



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Community Services Committee

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

6:30 PM

Council Chamber

For consideration by General Committee on September 26, 2016

The meeting was called to order by the Chair of the Community Services Committee, Councillor Ainsworth, at 6:31 p.m. The following Committee Members were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 3 - Chairman B. Ainsworth
Councillor, R. Romita
Councillor, A. Khan

Absent: 2 - Mayor, J. Lehman
Councillor, P. Silveira

Staff:

City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, D. McAlpine
Committee and Print Services Supervisor, L. Pearson
Director of Roads, Parks and Fleet, D. Friary
Manager of By-law Services, T. Banting.

The Community Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

OPEN DELEGATION BY ANDRÉ CHAMPOUX REGARDING SNOW REMOVAL ON THE SIDEWALK

Mr. André Champoux provided an Open Delegation regarding snow removal on the sidewalk in front of his property. Mr. Champoux explained that for the past three years he feels there have been snow clearing issues associated with the sidewalk in front of his house. He noted that the last 40 feet of the sidewalk is quite often not plowed to his satisfaction. Mr. Champoux indicated that the sidewalk snow plow has damaged the grass abutting the sidewalk and a piece of the concrete is missing. He explained that he has contacted his Ward Councillor on several occasions regarding his concerns. Mr. Champoux advised that he had e-mailed pictures of the damage to City staff and the sod has not been repaired.

Mr. Champoux requested that he be reimbursed through a refund on his taxes and asked that the portion of the sidewalk and sod that is damaged be repaired.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions related to Mr. Champoux's Open Delegation and received responses from City staff and Mr. Champoux.

D. Friary, Director of Roads, Parks and Fleet indicated that he would investigate Mr. Champoux's concerns and update the Ward Councillor. (File: D00)

EXOTIC ANIMAL ACTS IN A CIRCUS - COMMUNITY SUGGESTION

The Community Services Committee met and discussed the memorandum from G. Allison, Director of Building and By-law Services dated April 18, 2016 concerning the Exotic Animal Acts in a Circus - Community Suggestion. Ms. McAlpine, City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services explained that a community suggestion through the Community Suggestion Forum was received regarding exotic animal acts in a circus and that the suggestion received the required number of votes to initiate a memorandum from City staff. Ms. McAlpine reviewed the content of the memorandum and explained that circuses are required to have a Business Licence to operate within the City of Barrie. She noted that the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is notified when a circus is in town and Municipal Law Enforcement staff inspect the premise. She commented that some municipalities are reviewing their current by-laws that are associated with circuses.

Two individuals (Audrey McClure and Julie Woodyer of Zoocheck Canada Inc.) provided comments regarding exotic animal acts in a circus as follows:

- Details regarding how other municipalities are handling exotic animals in a circus;
- The importance of education and awareness concerning the treatment of exotic animals in some circus environments;
- Banning the use of exotic animals in circuses and other travelling animal shows;
- The role of Zoocheck Wildlife Protection Charity; and
- The danger created by certain training methods for animals.

Members of the Committee asked several questions related to the information provided and received responses from City staff and the representative of Zoocheck Canada Inc. (16-G-096) (Item for Discussion 8.2, May 2, 2016) (File: P00)

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

SECTION "B"

WILDLIFE OR EXOTIC ANIMALS ACTS PARTAKING IN A CIRCUS OR SIMILAR SHOW

That the Business Licensing By-law 2006-266 be amended to add the following new provision under operating criteria associated with the "circus or similar show" licensing category:

"Notwithstanding the above, the use or display of wildlife or exotic animals shall be prohibited".

(16-G-096) (Item for Discussion 8.2, May 2, 2016) (File: P00)

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/26/2016.

The Community Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT DATED MAY 9, 2016

The Report of the Seniors Advisory Committee dated May 9, 2016 was received. (File: C05)

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE DATED MAY 12, 2016

The Report of the Communities in Bloom Committee dated May 12, 2016 was received. (File: C05)

REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED JUNE 1, 2016

The Report of the Environmental Advisory Committee dated June 1, 2016 was received. (File: C05)

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE DATED JUNE 9, 2016

The Report of the Communities in Bloom Committee dated June 9, 2016 was received. (File: C05)

REPORT OF THE SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED JULY 11, 2016

The Report of the Seniors Advisory Committee Report dated July 11, 2016 was received. (File: C05)

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE DATED JULY 18, 2016

The Report of the Communities in Bloom Committee dated July 18, 2016 was received. (File: C05)

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

SECTION "D"

INVESTIGATION OF DESIGNATING A SURPLUS PARKING LOT IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCLUDING HOUSEING FOR SENIORS

That staff in the Business Development Department investigate the feasibility of designating one of the surplus parking lots in the Downtown Area for affordable housing that includes housing for seniors and report back to the Seniors Advisory Committee. (File: S00)

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/26/2016.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

CHAIRMAN