



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

9:30 AM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

For consideration at City Building Committee on May 14, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, R. Meier at 9:34 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 9 - Chairman R. Meier
Councillor K. Aylwin
Councillor S. Morales
A. Carlyle
S. Diaz - SMDHU
E. Jacoby-Hawkins
A. McNair - Nature Barrie
J. Northcote
T. Searls

STAFF:

Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur
Manager of Planning and Asset Management, K. Oakley
Risk Management Official, K. Thompson.

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

SECTION "A"

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION STRATEGY UPDATE

K. Thompson, Risk Management Official provided a presentation concerning the City's Climate Change Adaptation Strategy ("Strategy").

Ms. Thompson discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- Examples of four extreme weather events;
- The reasons why the City is taking action as a result of climate change;
- The two part approach (mitigation and adaptation) in response to climate change;
- The measures the City has undertaken for climate change mitigation;
- The framework for the Strategy;
- A diagram identifying the key points of the Building Adaptive and Resilient Communities (BARC) Program;
- The vision and mission statement for the Strategy;
- The seven goals contained in the Strategy;
- The implementation plan to achieve actions set out within the Strategy;
- The accomplishments to date of achieving the set goals; and
- The progress to date, quick wins and next steps associated with the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.

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

MULTI-MODAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Councillor, K. Alywin provided an overview of the Multi-Modal Active Transportation Master Plan presented to the City Building Committee on March 5, 2019.

Councillor Alywin summarized the areas of the Master Plan that he had concerns with such as a longer implementation time of the modal split from 2031 to 2041, the possible conversion of higher traffic volume roads being converted back to four lanes with the removal of the bicycle lanes and the proposed improvements to the Highway 400 Crossings.

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

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

SECTION "B"

MULTI-MODAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

1. That staff in the Engineering Department investigate actionable recommendations to achieve the 2031 modal share targets identified in the 2014 Multi-Modal Active Transportation Master Plan by 2031, rather than using these targets for the 2041 planning horizon in the updated Transportation Master Plan and report back to City Building Committee.
2. That staff further investigate potential options for cycling infrastructure at the Essa Road and Dunlop Street Highway 400 interchanges and areas within the City for multi-use pathways.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Building Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/14/2019.

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

SECTION "C"

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The Committee discussed a number of strategic priorities that they felt could be actionable by the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee to recommend and accomplish during the 2018-2022 Term of Council.

The Committee agreed to focus on the following five Strategic Priorities for the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee:

- Climate Change Adaptation;
- Waste Reduction and Diversion;
- Active Transportation;

- Land Use and Design; and
- Natural Assets and Eco-System Services.

REVIEW OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee referred the review of the Terms of Reference to the next meeting for further consideration.

POSSIBILITY OF FEDERAL GAS TAX FUNDING TOWARDS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS

The Committee discussed the 2019 Federal Gas Tax Fund (GTF) that is provided twice-a-year to provinces and then flowed through to municipalities for infrastructure priorities.

R. Meier and Councillor, K. Alywin advised that municipalities will be receiving additional Federal Gas Tax Funding as part of the 2019 Federal Budget. The Committee discussed the possibility of the additional funding being allocated towards Active Transportation Projects.

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

SECTION "D"

ADDITIONAL FEDERAL GAS TAX FUND BE ALLOCATED TO ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

That staff in the Engineering Department be directed to prioritize Active Transportation Infrastructure projects by allocating 50% of the additional Federal Gas Tax Fund and to include an interconnected network of bicycle lanes throughout the City.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Building Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/14//2019.

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

CHAIRMAN