



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Transportation and Economic Development Committee

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

For consideration by the General Committee of the City of Barrie on April 22, 2013.

The Transportation and Economic Development Committee met at 7:04 p.m. in the Council Chamber and the following were in attendance for the meeting:

PRESENT;

Councillor J. Brassard, Transportation and Economic Development Committee
Chairperson
Councillor B. Jackson, Transportation and Economic Development Committee
Member
Councillor M. Prowse, Transportation and Economic Development Committee
Member
Councillor B. Ainsworth.

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, C. Ladd
City Clerk, Dawn McAlpine
Committee and Print Services Supervisor, L. Pearson
Director of Roads, Parks and Fleet, D. Friary
General Manager of Community Operations, R. Forward
Manager Infrastructure Planning, S. Patterson
Supervisor of Parks Planning, W. Fischer
Supervisor of Transportation, S. Rose.

WATERFRONT AND STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

W. Fischer, Supervisor of Parks Planning provided a presentation regarding the Waterfront and Strategic Plan Update. Mr. Fischer reviewed the status of the Waterfront and Strategic Plan and noted that two Public Information Centres were held to receive public input concerning the Plan. He commented that the framework utilized to develop waterfront parks is based upon three activity centres. He noted that the proposed plan provides a continuous interpretative trail network, improved mobility and place making elements which include light beacons, information corners and viewing platforms. Mr. Fischer outlined the proposed Administrative/Management Structure for the Plan and explained the goals and objectives for the long-term development of the waterfront. He reviewed the components associated with policy review, economic development opportunities and the Marina Improvement Plan. Mr. Fischer provided details regarding the Capital and Life Cycle Replacement Cost Projections until 2031 and the projected Annual Operating Costs in 2031. He highlighted the investment and revenue possibilities associated with the proposed Waterfront and Strategic Plan. He indicated that some revenue possibilities include collaboration and/or partnership with Downtown Barrie BIA, local businesses and possible revenue from new facility rentals and lease options. Mr. Fischer concluded the update by demonstrating how the Waterfront and Strategic Plan links to Council Strategic Priorities.

Committee members asked a number of questions related to the information provided and received responses from City staff.

TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

S. Patterson, Manager of Infrastructure Planning provided an update regarding the Multi-Modal Active Transportation Master Plan associated with the Growth Management Plan. He noted that it is anticipated the report will be presented to General Committee in June.

A Committee member asked a question related to the information provided and received a response from City staff.

RAIL UPDATE

D. Friary, Director of Roads, Parks and Fleet provided an update regarding the freight rail system. He noted that upgrades are being completed at three railway crossings.

D. McAlpine, City Clerk commented that a pilot project is currently taking place for a possible new freight fail client.

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

The Transportation and Economic Development Committee met and discussed traffic calming in residential neighbourhoods.

S. Rose, Supervisor of Transportation Planning provided an update concerning the current status of traffic calming measures in residential neighbourhoods. He noted that several traffic calming measures have been implemented across the City such as curb extensions and curb build-outs. He observed that other options will be included in the proposed Multi-Modal Active Transportation Master Plan. Mr. Rose commented that the speed cushions will be re-installed across the City at the end of May.

Committee members asked a number of questions related to traffic calming measures and received responses from City staff.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.