



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 9, 2019

4:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

**For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee
on June 5, 2019.**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, R. Meier at 4:01 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 7 - Chairman R. Meier
Councillor R. Thomson
Vice Chair C. Kenwell
T. Lowry
H. Morgan
L. Pope
D. Taylor

ALSO PRESENT:

N. Wachowiak, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.

STAFF:

Accessibility Coordinator, C. Dillon
Committee Support Clerk, J. Werth
Project Coordinator, A. Almuina.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

PRESENTATION REGARDING THE DUNLOP STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

A. Almuina, Project Leader in the Engineering Department provided a presentation regarding the Dunlop Street Corridor Improvements in the City of Barrie. Mr. Almuina explained that one objective of this project is to provide safe pedestrian movements and accessibility throughout the Dunlop Street Corridor.

Mr. Almuina discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An overview of the construction phasing:
 - Phase 1a: September 10, 2019 to November 8, 2019 (east of Owen Street to east of Mulcaster Street);
 - Phase 1b: Spring 2020 to Summer 2020 (Owen Street intersection to Bayfield Street and the Five Points intersection); and
 - Phase 2: Spring/Summer 2020 to late 2020 (Toronto Street to Bayfield Street);
- Illustrations of four typical flexible street configurations;
- An overview of the project timelines;
- Highlights of accessibility improvements to the Dunlop Street Corridor including:
 - Design is compliant with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA);
 - Improved roadway lighting and new lighting for pedestrians;
 - New traffic control signals at Mary Street and Owen Street;
 - Shorter crossings at intersections;
 - Wider boulevards; and
 - Colour differentiation for pedestrian areas.

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

PRESENTATION REGARDING THE ACCESSIBLE GARDEN BEDS AT SHEAR PARK AND FUTURE COMMUNITY GARDENS

N. Wachowiak, Public Health Nurse with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit provided an update regarding the accessible garden beds at Shear Park and future community gardens in the City of Barrie. Ms. Wachowiak advised that community gardens have already been built in Sunnisdale and Golden Meadows Parks. She noted that garden plots will be rented from the City of Barrie at a cost of \$20.00 per year for a single space and \$50.00 per year for a double space.

Ms. Wachowiak provided an overview of the accessible garden beds at Shear Park. She distributed photographs of the accessible, raised garden beds and explained that accessible garden beds are located closest to the water supply and transit/parking points of entry to the parks.

The Committee members provided their feedback regarding wording for the accessibility-related questions on the application form for community garden beds.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions related to the information provided and received responses from the Ms. Wachowiak and City staff.

Ms. Wachowiak requested to be invited back to an Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting in the Fall of 2019 to provide an update to the Committee on the accessible garden beds at Shear Park and to obtain feedback from the Committee concerning this project.

The Committee discussed potential improvements in the turnaround time for approval of future community garden locations if City staff was to be delegated this authority.

PRESENTATION BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BARRIE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REGARDING THE ACCESSIBILITY AT THE BARRIE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

UPDATE REGARDING THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S PARTICIPATION IN CELEBRATE BARRIE

The Committee discussed the merits of setting up an accessibility booth at the Celebrate Barrie event on June 1, 2019 at Centennial Park. The Committee decided that participation by the Accessibility Advisory Committee at Celebrate Barrie 2019 would not be optimal at this point in time.

The Committee agreed that more planning would be required, especially in the designing of accessibility-related interactive activities for adults and children, if it was to consider participating at future Celebrate Barrie events.

C. Dillon, Accessibility Coordinator advised that she will contact staff in the Creative Economy Department to determine if there are upcoming City events that may be more suitable for the Accessibility Advisory Committee to take part in. The Committee will discuss its participation at future City community events at a future meeting.

SITE PLAN REVIEW

C. Dillon provided a brief overview of the pre-consultation site plans for 217 Dunlop Street, 440 Essa Road and 100 Bradford Street.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

CHAIRMAN