



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 13, 2020

4:00 PM

Huronian Room A

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on November 17, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chair, C. Kenwell at 4:01 p.m. and the following were in attendance

Present: 4 - Chairman C. Kenwell
H. Morgan
L. Pope
D. Taylor

Absent: 1 - Councillor R. Thomson

ALSO PRESENT:

Empower Simcoe, J. Hall
Superior Home Health Care, J. Tom
Superior Home Health Care, S. Tom.

STAFF:

Accessibility and Diversity Advisor, C. Dillon
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard
Human Resources Student, A. Henry
Policy and Standards Technologist, K. Fitzgerald.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

ACCESSIBLE SIDEWALK DESIGN

K. Fitzgerald, Policy and Standards Technologist provided an update concerning the enhancement of accessible features in the designs of City Sidewalks.

Ms. Fitzgerald discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The Ontario Provincial Standard for sidewalks;
- A picture illustrating the typical sidewalk design with tooled joints;
- The Modified Ontario Provincial Standards for Sidewalks; and
- A picture illustrating the city's current typical sidewalk design with saw-cut joints.

Ms. Fitzgerald advised that by replacing the tooled joints with saw-cut joints on City sidewalks it would allow a continuous and consistent surface treatment for the public using strollers, walkers wheelchairs and similar other mobility enabling devices. She noted that the replacements would improve accessibility within the City.

Members of the Committee provided feedback to Ms. Fitzgerald and received responses from City staff.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

CITY OF BARRIE INFRASTRUCTURE STANDARDS - SIDEWALK JOINTS

1. That staff in the Corporate Asset Management Department incorporate the replacement of tooled joints with saw-cut joints into the design of City sidewalks as part of the City of Barrie's Infrastructure Standards to enhance accessibility features on City sidewalks.

2. That newly built or reconstructed City sidewalks be built to this enhanced Infrastructure Standard and continue to conform to the applicable Ontario Provincial Standards and the *Accessibility of Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA).

This matter was recommended to Finance and Corporate Services Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2020-11-17.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

SUPERIOR HOME HEALTH CARE CONCERNING COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

J. Hall, Marketing and Communications Manager for Empower Simcoe provided an overview of the Empower Simcoe organization and its mandate. Mr. Hall provided introduced J. Tom and S. Tom, the owners of Superior Home Health Care. He advised that Empower Simcoe and Superior Home Health are currently partnering on accessibility initiatives around Barrie and surrounding areas.

Members of the Committee provided their feedback to representatives and agreed to discuss this matter at a future meeting.

ACCESSIBILITY POLICY UPDATES

C. Dillon, Accessibility and Diversity Advisor provided an update regarding the Accessible Customer Service Policy and Integrated Standards Policy. She discussed that recent updates to provincial legislation, and she noted that the updates to the Accessibility Policies are required. The Committee provided their feedback to Ms. Dillon.

VOLT HOCKEY

D. Taylor provided an overview explaining Volt Hockey. He advised that he was approached by the Variety Village organization enquiring about the possibility of starting up a Volt Hockey team in Barrie. The Committee discussed the potential of a Volt Hockey team in the City and they agreed to invite a representative from Variety Village to attend a future Committee meeting.

SNOW ANGELS CANADA UPDATE

C. Dillon, Accessibility and Diversity Advisor provided an update on status of the Snow Angels Canada Program. Ms. Dillon advised that the Program kicked off on February 3, 2020 in Barrie. Ms. Dillon noted that an online platform is available for residents who require snow removal assistance and connects them with a volunteer in their municipality.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

CHAIRMAN