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City of Barrie

Minutes - Final

Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee

Tuesday, April 23, 2019 | **9:30 AM** | **Sir Robert Barrie Room**

For consideration at the City Building Committee on June 11, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Rob Meier at 9:34 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

STAFF:
Acting Deputy City Clerk, T. McArthur
Director of Environmental Services, J. Thompson
Director of Finance/Treasurer, C. Millar
Risk Management Official, K. Thompson
Manager of Planning and Asset Management, K. Oakley
Senior Infrastructure Planning Program Coordinator, T. Reeve.

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

MULTI-MODAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

T. Reeve, Senior Infrastructure Planning Program Coordinator of the Engineering Department provided a presentation regarding the Multi-Modal Active Transportation Master Plan.

T. Reeve discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An overview of the Infrastructure Master Plans;
- An illustration identifying the areas where the Infrastructure Master Plans will be utilized;
- A map illustrating the population growth projections for 2041;
- A chart illustrating the current modal split and the 2041 targets for active transportation and transit;
- A chart and map illustrating the City's existing and additional cycling infrastructure;
- A map illustrating the areas that are short term and medium term priority road projects;
- The highlights for Active Transportation including Off-Road Trails, In-Boulevard Pathways, Cycle Tracks, Buffered Bike Lanes, Bike Lanes, Paved Shoulders, Signed Routes and Sidewalks;
- The transit services, principles and additional measures recommended by the study; and
- A map illustrating roads in the secondary plan growth areas, ROW protections, road diets and the HOV lanes.

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

FEDERAL GAS TAX ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TOWARDS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION DISCUSSION

Councillor, K. Alywin explained the importance of the Federal Gas Tax Fund (GTF) to municipalities and that it is a permanent source of funding to support local infrastructure priorities.

Councillor Alywin advised of the potential to use a portion of the GTF towards active transportation infrastructure within the City to meet the targets set for active transportation that are currently not being met.

The Committee discussed the importance of achieving the City's targets for active transportation.

BANNING OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS WITHIN THE CITY

John Thompson, Director of Environmental Services provided an overview on the City's efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle plastics. He advised that staff in the Environmental Services Department are always reviewing and investigating different ways to reduce of the number of plastics. Mr. Thompson noted that banning the use of single-use plastics is legislated at the Provincial level of government.

The Committee provided ideas of reducing single-use plastics such as using paper bags as opposed to plastic, the City to show leadership in reducing plastics, or increasing the costs on the use of single use plastics. The Committee discussed the positive impacts Europe has had in reducing single-use plastics and the recent changes of restaurants using stainless steel or paper straws instead of plastic.

CITY OF BARRIE DESIGNATION AS A BEE CITY

The Committee discussed the City of Barrie being designated as a Bee City and the need to preserve a healthy pollinator habitat with the City. The Committee provided ideas to promote and educate residents on pollinators and suggested areas such as the North Shore Trail to enhance the natural aspects of the environment.

BACKYARD HENS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The Committee discussed the possibility of the City permitting backyard hens within residential areas. They commented on the pros and cons surrounding the ownership of backyard hens in a residential areas, such as education, quality of eggs, compost and garden extras and the negative being costs, noise, messy and short life spans.

The Committee agreed to discuss this item at a future meeting once further information becomes available.

REVIEW OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee agreed to defer this item to the next Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting for discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

CHAIRMAN