

City of Barrie

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

**For consideration by the General Committee
of the City of Barrie on April 11, 2011.**

The Community Services Committee met at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber on March 30, 2011.

PRESENT: Mayor J. Lehman
Councillor L. Strachan, Chair
Councillor D. Shipley
Councillor J. Robinson.

STAFF: City Clerk, D. McAlpine
Communications Advisor, C. Harris
Director of Corporate Asset Management, B. Parkin (left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.)
Director of Leisure, Transit and Facilities, B. Roth
General Manager of Community Operations, J. Sales
Manager of Facilities, K. Bradley
Manager of Fleet Services, D. Friary
Marketing and Promotions Manager, D. Buttineau
Municipal Law Enforcement Supervisor, T. Banting
Supervisor of Parks Planning, W. Fischer
Supervisor of Council Secretariat, N. Brancaccio.

The Community Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

11-CMSC-005 PRESENTATION – PROPOSAL FOR THE CREATION OF A DISC GOLF COURSE

Mark Jacquemain and Kevin Jacquemain of the Barrie Ultimate League provided a presentation regarding a proposal for the creation of a disc golf course in the City of Barrie.

K. Jacquemain commented that disc golf is a healthy activity accessible to all ages and fitness levels. He stated that disc golf courses are environmentally friendly and utilize existing topography as there is no clear-cutting of trees, grading of land and requires minimal maintenance. M. Jacquemain stated that disc golf courses are inexpensive to install and maintain. M. Jacquemain stated that the Barrie Ultimate League is pursuing funding from the Trillium Fund. He concluded by requesting that the Committee consider the installation of a disc golf course at either Lackie's Bush or Sunnidale Park.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions regarding anticipated costs of the course and the sport of disc golf.

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

SECTION "B"

11-CMSC-006 PROPOSAL FOR THE CREATION OF A DISC GOLF COURSE

That staff investigate potential sites for the creation of a disc golf course and the possibility of entering into a land use agreement with the Barrie Ultimate League and report back to Community Services Committee in May 2011.

The Community Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

11-CMSC-007 PRESENTATION – GRAFFITI REMOVAL MACHINES

Jennifer Spiro, Tornado Advanced Cleaning Systems (ACS), provided a presentation regarding a graffiti removal machine, the Tornado. Ms. Spiro stated that the Tornado is an environmentally friendly solution for cleaning and restoration and is widely used by governments and private business throughout Europe. She noted that the machine uses granular materials such as walnuts, corn or recycled glass to clean many types of surfaces of paint, soot, and graffiti. Daniel Spiro provided a demonstration of the Tornado device that is used to remove unwanted markings and debris from different surfaces.

Members of Committee asked questions regarding the Tornado machine and its application and use.

The Community Services Committee recessed at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened at 8:16 p.m.

11-CMSC-008 PRESENTATION – SAFE PARKS AND TRAILS 2010 - UPDATE

Jim Sales, General Manager of Community Operations provided members of Committee with an update regarding the 2010 Safe Parks and Trails Program. He stated that the program was implemented as a result of Council motion to develop a "Safe Parks and Trails Strategy" and to address concerns in the community regarding safety in city parks and trails. As a result, a pilot program was initiated in 2010 which included a summer student bike patrol, parks security enhancements and the Park Ambassador Program. The goal of the program was to educate and communicate with the public.

J. Sales stated that throughout the season, staff assessed the effectiveness of the program and they noted that the concerns varied throughout the municipality. In general, the program was well received and an effective means of communicating and educating the public regarding behavioral and animal control issues.

J. Sales concluded by stating that as the program was successful in 2010 the goal for 2011 is to continue the program in order to gain the benefit of one full year of statistics. For this year, the program will be expanded to include enhancements with signage, summer student orientation and public communication to promote current programs and successes.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions related to the bike patrol, parks security arrangements, Park Ambassador Program and anti-loitering devices..

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11-CMSC-009 MUNICIPAL ALCOHOL POLICY

Dan Buttineau, Marketing and Promotions Manager provided a presentation regarding the proposed Municipal Alcohol Policy. He noted that the primary goal of the policy was to assert the community's and Council's wish to provide safe and secure facilities and spaces for patrons, citizens and visitors. D. Buttineau outlined the development process for the policy and noted that the policy will be presented to General Committee for consideration later in 2011.

D. Buttineau stated that the policy is intended to ensure effective management, supervision and operation of Special Operations Permit events; reduce risk and exposure to the Corporation; protect staff, organizations, volunteers and participants from liabilities associated with events; and educate and train municipal staff, event sponsors, permit holders, patrons and the general public of the alcohol related risks and legal liabilities in order to effectively manage events and enforce the policy requirements.

A member of the Committee asked questions related to the proposed Policy.

11-CMSC-010 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES 31 AND 32 - LOVERS CREEK RAVINE TOLLEDALE

The Committee met and discussed the referral of motion 11-G-035 concerning Pedestrian Bridges 31 and 32 – Lovers Creek Ravine, Tollendale to the Community Services Committee. Councillor Strachan indicated that she would be presenting an amendment to the motion concerning the 2011 Business Plan to introduce this capital project, in recognition of the urgency associated with the works. (CAM002-11) (11-G-035) (File: F00)

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

CHAIRMAN