



# City of Barrie

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## Minutes - Final Accessibility Advisory Committee

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Thursday, November 26, 2015

4:45 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

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**For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee of the City of Barrie on December 14, 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  
D. Lamont  
R. Meier  
M. Papp-Belayneh  
D. St. Amand.

**STAFF:**

Accessibility Co-ordinator, C. Dillon  
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard  
Supervisor of Parks, Planning and Development, W. Fischer.

**The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:**

**SECTION "A"**

**CITY FACILITY ACCESSIBILITY RENOVATIONS UPDATE**

The Committee deferred this item to a future meeting.

**DOG OFF LEASH RECREATION AREA (DOLRA) FOR GUIDE DOGS DISCUSSION**

W. Fischer, Supervisor of Parks Planning and Development discussed with the Committee the feasibility of implementing a Service Dog off leash area within the Barrie Molson Centre Dog Off Leash Recreation Area. The Committee provided their feedback to Mr. Fischer and agreed that there is a need for a dog off leash recreation area for service dogs.

Melissa Swales, community member and guide dog owner agreed with the suggestion for the segregated dog area for service dogs at the dog off leash recreation area at the Barrie Molson Centre would be a good idea. Ms. Swales commented she is not aware of any municipally owned dog off leash recreation area for service dogs in Canada.

L.A. Doyle, COPE Service Dogs and Member of the Board of Directors commented that service dogs are very expensive to own. Ms. Doyle thanked Mr. Fischer and the Committee for taking an interest in Service Dogs.

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

**SECTION "B"****INVESTIGATION OF A SERVICE DOG OFF LEASH AREA**

1. That Staff in the Engineering Department investigate the feasibility of implementing a Service Dog off leash area within the Barrie Molson Centre Dog off Leash Recreation Area (DOLRA) including the following:
  - potential utilization;
  - community needs;
  - implementation cost; and
  - possible funding/sponsorship opportunities.
2. That staff in the Engineering Department report back to the Accessibility Advisory Committee during the second quarter of 2016.

**This matter was recommended for adoption to Finance and Corporate Services Committee for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 12/14/2015.**

**The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:****SECTION "C"****UPDATE ON HERITAGE TRAIL**

W. Fischer, Supervisor of Parks Planning and Development provided an update on the Heritage Trail. Mr. Fischer noted that the Heritage Trail was a project initiated by former Mayor Willard Kinzie to promote Barrie's History along the waterfront. Mr. Fischer commented that staff in the Engineering Department met with the Heritage Trail Working Group to review preliminary designs for the implementation of seven locations for signage along the waterfront in 2016. Mr. Fischer noted that each of the proposed locations along the waterfront will be accessible from the main waterfront recreational trail and will incorporate a review by C. Dillon to ensure they are AODA compliant.

**PROCLAMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding the proclamation for International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Ms. Dillon commented that she will follow up with staff in the Mayor's Office regarding the proclamation.

**AODA ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION SESSIONS DISCUSSION**

The Committee met and discussed ideas for the Chamber of Commerce AODA Accessibility Information Session planned for 2016. C. Dillon will invite representatives from the Chamber of Commerce and Independent Living Services to a future meeting regarding the AODA Accessibility Information Sessions.

**RECOGNITION OF MARGARETTA PAPP-BELAYNEH - AODA 10TH ANNIVERSARY CHAMPION AWARD FROM AMCTO**

The Committee congratulated Margaretta Papp-Belayneh on being the recipient of the Town of Innisfil's Association of Municipal Managers Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) 10th Anniversary Champion Award. Ms. Papp-Belayneh shared with the Committee highlights about the award ceremony at the Town of Innisfil.

**2016 COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

The Committee met and discussed the meeting schedule for 2016 and agreed that the Committee would continue to meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 4:45 p.m.

**The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm**

**CHAIRMAN**