



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Community Services Committee

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

6:30 PM

Council Chamber

For consideration by General Committee on January 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order by the Chair of Community Services Committee, Councillor B. Ainsworth at 6:30 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 5 - Councillor, B. Ainsworth
Mayor, J. Lehman
Councillor, R. Romita
Councillor, P. Silveira
Councillor, A. Khan

ALSO PRESENT:
Councillor, S. Morales

STAFF:
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, D. McAlpine
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard
Community Events Coordinator, A. Donnelly
Director of Roads, Parks and Fleet, D. Friary
Forestry Supervisor, K. Rankin
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, R. Forward
Landscape Architectural Planner, W. Loevenmark
Manager of By-law Services, T. Banting
Manager of Culture, O. Groves
Parks Horticulture Co-ordinator, M. Boyd.

The Community Services Committee met and reports as follows:**SECTION "A"****OPEN DELEGATION REGARDING THE SCATTERING OF CREMATED REMAINS IN A DEDICATED AREA ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES.**

Mr. Jeff Scott and Mrs. Susanne Scott owners of Steckley Gooderham Funeral Home and Peaceful Transition Inc. provided an Open Delegation regarding the scattering of cremated remains in a dedicated area on municipal properties.

Mr. Scott commented that both Steckley Gooderham Funeral Home and Peaceful Transition Inc. handle a large volume of cremations. He noted that their businesses deal with families of different cultural backgrounds and they would like to be better able support their family's requests for scattering of cremated remains.

D. Friary, Director of Roads, Parks and Fleet commented that the City of Barrie does have a commemorative program which enables residents and visitors to permanently pay tribute to a significant person by purchasing a Commemorative Bench or a Commemorative Tree.

D. McAlpine, Director of Legislative and Court Services/City Clerk discussed provisions outlined in the Cemeteries Act related to the scattering of cremated remains on municipal properties.

Members of the Committee asked questions to the presenter and to City staff and received responses.

OPEN DELEGATION REGARDING ILLEGAL RENTALS OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES AND THE ASSOCIATED COSTS TO THE CITY FOR ITEMS INCLUDING, SNOW REMOVAL, ENFORCEMENT, PARKING AND ROAD MAINTENANCE

Mr. Duscan Pajevic provided an Open Delegation regarding illegal rentals of residential properties and the associated costs to the City for items including, snow removal, enforcement, parking and road maintenance.

Mr. Pajevic discussed the followings concerns and comments:

- The excessive and illegal parking throughout city streets and private properties;
- That many residential streets are too narrow to accommodate parking on both sides which could potentially cause access problems for emergency vehicles;
- That large vehicles parked near driveways, obstruct visibility and make it difficult to exit driveways safely thus compromising roadside safety and impeding road maintenance especially in the winter, fall and spring when snow and debris removal maintenance programs are undertaken;

- The businesses that are being operated in residential homes and commercial vehicles that are parked in residential areas;
- The regulations associated with illegal rooming houses and rental housing; and
- That residential properties that are being unmaintained.

In closing, Mr. Pajevic commented that he has many concerns associated with uncontrolled rental housing and he suggested the Province along with municipalities undertake a constructive study to tackle and address the issue of illegal rentals.

Members of the Committee asked questions to the presenter and to City staff and received responses.

The Community Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "B"

PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) OF LIVING GREEN REGARDING URBAN AGRICULTURE AND A POTENTIAL PILOT PROJECT

Mr. Erich Jacoby Hawkins, Living Green and Ms. Christine Bushey, Simcoe Muskoka District Health provided a presentation regarding an urban agriculture project and a potential pilot project.

Mr. Jacoby Hawkins and Ms. Bushey discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An outline of what is household food insecurity sometimes also referred to as "food poverty";
- The effects of not having enough food to eat and health impacts;
- A chart depicting the cost of food and housing among low income earners in Simcoe Muskoka for 2016;
- A chart illustrating of how healthy eating is out of reach for many;
- The most vulnerable populations affected by food insecurity;
- The important roles could play in urban agriculture;
- A definition of urban agriculture;
- Suggestions on how to promote urban agriculture in the City of Barrie;
- An list of successes for the City of Barrie and other jurisdictions in urban agriculture; and
- A Collaborative Vision and Venture for the City of Barrie promoting urban agriculture

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

SPECIAL EVENTS POLICY QUARTERLY REPORT UPDATE

A. Donnelly, Community Events Programmer provided a presentation regarding the Special Events Policy Quarterly Report Update. Ms. Donnelly discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The number of Special Event Permit applications issued for 2016 and received to date for 2017;
- The road closure process utilized for Special Events; and
- A review of past and upcoming Corporate Events.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions related to the information provided and received responses from City staff. (File: D00)

The Community Services Committee met and reports as follows:**SECTION "C"****REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2016**

The Report of the Environmental Advisory Committee dated September 7, 2016 was received. (File: C05)

REPORT OF THE SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

The Report of the Seniors Advisory Committee dated September 12, 2016 was received. (File: C05)

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

The Report of the Communities in Bloom Committee dated September 15, 2016 was received. (File: C05)

REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED OCTOBER 5, 2016

The Report of the Environmental Advisory Committee dated October 5, 2016 was received. (File: C05)

REPORT OF THE SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED OCTOBER 17, 2016

The Report of the Seniors Advisory Committee dated October 17, 2016 was received. (File: C05)

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED
NOVEMBER 2, 2016**

The Report of the Environmental Advisory Committee dated November 2, 2016 was received. (File: C05)

**REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE DATED
NOVEMBER 10, 2016.**

The Report of the Communities in Bloom Committee dated November 10, 2016 was received. (File: C05)

**REPORT OF THE SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED
NOVEMBER 14, 2016**

The Report of the Seniors Advisory Committee dated November 14, 2016 was received. (File: C05)

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

CHAIRMAN