



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

9:30 AM

Council Chambers

For consideration by the City Building Committee on March 3, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Councillor K. Aylwin at 9:31a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 5 - Councillor K. Aylwin
A. Carlyle
J. Northcote
S. Diaz - SMDHU
T. Searls

Absent: 3 - Councillor S. Morales
A. McNair - Nature Barrie
E. Jacoby-Hawkins

ALSO PRESENT:

C. Malcolmson, Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition
L. Spinks, Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation
N. Hamley, Lake Simcoe Region Conservarion Authority.

STAFF:

Acting Deputy City Clerk, T. McArthur
Committee Support Clerk, N. Walsh
Manager of Parks and Forestry Operations, K. Bradley
Transit Operations Planner, M. McConnell
Landscape Architectural Planner, W. Loevenmark
Infrastructure Planning Engineer, B. Gratrix.

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

SECTION "A"

PRESENTATION BY THE RESCUE LAKE SIMCOE COALITION REGARDING A REVIEW OF THE LAKE SIMCOE PROTECTION PLAN

Claire Malcolmson, Executive Director from the Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition provided a presentation concerning the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan Annual Review.

Ms. Malcolmson discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The importance of Lake Simcoe's rehabilitation;
- An explanation of the phosphorous load and why it is important to the future of Lake Simcoe;
- A list of ways the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (LSPP) strengthened conservation of the Lake;
- An overview of the LSPP Annual Review and its importance; and
- A model council resolution that the coalition is requesting the City of Barrie pass.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions to the presenters and received responses.

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

SECTION "B"

REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF *THE LAKE SIMCOE PROTECTION ACT*

WHEREAS a healthy environment provides the foundation for healthy communities, healthy people, and a healthy economy; and

WHEREAS the passage of the Lake Simcoe Protection Act received unanimous, all party support in the Ontario legislature in 2008.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That The Corporation of the City of Barrie calls on the Ontario Government to demonstrate its commitment to clean water and protecting what matters most in the provincial statutory review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, by ensuring that provisions in the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan that protect water quality are not weakened and that policies protecting natural heritage be strengthened, in order to meet the targets of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan.
2. That the Ontario Government be requested to work collaboratively with affected Provincial Ministries and all levels of government, including First Nations and Métis, to achieve the goals and targets of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and to resource the programs that improve Lake Simcoe's water quality during the provincial statutory review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan.
3. That the resolution be forwarded to Ontario Premier Doug Ford, MPP Andrea Horwath, MPP John Fraser, MPP Mike Schreiner, MPP Andrea Khanjin, MPP Doug Downey and Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Building Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-03-03.

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

SECTION "C"

PRESENTATION FROM LAKE SIMCOE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (LSRCA) ON SCANLON CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE AND THERAPY IN THE WOODS PROGRAMMING

Lisa Spinks, Campaign Manager from Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation (LSCF) and Nicole Hamley, Manager, Education from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA), Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation provided a presentation concerning the new Nature Centre Project, and expansion of the Therapy in the Woods Program.

Ms. Spinks and Ms. Hamley discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An overview on the LSRCA outdoor education program including the benefits of outdoor education;
- Pictures illustrating the current Nature Centre and the new Nature Centre;
- The conditions of the current Nature Centre and design of the proposed Nature Centre;
- The status of the Connect Campaign;

- The LSCF request to the City of Barrie.
- Information about the "Therapy in the Woods" community program; and
- The proposed expansion of "Therapy in the Woods" Program.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions to the presenters and received responses.

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

SECTION "D"

**LAKE SIMCOE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (LSRCA)
FUNDING FOR SCANLON CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE**

That staff investigate the feasibility of granting the capital funding request of \$150,000 from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) for the Scanlon Creek Environmental Centre including potential funding sources and report back to General Committee as part of the 2021 Business Plan and Budget process.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Building Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-03-03.

**LAKE SIMCOE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (LSRCA)
THERAPY IN THE WOODS FUNDING FOR 2020 PROGRAMS**

That the fees associated with renting the Dorian Parker Centre for the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) Therapy in the Woods program in 2020 be funded from the Council Strategic Priorities Reserve in the amount of \$1800.00 pending the approval of all required permits for use of Sunnidale Park and associated facilities.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Building Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-03-03.

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

SECTION "E"

COMMUNITY ENERGY AND GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION PLAN STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP - COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

The Committee discussed appointing a Committee Representative on the Community Energy and Green House Gas Reduction Plan Stakeholder Advisory.

The Committee agreed to appoint Ms. Allison Carlyle to represent the Committee at the Community Energy and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan Stakeholder Advisory Group.

REVIEW OF THE PREVIOUS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP

The Committee discussed the City of Barrie's International Cycling City Assessment (ICCA) survey. Wendy Loevenmark, Landscape Architectural Planner, provided details on the previous application and outcome for the program. She discussed the eligibility criteria and areas the City of Barrie was unable to achieve a bronze ranking, such as associated to a connected network of bike lanes.

The Committee discussed updating the City's Website associated to the Active Transportation Working Group. The Committee agreed to review the Website and invite staff from Access Barrie to discuss the website further at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

CHAIRMAN