



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Environmental Advisory Committee

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

7:00 PM

Huronian Room A

For consideration at Community Services Committee on September 10, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, P. Bursztyn at 7:03 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 7 - Chairman P. Bursztyn
Councillor M. McCann
A. McNair
G. Poisson
C. Reynolds
K. Thomson
W. Wilson

STAFF:

Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur
Deputy City Clerk, J. Carswell
Health and Safety Advisor, K. Cooper
Risk Management Official, S. Drewette.

The Environmental Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SAFETY DATA SHEETS

P. Bursztyn, Chair reviewed the history of WHMIS (Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System) and SDS (Safety Data Sheets) with the Committee. He expressed his concerns that under the new GHS (Globally Harmonized System) that the Federal and Provincial Governments are not requiring completion of all parts of Section 2 (Environmental Components) and Section 12 (Ecological Information). P. Bursztyn indicated that while these items are not currently required, he would like the City of Barrie to request that suppliers complete these sections of the SDS.

K. Cooper, Health and Safety Advisor advised that based on current legislation, there is no requirement or ability to mandate the information be included for Health and Safety purposes.

The Committee determined that there should be further discussion with the Purchasing Department and possibly the Environmental Services Department to determine whether it would be possible for the City to require these sections be completed. The Committee requested that representatives from each of these departments be invited to the next meeting.

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN PRESENTATION

S. Drewette, Risk Management Official presented the Implementation Plan for the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy. He advised that the Implementation Plan will serve as a means of guiding ownership, communication, and progress on Barrie's adaptation actions. S. Drewette indicated that the Plan ensures that each responsible department is doing what is necessary to fulfill the goals and intentions of the Adaptation Strategy, and also that adaptation actions are embedded into day-to-day City of Barrie operations. Mr. Drewette answered questions from the Committee.

POSSIBILITY OF A REQUIREMENT FOR A DEPOSIT ON PLASTIC BOTTLES

P. Bursztyn, Chair advised that with recent changes requiring producers to pay 100% of costs, the requirement for a local deposit on plastic bottles will be addressed by others. The Committee requested that staff from Environmental Services invited to attend the next meeting to provide additional information.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS

P. Bursztyn, Chair reported on a collaboration with Living Green Barrie for creation of Environmental Educational Videos. The Committee discussed this project and invited representatives from Living Green Barrie to the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.