City of Barrie



Minutes - Final

Environmental Advisory Committee

Wednesday, June 1, 2016	7:00 PM	Huronia "B" Room

For consideration by the Community Services Committee of the City of Barrie on September 7, 2016

The Environmental Advisory Committee met at 7:05 p.m. in the Huronia "B" Room and the following were in attendance:

PRESENT:

P. Burszty, Chair A. McNair, Vice-Chair G. Poisson S. Bollinger W. Wilson.

STAFF: Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur Director of Engineering, J. Weston.

The Environmental Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

BUNKER'S CREEK PROJECT

J. Weston, Director of Engineering provided the Committee with an update concerning the progress of the Bunker's Creek Project. She described the current condition of Bunker's Creek, and solutions that are currently being investigated to stabilize the creek channel and banks.

Ms. Weston advised that an Information Session was held on May 3, 2016 regarding the design for Bunker's Creek NE Branch Channel Improvements. She noted that as a result of the comments and feedback received from residents and from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA), staff will be holding a future Information Session to report back to the residents.

The Committee members asked a number of questions related to the information provided and received responses from City staff.

CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY PROJECT

J. Weston, Director of Engineering provided an update regarding the Climate Change Strategy Project. She advised that ICLEI Canada (Local Governments for Sustainability) has been retained to work with the City of Barrie on the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.

Ms. Weston advised that a Stakeholder Advisory Group is being established. She noted that the Stakeholder Advisory Group membership will consist of representation from local groups and one representative from the Environmental Advisory Committee.

The Committee requested that further information be provided concerning the composition of the Stakeholder Advisory Group and when the meetings would be taking place. The Committee asked that this item be further discussed at a future meeting.

GAS PUMP WARNING LABELS

The Committee discussed Gas Pump Warning Labels and agreed to discuss this item at a future meeting after the Climate Change Strategy has been developed.

BENEFITS OF OWNING AN ELECTRIC CAR

P. Bursztyn provided an overview on his experiences of owning a Smart "Electric-Drive" Car for two years. Mr. Bursztyn summarized two years of data including the service costs, electricity costs with the total mileage and his general impression of owning an electric car.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

CHAIRMAN