



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Community Services Committee

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

4:00 PM

Council Chamber

For consideration by General Committee on June 24, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Lynn Strachan at 4:08 pm. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

PRESENT:

Councillor L. Strachan, Community Services Committee Chairperson
Councillor D. Shipley, Community Services Committee Member
Councillor A. Khan, Community Services Committee Member
Councillor B. Ainsworth
Councillor J. Brassard.

STAFF:

City Clerk/Director of Legislative Services, D. McAlpine
Committee and Print Services Supervisor, L. Pearson
Director of Engineering, R. Kahle
Director of Roads, Parks and Fleet, D. Friary
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, E. Archer
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, R. Forward
Supervisor of Parks Planning Development, W. Fischer.

The Community Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

CHRONIC CEREBOSPINAL VENOUS INSUFFICIENCY FOUNDATION OF CANADA PRESENTATION

Mr. S. Garvie, President of The Chronic Cerebrospinal Venous Insufficiency (CCSVI) Foundation of Canada provided a presentation concerning Chronic Cerebrospinal Venous Insufficiency surgeries (CCVSI) and his Foundation. Mr. Garvie outlined the symptoms associated with Chronic Cerebral Spinal Venous Insufficiency. He commented that Dr. Paolo Zamboni discovered the procedure in 2009. He provided images demonstrating the areas of possible blockage associated with CCSVI and the impacts of blockages. He outlined the various diseases associated with improper blood flow. He noted that 6 procedures have been done at the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre by Dr. S. McDonald including his own procedure. Mr. Garvie described his experience with the procedure and the benefits of having it done. He highlighted actions taken to date to promote the procedure including meetings in Ottawa, speaking with MP's and Senators. He provided his thoughts on the clinical trials and his perceptions regarding the reasons why the procedure is not currently performed in Canada. Mr. Garvie reviewed the yearly costs involved with funding for an individual with CCSVI compared to a once only procedure cost. He highlighted the functions of the M.S. Society and how they utilize their funds. He provided a video clip testimonial from an individual regarding their experience after having the procedure performed.

In closing, Mr Garvie commented that he feels people do not understand that the fight associated with making this procedure available and that there is skilled physicians in Barrie who can perform the procedure.

The Committee Members and Councillors in attendance asked a number of questions related to the information provided and received responses from the presenter.

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

SECTION "B"

CHRONIC CEREBROSPINAL VENOUS INSUFFICIENCY (CCSVI)

That a letter be prepared in consultation with Dr. Sandy McDonald, to be sent to senior levels of government to encourage clinical trials in Barrie of the Chronic Cerebrospinal Venous Insufficiency (CCSVI) procedure. (File: S00)

This matter was recommended to General Committee (Section "B") for adoption consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/24/2013.

The Community Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

INVESTIGATION - PUBLIC TREE BY-LAW

The Community Services Committee met and discussed the investigation of a public tree by-law. Mr. B. Kahle, Director of Engineering provided an overview of the memorandum distributed to City Council on May 13, 2013.

Mr. D. Friary, Director of Roads, Parks and Fleet provided images of trees throughout the City to explain the current challenges with trees planted near public lands and to demonstrate the means utilized to determine whether a tree is defined as a "public tree".

The Committee Members and Councillors in attendance asked several questions related to public and private trees and received responses from City staff. (13-G-129) (Item for Discussion 8.3, May 6, 2013) (File: T11)

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

SECTION "D"

PUBLIC TREE BY-LAW DEFINITION

That the current definition of a public tree contained within By-law 2009-098 be maintained. (13-G-129) (Item for Discussion 8.3, May 6, 2013) (File: T11)

This matter was recommended to General Committee (Section "D") for adoption consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/24/2013.

The Community Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "E"

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT DATED MAY 1, 2013

The Environmental Advisory Committee Report dated May 1, 2013 was received. (File: C05).

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT DATED JUNE 5, 2013

The Report of the Communities in Bloom Advisory Committee dated June 5, 2013 was received. (File: C05)

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

CHAIRMAN