

11-CMSC-018 REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE DATED APRIL 13, 2011

The report of the Communities in Bloom Committee dated April 13, 2011 was received.

11-CMSC-019 REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED APRIL 6, 2011

The report of the Environmental Advisory Committee dated April 6, 2011 was received.

11-CMSC-020 REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED MAY 4, 2011

The report of the Environmental Advisory Committee dated May 4, 2011 was received.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

CHAIRMAN