

**Minutes - Final**  
**Accessibility Advisory Committee**

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Thursday, January 28, 2016

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 February 24, 2016**

**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.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Simcoe Muskoka Accessibility Network Co-Chair, W. Yuristy.

**STAFF:**

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

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

**PROVINCE OF ONTARIO'S PLAN TO DEVELOP AN ACCESSIBILITY  
CERTIFICATE PROGRAM FOR BUSINESS - DISCUSSION**

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator discussed the Province of Ontario's Plan to develop an Accessibility Certificate Program that will highlight Accessible Businesses. Ms. Dillon commented that the Province is requesting public feedback for the Phase 1 Report. Ms. Dillon will forward information concerning the program to the Committee members.

**PRESENTATION BY SIMCOE MUSKOKA ACCESSIBILITY NETWORK**

Mr. W. Yurisky, Co-Chair of Simcoe Muskoka Accessibility Network provided a presentation regarding the Simcoe Muskoka Accessibility Network.

W. Yurisky discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The history of the 2001 Ontarians with Disabilities Act, Independent Living Services of Simcoe County (ILS), 2005 Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Simcoe Muskoka Accessibility Network (SMAN);
- The background of the Independent Living Services (ILS);
- The terms of reference of the Simcoe Muskoka Accessibility Network (SMAN);
- The new direction of the Simcoe Muskoka Accessibility Network (SMAN);
- The relevancy and role of the Simcoe Muskoka Accessibility Network (SMAN) in relation for the role to the Accessibility Advisory Committees;
- The next steps and request for a meeting for the Simcoe Muskoka Accessibility Network.

Members of the Committee asked questions and provided their feedback regarding the presentation and received responses from the presenters.

**BARRIE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTATION - UPDATE**

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding the Barrie Chamber of Commerce presentation. Ms. Dillon indicated that the Chamber of Commerce has a new Executive Committee which will delay the Committee's presentation. The Committee deferred this item for further discussion at a future meeting.

**PROVINCE REPEAL SECTIONS OF ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ODA)**

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator discussed with the Committee the Provincial Government's repeal of the Ontarians with Disabilities Act (ODA) Section 11 concerning Municipality Accessibility Plans, Section 12 concerning Accessibility Advisory Committee and Section 13 concerning Municipal Goods and Services.

**SERVICE ONTARIO ACCESSIBLE PARKING PERMIT UPDATE**

M. Papp-Belayneh provided an update regarding the recent changes to Service Ontario's accessible parking permits.

**ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK 2016 - DISCUSSION**

The Committee met and discussed ideas regarding the 2016 Access Awareness Week which is scheduled for May/June 2016.

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator commented that Access Awareness Week will be proclaimed by the Mayor at a City Council meeting closer to the date. She noted that a flag raising will be scheduled. Ms. Dillon suggested that the Committee could make presentation to the Chamber of Commerce during Access Awareness Week.

**WINTER SNOW AND ACCESSIBILITY - DISCUSSION**

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator discussed with the Committee a concern from a resident regarding winter snow accessibility and the availability of programs and resources for residents who require assistance with snow removal on private property.

C. Dillon noted that she will survey other municipalities regarding their snow removal programs related to accessibility and will provide feedback at a future meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

**CHAIRMAN**