



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 22, 2018

4:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

**For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee
on March 28, 2018.**

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair, R. Meier at 4:03 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 4 - B. Jones
R. Meier
S. O'Shea
D. St. Amand

Absent: 3 - Chairman D. Taylor
Councillor R. Romita
M. Papp-Belayneh

ALSP PRESENT:
K. Ashworth.

STAFF:
Accessibility Co-ordinator, C. Dillon
Committee Support Clerk, J. Werth
Supervisor of Transit Operations, J. Zimmerman.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

DISCUSSION REGARDING TRANSIT

K. Ashworth shared her concerns regarding transit accessibility challenges. Ms. Ashworth discussed problems she has experienced on Barrie Transit concerning: wheelchair securement and equipment functionality, snow clearing at conventional bus stops and booking trips on specialized transit.

J. Zimmerman, Supervisor of Transit Operations addressed Ms. Ashworth's accessibility concerns regarding Barrie Transit. Mr. Zimmerman noted that transit enquiries and complaints could be emailed to transit@barrie.ca <<mailto:transit@barrie.ca>>. The Committee asked a number of questions and received responses from Mr. Zimmerman.

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an overview of the Travel Training Program offered by Guelph Transit. Ms. Dillon noted that a Travel Training Program assists individuals living with a disability to navigate the conventional transit system using plain language and visual prompts. She proposed requesting Guelph Transit to provide a presentation to the Accessibility Advisory Committee on their Travel Training Program.

MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update concerning the City of Barrie's Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. Ms. Dillon advised that the City will be conducting surveys to obtain input on accessibility planning from the community and stakeholder groups. She noted that the City's new Multi-Year Accessibility Plan will take effect on January 1, 2019.

COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (AODA)

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator reviewed a Bulletin from the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario dated February 7, 2018 entitled, "Province Selects The Honourable David C. Onley to Review Ontario's Accessibility Laws - Ontario Continues to Make Progress toward Becoming a Barrier-free Province". Ms. Dillon noted that the Honourable David C. Onley will be consulting with the public to analyze accessibility progress and that the review will be complete by the end of 2018.

WALKABILITY

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator advised that the Seniors Advisory Committee has expressed an interest in partnering with the Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Active Transportation Committee to discuss improvements to walkable areas throughout the City. Ms. Dillon proposed that the Accessibility Advisory Committee arrange a meeting with the Seniors Advisory Committee and Active Transportation Committee to further review walkability initiatives.

NATIONAL ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK

The Committee deferred this item to a future meeting.

ACCESSIBLE BUSINESS AWARDS

The Committee deferred this item to a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

CHAIRMAN