



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 14, 2019

4:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

**For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee
on April 3, 2019.**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, R. Meier at 4:02 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 6 - Chairman R. Meier
Councillor R. Thomson
Vice Chair C. Kenwell
T. Lowry
H. Morgan
L. Pope

Absent: 1 - D. Taylor

ALSO PRESENT:
M. Claridge.

PRESENT:
Accessibility Coordinator, C. Dillon
Committee Support Clerk, J. Werth
Community Events Programmer, L. Babcock.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S PARTICIPATION AT THE 2019 CELEBRATE BARRIE EVENT

L. Babcock, Community Events Programmer of the Creative Economy Department provided a presentation regarding Celebrate Barrie 2019. Ms. Babcock noted that the one-day Celebrate Barrie event will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at Centennial Park. She advised that the deadline for submissions from community groups is April 5, 2019.

Ms. Babcock discussed the following topics:

- Photographs of performers and attendees at previous Celebrate Barrie events;
- An overview of what Celebrate Barrie is about:
 - A kick-off to the summer festival season;
 - A celebration of amazing organizations in the community;
 - The goal of raising awareness for local community organizations; and
 - The offering of free family activities by community organizations;
- A review of new objectives for this year's Celebrate Barrie event:
 - A focus on celebrating diversity and inclusiveness in the community;
 - A shift to sharing in new learning opportunities and experiences; and
 - The creation of more engagement opportunities for organizations directly related to the services that they offer.

The Committee asked a number of questions of City staff and received responses. Ms. Babcock provided her email address Lindsay.Babcock@barrie.ca if Committee Members have additional questions regarding Celebrate Barrie events.

The Committee expressed interest in participating in this year's Celebrate Barrie event and setting up a booth. The Committee Members were requested to submit their suggestions for displays or activities for its booth to C. Dillon, Accessibility Coordinator at Cheryl.Dillon@barrie.ca

INTRODUCTION OF THE SIMCOE COUNTY AGE-FRIENDLY BUSINESS AWARD PROGRAM

C. Dillon, Accessibility Coordinator reviewed the promotional material from the County of Simcoe regarding the Simcoe County Age-Friendly Business Recognition Program. Ms. Dillon explained that the County of Simcoe has received provincial funding for this program that provides guidance, resources and recognition to assist business owners in identifying and promoting age-friendly business practices. She noted that the application process for the Age-Friendly Recognition Program has accessibility components. Ms. Dillon advised that the Simcoe County Age-Friendly Business Recognition Program will be advertised by the County through its website and social media platforms. She commented that the deadline to submit the Application for the Recognition form, the Self-Assessment Checklist and the Goal Setting Work Plan is June 1st of any given year.

R. Meier, Chair suggested that the Simcoe County Age-Friendly Business Recognition Program flyer be distributed to the Greater Barrie Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Barrie Business Association (BIA).

REVIEW OF THE 2019-2024 CITY OF BARRIE MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

C. Dillon, Accessibility Coordinator provided an overview of the 2019-2024 City of Barrie Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. Ms. Dillon noted that City Council approved the 2019-2024 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan on December 17, 2018. She referred to the successes of the 2013-2018 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan pertaining to: general requirements, customer service standards and information/communication standards.

C. Dillon, Accessibility Coordinator requested the Committee to review the 2019-2024 goals regarding: general accessibility, customer service and information/communication. Ms. Dillon commented that City Council has incorporated some of the accessible goals identified in the 2019-2024 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan into its Strategic Priorities.

GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND AREAS OF FOCUS FOR THE 2018-2022 ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERM

The Committee deferred this item to a future meeting.

PLANNING DISCUSSION FOR NATIONAL ACCESSABILITY WEEK

The Committee deferred this item to a future meeting.

SITE PLAN REVIEW

The Committee reviewed a draft Site Plan for 611 Huronia Road. The Committee Members provided their comments regarding the location of some buildings and sidewalks as well as the number of accessible parking spaces as proposed on the draft Site Plan for 611 Huronia Road.

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

CHAIRMAN