



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Community Services Committee

Wednesday, September 2, 2015

7:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

For consideration by General Committee on September 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order by the Chair of the Community Services Committee, Councillor Ainsworth at 7:08 p.m. The following Committee Members were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 3 - Councillor, 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
Community Events Co-ordinator, A. Donnelly
Director of Environmental Services, J. Thompson
Forestry Supervisor, K. Rankin
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, R. Forward
Manager of Facilities, R. Bell
Manager, Water Operations Branch, E. Tovilla
Senior Communications Advisor, S. Lamantia.

The Community Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

OPEN DELEGATION - BLUE DOT ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS DECLARATION

Mr. M. Lancaster and Mr. J. Rancourt, representatives of the Blue Dot Movement provided a presentation to the Committee concerning the Blue Dot Movement.

Mr. Lancaster and Mr. Rancourt discussed the following topics:

- The background and purpose of the Blue Dot Movement;
- Canadian's right to a healthy environment, clean water, fresh air and healthy food;
- The City of Barrie's environmental accomplishments;
- The Blue Dot as a global movement;
- Amending the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom to include a right to a healthy environment, clean water, fresh air and health food;
- A proposed Declaration for the City of Barrie's consideration; and
- Resolutions passed by other Municipal Governments.

The Committee asked a number of questions related to the information provided and received responses from the Blue Dot Representatives and city staff.

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

SECTION "B"

DECLARATION OF THE RIGHT TO A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

That the proposed Declaration of the Right to a Healthy Environment submitted by the Blue Dot Environmental Rights Group be referred to staff in the Environmental Services Department for a report back to General Committee. (File: E00)

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/14/2015.

The Community Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

OPEN DELEGATION - K's KIDS YOUTH CENTRE

Ms. Karen Gaudette McCarthy provided an Open Delegation regarding her idea for a Kids Youth Centre. Ms. Gaudette McCarthy stated that she feels that youth do not have a safe environment to hang out and socialize. She provided a slide presentation concerning her proposal. Ms. Gaudette McCarthy discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The purpose of the Kids Youth Centre;
- The overall business proposal, for the facility including the scope, budget estimate, schedule and interested vendors; and
- A diagram illustrating the proposed floor plan for the Kids Youth Centre.

Members of the Committee asked several questions related to the information provided and received responses from City Staff and the presenter.

The Committee suggested that Ms. Gaudette McCarthy discuss her proposal with representatives of the Y.M.C.A. and Community Wellness Centre as well as City Staff.

SPECIAL EVENTS POLICY QUARTERLY REPORT UPDATE

Ms. A. Donnelly, Community Events Coordinator, provided a slide presentation highlighting the Special Events held during the third quarter of 2015.

Ms. Donnelly discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The Special Event Permit process;
- Summer highlights of the community events;
- Upcoming community events;
- Summer highlights of corporate events held;
- Upcoming Corporate events;

Members of the Committee asked several questions related to the information presented and received responses. The members of the Committee outlined several concerns and discussed complaints received with respect to events held earlier this year as well as suggestions for future events. The Committee requested additional information regarding events including details of the City resources required to support each event, contribution to the community and whether the vendors at events are competing with permanent local vendors.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT DATED APRIL 1, 2015

The Report of the Environmental Advisory Committee dated April 1, 2015 was received. (File: C05)

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT DATED MAY 6, 2015

The Report of the Environmental Advisory Committee dated May 6, 2015 was received. (File: C05)

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE REPORT DATED MAY 14, 2015

The Report of the Communities in Bloom Committee dated May 14, 2015 was received. (File: C05)

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT DATED JUNE 3, 2015

The Report of the Environmental Advisory Committee dated June 3, 2015 was received. (File: C05)

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT DATED JULY 8, 2015

The Report of the Environmental Advisory Committee dated July 8, 2015 was received. (File: C05)

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE REPORT DATED AUGUST 13, 2015

The Report of the Communities in Bloom Committee dated August 13, 2015 was received. (File: C05)

SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT DATED AUGUST 17, 2015

The Report of the Seniors Advisory Committee dated August 17, 2015 was received. (File: C05)

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

SECTION "D"

HERITAGE TREES

That staff in Access Barrie in consultation with the Environmental Advisory Committee promote the City of Barrie Heritage Tree Program through the City of Barrie Website, print and social media to encourage property owners to nominate trees on their properties that meet the established criteria for a Heritage Tree designation. (File: E00)

This matter was recommended General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 9/14/2015.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

CHAIRMAN