



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

9:30 AM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

For consideration by the City Building Committee on October 8, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Robb Meier at 9:40 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 8 - Chairman R. Meier
Councillor K. Aylwin
A. Carlyle
S. Diaz - SMDHU
E. Jacoby-Hawkins
A. McNair - Nature Barrie
J. Northcote
T. Searls

Absent: 1 - Councillor S. Morales

ALSO PRESENT:

A. Pelan, Living Green
A. Thomson, Ontario Association of Architects.

STAFF:

City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Director of Transit and Parking Strategy, B. Forsyth
Manager of Planning and Asset Management, K. Oakley
Manager of Strategic Initiatives, Policy and Analysis, K. Suggitt
Supervisor of Traffic and Community Safety, J. Sharp
Transit Operations Planner, M. McConnell.

Pursuant to Procedural By-law 2013-072, as amended, Section 4, Subsection 10, the order of business was altered such that the presentation concerning Energy and Benchmarking was considered prior to the presentation concerning the Climate Action Plan through Tree Planting.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

ENERGY AND WATER BENCHMARKING PRESENTATION

Andy Thomson of the Ontario Association of Architects provided a presentation concerning the 2030 District Standards Program. He noted that this Program is being implemented in partnership with the Canadian Urban Institute. Mr. Thomson discussed the logistics and benefits to municipalities who participate in the Program.

Mr. Thomson discussed the following topics:

- The background of the 2030 District Standards Program;
- Municipalities participating in the Program;
- Metrics that can be produced;
- Benefits for property owners;
- Comparable municipalities to Barrie that are participating in the Program.

The Committee asked several questions of the presenter and City staff and received responses.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

2030 DISTRICT STANDARDS PROGRAM

That staff in Planning and Building Services investigate the feasibility of participating in the 2030 District Standards Program in partnership with the Canadian Urban Institute and report back to General Committee.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Building Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/8/2019.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

PRESENTATION BY ANDEE PELAN, PROJECT DIRECTOR OF LIVING GREEN (ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION BARRIE) CONCERNING A CLIMATE ACTION PLAN THROUGH A TREE-PLANTING

Andee Pelan, Project Director of Living Green provided a presentation concerning a Climate Action Plan through tree planting.

Ms. Pelan discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An overview of the Living Green Barrie Organization including membership and programs;
- Living Green's Strategic Plan;
- The City of Barrie's Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Implementation Plan;
- The provisions within the Strategy that speak to providing natural and constructed shade, and the creation of naturalized and edible landscapes using existing resources;
- That the growing of mature trees is missing from the strategy;
- A suggestion for a Living Green Climate Change Tree Planting Program for private and public lands;
- Proposal for Community Tree Planting events and Neighbourhood Tree stewards on public lands;
- Proposal for Backyard Tree Planting Program;
- Proposal for Corporate and Greening Health Program;
- Next steps in the process.

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

The Committee requested that staff from Forestry Services be invited to the next Committee Meeting to discuss this Program.

**SOUTHSHORE TRAIL / NORTHSHORE TRAIL NATURALIZATION
SUBCOMMITTEE**

The Committee discussed whether or not there was a need for a separate Southshore and Northshore Trail Naturalization Sub-Committees. Interested members of the public who were present indicated that there should be two sub-committees as there are different issues in both areas.

The Committee agreed that the Sub-Committees will meet and discuss goals and processes and that verbal reports from each of the Sub-Committee will be provided at future meetings.

COMMITTEE WORKPLAN DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed that the Sub-Committees are working on a three year plan which will be reviewed at a future meeting.

**TRANSIT DISCUSSION - POSSIBILITY OF TRANSIT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE AND BIKE SHARE EXTENSION OF TRANSIT PILOT
PROJECT**

The Committee discussed the creation of a Transit Advisory Committee and bike share extension of the Transit Pilot Project.

Wendy Cooke, City Clerk advised that the creation of a separate Transit Advisory Committee is not feasible from a staff resource perspective at this point in time.

Brent Forsyth, Director of Transit and Parking Strategy provided details associated to community engagement when route changes are being considered. He noted that Transit staff could include the Committee as part of the consultation process.

The Committee discussed the extension of the Bike Share Transit Project. The Committee asked staff to provide further details on the Program including statistics, metrics from other communities that use the Program and involvement from other Departments. The Committee decided to have this matter placed on the October Agenda for further discussion.

**POSSIBILITIES OF THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) FOR
SUSTAINABLE REDEVELOPMENT**

K. Suggitt, Manager of Strategic Initiatives, Policy and Analysis provided details on the proposed Community Improvement Plan that was the subject of a Public Meeting on September 23, 2019. She discussed the eligibility criteria and affordability definitions.

Mr. Andy Thomson provided details associated with Terion holdbacks for rental project that are for profit and how this could possibly factor into this program.

HEAVY TRUCK TRAFFIC ON DUNLOP STREET THROUGH THE DOWNTOWN AREA

The Committee met and discussed the impacts to the downtown by allowing heavy truck traffic along Dunlop Street. The Committee discussed that with the changes being made to the sidewalk infrastructure that it promotes a more pedestrian type of environment and that consideration should be given to prohibit heavy truck traffic in the Downtown Core.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "D"

HEAVY TRUCK TRAFFIC ON DUNLOP STREET THROUGH DOWNTOWN AREA

That staff in the Roads, Parks and Fleet Department investigate the feasibility of prohibiting heavy truck traffic along Dunlop Street between Bradford Street to Blake Street and report back to General Committee.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Building Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/8/2019.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "E"

ANTI-IDLING BY-LAW DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the need for an anti-idling by-law as a deterrent.

Wendy Cooke, City Clerk discussed initiatives that the City has undertaken to promote anti-idling awareness as well as the challenges to enforce such a by-law.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "F"

ANTI-IDLING BY-LAW

That staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department investigate the feasibility of implementing an anti-idling by-law and report back to General Committee.

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Building Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/8/2019.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

CHAIRMAN