



**Minutes - Final  
Environmental Advisory Committee**

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Thursday, February 4, 2016

7:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

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**For consideration by the Community Services Committee of the City of Barrie on May 4, 2016**

**The Environmental Advisory Committee met at 7:10 p.m. in the Sir Robert Barrie Room and the following were in attendance:**

**PRESENT:**

P. Bursztyn, Chair  
A. McNair, Vice-Chair  
C. Reynolds  
G. Poisson  
S. Bollinger.

**STAFF:**

Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur  
Manager of Infrastructure Planning, S. Diemert.

**The Environmental Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:**

**CLIMATE CHANGE FRAMEWORK PRESENTATION**

S. Diemert, Manager of Infrastructure Planning provided the Committee with a presentation concerning the Climate Change Framework.

Ms. Diemert discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The background of climate change in the City of Barrie;
- Why Barrie is taking action;
- The changing weather patterns of Barrie;
- Barrie's response;

- The top 10 actions being taken by the City of Barrie;
- The four components of developing the framework:
  - How did we get here?
  - Where are we now?
  - Where do we want to go?
  - How do we get there?
- The SWOT analysis:
  - Strengths - Doing;
  - Weaknesses - Improve;
  - Opportunities - Not Doing; and
  - Threats - Risks.
- The need and vision of a “new reality”;
- The Climate Change Strategy framework; and
- The next steps.

Members of the Committee asked questions related to the information provided and received responses from staff.

#### **GARBAGE DISPOSAL - GARBURATORS**

P. Bursztyn, Chair discussed with the Committee the benefits of installing garburators in homes versus the City of Barrie Green Bin program.

The Committee suggested a pilot project in order to get results and see the outcome of the installations. The Committee agreed to invite staff from the Environmental Services Department to attend a future meeting for further discussion.

#### **GREEN CITY INITIATIVES DISCUSSION**

The Committee discussed the idea of a “Green City” initiative for the City of Barrie. It was noted that the Climate Change Strategy is similar to the Green City Initiative and that further investigation will be needed.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.**

**CHAIRMAN**