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To: Wendy Cooke <wendy.cooke@barrie.ca>

Subject: RE: Item for discussion regarding motion supported on April 1st

Reply-To: Barbara Mackie

Hi Wendy,

Could you please forward the following email to Mayor Lehman, Members of Council and add it to the Circulation List?

Thank you.

Barbara Mackie

RE: Item for discussion regarding motion supported on April 1st

On Monday, April 1st, a motion was passed by City Council for Staff to review the implications involved in changing the name of our Allandale Waterfront Go station. (If the motion was an April Fools prank, it makes sense so please ignore this.) The history, with respect to naming our Allandale Waterfront Go station and our Barrie South Go station, is extensive and the names are now well established within the City of Barrie and Metrolinx but only after a very long process, not so many years ago. The fact that Council voted to support the motion is very disturbing. Residents of Barrie understand there is a cost associated with a staff report and that resources are being directed towards an initiative, which has already been heavily weighed in on and finalized!

If a City Councillor brings forward a motion for a staff report regarding an issue, which would likely be supported by the majority of their constituents, and if the majority of City Councillors then support that motion with the belief they are representing their constituents in doing so, it would seem our system is working efficiently and the motion should be passed. However, a motion, which will not be supported by the majority of Barrie residents, should not even be initiated, let alone passed!

It is always possible that a City Councillor may believe they are representing the best interests of the residents in their Ward with the knowledge and a long term vision not yet recognized or understood by their constituents however, the onus should then be on them to educate in order to garner support or abandon a personal agenda.

If I have misunderstood our process or the responsibilities of City Council in any way, I would welcome clarification.

Regards,

Barbara Mackie