



Minutes - Final
Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, September 22, 2016

4:45 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee of the City of Barrie on October 26, 2016

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met at 4:50 p.m. in the Sir Robert Barrie Room and following were in attendance:

- Present:** 5 - D. Taylor
B. Jones
D. Lamont
R. Meier
D. St. Amand
- Absent:** 2 - Councillor S. Morales
Barrie Community Foundation L. M. Papp-Belayneh

Staff:

Accessibility Co-ordinator, C. Dillon
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard
Facility Supervisor East Bayfield Community Centre, P. McCarron.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SCENT SENSITIVITY IN CITY OF BARRIE RECREATION CENTRES/POOLS

P. McCarron, Facility Supervisor East Bayfield Recreational Centre discussed with the Committee a scent/chemical sensitivity concern that the East Bayfield Recreation Centre received from a member of the public. He commented on the various types of filtrations systems available for public pools. Mr. McCarron noted that signage has been placed throughout the recreation facility to try and discourage the use of scents, but noted that this issue is more difficult to enforce in a public building. The Committee provided their feedback to Mr. McCarron and suggested using education and awareness to promote scent sensitivity. D. Taylor suggested using the slogan "No scents make sense".

HERITAGE TRAIL INTERPRETIVE SIGN PROJECT

R. Meier briefly discussed the Heritage Trail Interpretive Sign Project. The Committee deferred this item to a future meeting until appropriate staff can attend.

SHEAR PARK RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided a brief update regarding the Shear Park Reconstruction. The Committee deferred this item to a future meeting until the appropriate staff can attend.

MOBILITY SCOOTERS ON CITY BARRIE STREETS - RULES AND IMPLICATIONS DISCUSSION

B. Jones asked the Committee for their input concerning the rules and implications regarding the use of mobility scooters on City of Barrie streets. R. Meier a member of Active Transportation Committee suggested that the definition regarding what is considered a mobility device needs to be changed by the Province. Staff from By-law Services will be invited to a future Committee meeting to provide more information on this item.

AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY PLANNING PROJECT UPDATE

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding the Age-Friendly Community Planning Project. Ms. Dillon commented that project is on-time and within budget. Ms. Dillon anticipates that the Age Friendly Community Planning Project final recommendations will be made available soon and presented to City Council.

ACCESSIBILITY AWARDS TO BUSINESSES IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES (ILS) UPDATE

The Committee deferred the item concerning the Accessibility Awards to Business in collaboration with Chamber of Commerce and Independent Living Services (ILS) Update to a future meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGING ACCESSIBLE BUSINESSES IN BARRIE - ALTERNATIVE WAYS DISCUSSION

D. Taylor, Chair discussed with the Committee alternative ways to acknowledge accessible businesses in Barrie. Mr. Taylor suggested creating a certificate/letter that can be provided to businesses that are accessible in order to acknowledge their impact on the Community. The Committee agreed. C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator will draft letter/certificate and will provide at a future meeting.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING ALONG LAKESHORE DRIVE AND RECONSTRUCTION OF CENTENNIAL BEACH PARKING UPDATE

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding Accessible parking along Lakeshore Drive and Reconstruction of Centennial Beach Parking. Ms. Dillon commented that there are plans to have more accessible parking spaces available along Lakeshore Drive and Centennial Beach parking area.

2017 NATIONAL ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK - COLLABORATION WITH SIMCOE COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES DISCUSSION

The Committee met and discussed the idea of collaborating with Municipalities in the County of Simcoe for the 2017 National Access Awareness Week. The Committee provided their feedback and C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator advised that she will start the planning process and provide the Committee with further information at a future meeting.

2017 ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (AODA) COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS UPDATE

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding the 2017 Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Compliance Requirements.

Ms. Dillon highlighted the following requirements

- Conventional Transportation Service Providers, General - pre-boarding and onboarding announcements; and
- Specialized Transportation Service Providers - categories of eligibility, fare parity and hours of service.

ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (AODA) CHANGES TO CUSTOMER SERVICE STANDARDS UPDATE

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Changes to Customer Service Standards. Ms Dillon provided the Committee with a handout entitled "Accessible Customer Service Standard Changes Quick Reference Guide".

AUDIBLE PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL PROGRAM UPDATE

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding the Audible Pedestrian Signal Program. Ms. Dillon highlighted that Audible Pedestrian Signals are scheduled to be installed at the following locations or interesections:

- Big Bay Point Road and Yonge Street;
- Ardagh Road and Essa Road; and
- Another intersection in Yonge Street area scheduled for 2017.

Ms. Dillon noted that she will invite staff from Roads, Parks and Fleet Department to provide a further update at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN