

Minutes - Final
Environmental Advisory Committee

Wednesday, August 14, 2013

7:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

**For consideration by the Community Services Committee of the City of Barrie
on September 18, 2013.**

**The Environmental Advisory Committee met at 7:09 p.m. and the following
were in attendance for the meeting:**

Present:

Councillor L. Strachan, Chair

P. Bursztyn

A. McNair

G. Poisson.

Staff:

Director of Roads, Parks and Fleet, D. Friary

Infrastructure Planning Engineering, R. Scheunemann

Senior Infrastructure Planning Technologist, L. Cooney

Supervisor of Parks Planning and Development, W. Fischer

Urban Forester, K. Rankin

Recording Secretary, T. McArthur.

The Environmental Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

**LAKE SIMCOE REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (LSRCA)
PRESENTATION**

B. Thompson, Subwatershed Implementation Specialist for the Lake Simcoe Regional Conservation Authority (LSRCA) provided the Committee with a presentation concerning Chloride in Lake Simcoe and its watershed.

B. Thompson discussed the following information concerning Chloride in Lake Simcoe:

- Chloride concentration levels in Barrie's creeks - specifically Hotchkiss Creek at 93% and Lovers Creek at 33%, and levels are continuing to increase;
- Chloride in the Lake Simcoe watershed; and
- Road salt management such as:
 - Areas of high vulnerability - parking lots, City Roads and Groundwater Chloride Contributions; and
 - Training and education - Salt science, proper storage and application, certification, self-assessment and alternative methods to reduce salt usage.

B. Thompson spoke to the Committee regarding a LSRCA program called "Smart About Salt". The program was developed to bring awareness and education about the affects of road salt and chloride in Lake Simcoe and its watershed.

URBAN FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN PRESENTATION

K. Rankin, Urban Forester for the City of Barrie provided the Committee with a presentation concerning the Urban Forestry Management Plan for the City of Barrie.

K. Rankin discussed the following information:

- Introduction - Draft Urban Forest Strategy;
- Current forest conditions including inventory and annual planting program;
- Information on the public information session held on May 30, 2013;
- Results and comments from a public survey;
- Strategic Objectives including:
 - Tree inventory and assessments on streets, parks, EP Areas and private land;
 - Forest management of city woodlands;
 - Customer service and service delivery;
 - Forest health and pest management;
 - Tree protection and management; and

- o Level of Service (maintenance policy).
- Implementation plan;
- Key Financial Plan - Short term; and
- Forest Management Plan.

In conclusion, K. Rankin discussed the next steps for the draft final Urban Forest Strategy.

LAKE SIMCOE SUBWATERSHED PLAN UPDATE

The Committee discussed the Lake Simcoe Subwatershed Plan. Councillor L. Strachan, Chair provided the Committee with a Memorandum from R. Scheunemann, Infrastructure Planning Engineer for the City of Barrie dated August 14, 2013 regarding an update on the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and Subwatershed Plan.

The Committee referred this item to a future meeting for further discussion.

The Environmental Advisory Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

LAKE SIMCOE REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (LSRCA) - "SMART ABOUT SALT" PROGRAM

1. That Invest Barrie work with the Lake Simcoe Regional Conservation Authority (LSRCA) to promote the "Smart About Salt" program with private contractors, property management companies and private land owners in order to reduce chloride levels in Lake Simcoe.
2. That Access Barrie work with the Roads, Parks and Fleet Department to educate the public on road salt practices and how to minimize their salt intake.

The Committee adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

CHAIRMAN