



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Seniors Advisory Committee

Monday, March 14, 2016

10:00 AM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

For consideration by the Community Services Committee of the City of Barrie on May 4, 2016

The Seniors Advisory Committee met at 9:58 a.m. in the Sir Robert Barrie Room and the following were in attendance:

PRESENT:

R. Cotton, Chair
R. Cheeseman
J. Comper
M. Malcolm
R. McEachern
L. Ricardo
G. Sels
H. Stone
J. Youell-Robson.

STAFF:

Accessibility Co-ordinator, C. Dillon
Committee Support Clerk, J. Werth
Manager of Recreation, S. Lee-Young
Transit Co-ordinator, K. Roy
Transit Co-ordinator, J. Zimmerman.

The Seniors Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:**PRESENTATION BY KAREN ROY AND JASON ZIMMERMAN REGARDING SPECIALIZED TRANSIT SERVICES**

K. Roy and J. Zimmerman, Transit Co-ordinators with the City of Barrie provided a presentation regarding Specialized Transit Services.

Ms. Roy and Mr. Zimmerman discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An overview of conventional (fixed route) and specialized (door-to-door) transit services;
- The fare structure changes effective March 1, 2016;
- An overview of the application process for specialized transit;
- A review of specialized transit services including:
 - Printable short bus schedules in accessible formats;
 - Low floor accessible buses equipped with ramps and lifts;
 - On bus priority and courtesy seating;
 - Interior bus stop displays and announcement systems; and
- Transit Customer Service contact options.

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

AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY GRANT - UPDATE

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding the Age-Friendly Community Planning Grant project. Ms. Dillon noted that the next steps in the project will be to set up focus groups and develop a survey to obtain feedback from Seniors. She advised that when the survey for the Age-Friendly Community Planning Grant project is finalized, it will be posted to the City's website on the Seniors Advisory Committee webpage. Ms. Dillon noted that she contacted Access Barrie to discuss promoting the Age-Friendly Community Planning Grant project through local media and social media platforms.

SENIOR EVENT UPDATES / CALENDAR

The Committee met and discussed senior events and information updates.

R. Cotton reviewed correspondence from the Minister Responsible for Seniors Affairs regarding the nomination process for the 2016 Senior of the Year Award. Mr. Cotton noted that the deadline to submit nominations for the Senior of the Year Award is April 30, 2016.

R. Cotton provided an update regarding the Senior Advisory Committee's recommendation at its meeting held on December 14, 2015, requesting more affordable seniors housing in the City of Barrie. Mr. Cotton advised that on February 29, 2016, Council passed Motion 16-G-024 requesting the Barrie Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation to consider construction of non-profit seniors housing in the City of Barrie.

J. Youell-Robson circulated the Parkview Allandale Seniors (PALS) newsletter to Committee members. Ms. Youell-Robson noted that the Parkview Centre will be hosting events to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

H. Stone advised that March, 2016 is Red Cross Month. Ms. Stone noted that next week Red Cross will be honouring volunteers of the Meals on Wheels Barrie program.

L. Ricardo noted that the CNIB has been developing a new strategic plan.

R. McEachern advised that a new CARP bulletin will be available next month and that he will bring copies to the next Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

CHAIRMAN