



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Town and Gown Committee

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

10:00 AM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee of the City of Barrie on April 23, 2014.

The Town and Gown Committee met at 10:05 a.m. in the Sir Robert Barrie Room and the following were in attendance.

PRESENT:

Councillor, B. Ainsworth, Chair
Barrie Police Services, M. Holden
Community Member, L. L'Heureux-Desjardins
East End Homeowners Association Representative, J. Hanson
Georgian College, M. Beudoin.

STAFF:

Manager of Policy Planning, M. Kalyaniwalla
Policy Planner, R. Cotton
Supervisor of Building and By-law Services, J. Forgrave
Supervisor of Building and By-law Services, R. Osbourne
Recording Secretary, S. Tuck.

The Town and Gown Committee met and reports as follows:

AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGY

R. Cotton, Policy Planner and M. Kalyaniwalla, Manager of Planning Policy provided a presentation of the City of Barrie's proposed Affordable Housing Strategy. M. Kalyaniwalla commented that the City of Barrie is not the service provider of affordable housing but that it is a joint venture with the County of Simcoe to address the matter. R. Cotton commented that the Affordable Housing Strategy has come out of the "Affordable Housing Act" that provides for policies related to second suites be included in the City of Barrie's Official Plan. He noted that under the Official Plan second suites would be permissible in all residential zones.

M. Kalyaniwalla commented that should the City of Barrie fail to institute a policy, the Provincial Government will establish one where we will have little to no input.

R. Cotton advised the Committee of upcoming presentations taking place regarding the Affordable Housing Strategy.

The Committee asked several questions regarding the information provided and received responses from the presenter.

GENERAL UPDATES

R. Osborne, Supervisor of By-law Services provided the committee with an update regarding Staffing in the Building and By-law Services Department. He noted that they have hired another by-law officer and with their addition they are fully staffed. He noted that the part-time officers have been receiving additional training related to parking and property standards infractions and will provide officers additional authority for issuing warnings and tickets. R. Osborne commented that this would significantly increase the By-law Officer presence within the City of Barrie and specifically in the Georgian College area.

R. Osborne advised that general enforcement officers are patrolling seven days a week from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and are uniformed. He noted that officer's main area of focus is parking, but indicated that they are trained to look at other areas of infraction as well.

R. Osborne discussed that in some cases unregistered Boarding, Lodging and Rooming Houses can be difficult to access to issue infraction notices and fines. He noted that by targeting infractions from the outside that homeowners generally comply, noting that this was a more proactive approach.

J. Forgrave, Supervisor of By-law Services advised that the City of Barrie, Building and By-law Services would be hiring seven uniformed summer staff.

M. Holden, Barrie Police Service provided the committee with an update on the two primary units that will be working with those who are chronic infractors and the community to problem solve any outstanding issues. He noted often infractors are often unaware of what they are doing is wrong and added that education is the key.

M. Beudoin, Georgian College provided an update regarding attendance to future Town and Gown meetings. She noted that B. Muscat would no longer be attending and that R. Calvano would attend in his place. She commented that the two student leaders have recently changed. M. Beudoin gave an update on the current status of the Student Code of Conduct.

The Committee asked several questions regarding the information provided and received responses.

The committee adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

CHAIRMAN