

Minutes - Final
Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 26, 2015

4:45 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee of the City of Barrie on May 27, 2015.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met at 4:45 p.m. in the Sir Robert Barrie Room and the following were in attendance:

PRESENT:

D. Taylor, Chair
K. Demberline
D. Lamont
R. Meier
M. Papp-Belayneh
D. St. Amand.

STAFF:

Accessibility Co-ordinator, C. Dillon
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

ROBERT KERR AWARD UPDATE

K. Demberline provided an update on the Robert Kerr Award and her discussion with M.P. Patrick Brown's office. Ms. Demberline suggested the possibility of the Committee assuming the responsibility of maintaining the Robert Kerr Award. She suggested that this award could be included as part of Access Awareness Week. Ms. Demberline will provide further information at a future Committee meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGING ACCESSIBLE BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF BARRIE DISCUSSION

The Committee met and discussed acknowledging Accessible Businesses in the City of Barrie. C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator commented that the Chamber of Commerce are interested in partnering with the Accessibility Advisory Committee regarding acknowledging accessible businesses in the City of Barrie. It was suggested that these awards could be presented during the Chamber of Commerce's Gala Awards Ceremony held in November. C. Dillon noted that she will invite representatives from the Chamber of Commerce and staff from the Greater Barrie Enterprise Centre to attend a future meeting for further discussion.

The Committee agreed to partner with the Chamber of Commerce for the Acknowledgement of Accessible Businesses based on the AODA standards. The Committee will confirm with Independent Living Services before moving ahead regarding acknowledging accessible businesses in the City of Barrie.

PARTNERING WITH BUSINESSES FOR SEMINAR/WORKSHOPS DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the partnering with businesses Seminar/Workshops as part of the Access Awareness Week discussion.

AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT UPDATE

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update on the Age Friendly Communities Planning Grant. She noted that the Age Friendly Communities Group Planning Grant application is now complete and that City Council endorsed the Seniors Advisory Committee partnership with the Accessibility Advisory Committee in pursuit of funding opportunities to create an Age Friendly Barrie.

ACCESSIBLE CURBSIDE WASTE COLLECTION - POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITIES DISCUSSION

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding Accessible Curbside Waste Collection opportunities. Ms. Dillon noted that the County of Simcoe has a device available for residents with accessible needs. Ms. Dillon will invite staff from the Environmental Services Department to a future Committee meeting to discuss.

ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK

The Committee met and discussed ideas to promote National Access Awareness Week which takes place from May 31, 2015 to June 6, 2015. R. Meier commented that the Barrie Bike Club is hosting a Bike to Work and School Day breakfast at City Hall on June 1, 2015 as part of Bike Week. He suggested the Committee could partner with the Barrie Bike Club by hosting their Access Awareness Week event at the same time. Mr. Meier noted that he would discuss with the Board of the Barrie Bike Club and provide further information at the next meeting.

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator commented that June 1, 2015 could be used as the launch the Pal Pass for Active Living and to showcase the new MV1 Bus for Accessible Transportation.

The Committee also discussed the idea of using Access Awareness Week to host seminars/workshops. Ms. Dillon suggested the idea of partnering with Independent Living Services.

MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN DISCUSSION

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update concerning the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. The Committee decided to defer this item to a future meeting.

MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN FOR TRANSIT DISCUSSION

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update on the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for Transit. The Committee decided to defer this item to a future Committee meeting.

DISCUSSION REGARDING POSSIBLE SMALL REBATES ON UTILITIES (WATER) FOR DIALYSIS PATIENTS (AT-HOME DIALYSIS)

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator discussed with the Committee the possibility of providing small rebates on utilities (water) for dialysis patients (at home dialysis). She noted that she received an accessibility request from a community member. C. Dillon will investigate further and provide the Committee with an update at a future Committee meeting.

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

CHAIRMAN