

City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Environmental Advisory Committee

Wednesday, October 2, 2013

7:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

For consideration by the Community Services Committee of the City of Barrie on October 16, 2013.

The Environmental Advisory Committee met at 7:10 p.m. and the following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present:

Councillor A. Khan

P. Bursztyn, Vice Chair

A. McNair

A. Miller

G. Poisson

J. Dolan.

Staff:

Manager of Infrastructure Planning, S. Patterson Recording Secretary, T. McArthur.

The Environmental Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

PRESENTATION BY MARK FISHER - BARRIE CREEKS

M. Fisher provided a presentation concerning the status of the creeks in the City of Barrie, specifically Kidd's Creek, Hewitt's Creek, Sophia Street Creek, Bunker's Creek, Hotchkiss Creek and Milligan's Pond.

Mr. Fisher discussed the history of the creeks in the City of Barrie in relation to 10 Spring-fed creeks, crystal clear fresh water, watercress and speckled trout.

Mr. Fisher provided an overview on the current conditions of the creeks and noted the creeks have no fresh water, fallen trees, debris jams and bank erosions.

The Committee asked several questions related to the information provided and received responses from the Presenter.

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In conclusion, Mr. Fisher noted that he feels major action is needed to salvage what is left of the creeks in the City of Barrie and to restore the creeks to their natural state.

S. Patterson, Manager of Infrastructure Planning, noted that he will report back to the Environmental Advisory Committee at a future meeting regarding partnerships and procedures for funding from the Federal Government.

LAKE SIMCOE SUBWATERSHED PLAN UPDATE

The Committee discussed a memorandum from Ralph Scheunemann dated August 14, 2013 regarding the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and Subwatershed Plan Update.

The Committee asked questions concerning the information provided and received responses from City Staff.

The Committee adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

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