



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Environmental Advisory Committee

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

7:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

**For consideration by the Community Services Committee of the City of Barrie on
May 10, 2017.**

The Environmental Advisory Committee met at 7:00 p.m. in the Sir Robert Barrie Room and the following were in attendance:

Present: 5 - Chairman P. Bursztyn
S. Bollinger
Councillor M. McCann
C. Reynolds
W. Wilson

Absent: 2 - A. McNair
G. Poisson

STAFF:

Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur
Senior Communications Advisor, S. Lamantia.

The Environmental Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

CITY OF BARRIE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

The Committee discussed energy saving tips and potential ideas to educate the community of the City of Barrie's energy and environmental initiatives in place.

S. Lamantia, Senior Communications Advisor advised the Committee of a Media Release dated December 30, 2016 entitled "Banner Year for Energy Management at City". Mr. Lamantia noted that the media release recognized the City of Barrie's efforts in reducing energy for 2016, and advised the community of the City's energy and cost reduction initiatives, and associated awards won by the City.

Mr. Lamantia noted that he is in contact with the staff in the Corporate Facilities Department and will be updating the City of Barrie's website to highlight the City's energy and environmental initiatives in place.

The Committee discussed potential topics for one minute videos on energy saving tips and the City of Barrie's energy and environmental initiatives in place. They suggested that the videos should be creative, fun, eye catching for all ages and promote awareness and education. The Committee also discussed the potential partnership with Georgian College and schools in the Barrie area to assist in creating the one minute videos.

The Committee deferred this item to a future meeting for further discussion.

CARBON TAX VS CAP AND TRADE

P. Bursztyn provided an overview to the Committee concerning the pros and cons of a Carbon Tax vs. a Cap and Trade program. Mr. Bursztyn noted that the Provincial and Federal governments are discussing methods to reduce carbon emissions to ensure the environment and economy remains strong through either a Carbon Tax or a Cap and Trade program.

The Environmental Advisory Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

CARBON TAX VS CAP-AND-TRADE

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario developed a plan to fight climate change and meet emission reduction targets through a Cap and Trade program effective January 1, 2017;

AND WHEREAS Cap and Trade applies to domestic industries resulting in little reduction of carbon emissions by omitting individual Canadians even though they are the larger emitters;

AND WHEREAS Cap and Trade and Carbon Tax impose costs on industries, only the latter can be rebated when the goods are exported;

AND WHEREAS Cap and Trade cannot be imposed on imported goods, a Carbon Tax can be, ensuring domestic manufacturers cannot easily avoid reducing carbon emissions by moving their manufacturing offshore;

AND WHEREAS pricing carbon emissions through a Carbon Tax is a powerful tool, offering visible and viable incentives that governments can easily encourage, that may result in a larger impact on all industries, companies and households to reduce carbon emissions;

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED:

1. That correspondence be sent to the Federal and Provincial governments encouraging them to work together to consider a country-wide Carbon Tax to reduce global carbon emissions.
2. That a copy of the correspondence be sent to the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario, John Brassard, Member of Parliament for Barrie - Innisfil, Alex Nuttall, Member of Parliament for Barrie - Springwater - Oro-Medonte, Ann Hoggarth, Member of Provincial Parliament for Barrie and surrounding Ontario Municipalities.

This matter was recommended to Community Services Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/1/2017.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

CHAIRMAN