



Minutes - Final
Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, April 27, 2017

4:15 PM

Huronia Room "A"

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee of the City of Barrie on May 24, 2017.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met at 4:20 p.m. in the Huronia Room "A" and the following were in attendance:

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

STAFF:
Accessibility Co-ordinator, C. Dillon
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard
Planner, E. Terry.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

PRESENTATION REGARDING THE OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENTS REVIEW

E. Terry, Planner of the Planning and Building Services Department provided a presentation regarding the Official Plan Review.

Mr. Terry discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The historical background information regarding the initial approval and updates to the Official Plan;
- An overview of the Hewitt's Secondary Plan and the Salem Secondary Plan;
- Highlights of the Provincial Policy Statement and the Provincial Growth Plan; and

- A review of the City's objectives based on the following themes:
 - Urban city
 - Waterfront city
 - Complete city
 - Resilient city
 - Mobile city
 - Prosperous city
 - Safe city
 - Cultural city.

In closing, Mr. Terry detailed the next steps in the Official Plan Review process.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions related to the information presented and received responses from staff.

DISCUSSION REGARDING ACCESSIBILITY ARTS AWARD CRITERIA

The Committee met and discussed the Accessibility Arts Award criteria. A. Dyke, Cultural Officer - Development provided the Committee with a sample of the 2016 Barrie Arts Awards eligibility criteria and nomination form for their reference. The Committee provided their suggestions to Ms. Dyke regarding the criteria for Accessibility Arts Award. Ms. Dyke commented that she will work together with C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator regarding the Accessibility Arts Awards and that a further update will be provided at a future meeting.

DISCUSSION REGARDING CREATION OF AN ACCESSIBILITY COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

The Discussion Item regarding Creation of an Accessibility Communication Campaign was deferred to fall, 2017.

PLANNING DISCUSSION REGARDING NATIONAL ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK ACTIVITIES

The Committee met and discussed National Access Awareness Week activities during the week of May 22, 2017 to May 29, 2017. Ms. Dillon advised that National Access Awareness Week will be proclaimed by the Mayor at a meeting of City Council closer to the date. She commented that she is trying to co-ordinate a simulation event for National Access Awareness Week. The Committee suggested May 24, 2017 for hosting an event in recognition of National Access Awareness Week. Ms. Dillon indicated that she will confirm the date and event with the Committee.

DISCUSSION REGARDING POTENTIAL STOPGAP INITIATIVES IN BARRIE

The Committee met and discussed potential stop gap initiatives in Barrie. Ms. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator outlined a few of the local municipalities who are taking part in the StopGap Ramp Project such as City of Orillia, City of Guelph and Haliburton County. Ms. Dillon advised that she has requested a toolkit from the StopGap Foundation and will provide further information at a future meeting.

ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT UPDATES RELATED TO ACCESSIBILITY

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding Zoning By-law Amendments related to Accessibility. Ms. Dillon noted that one of the amendments to the Zoning By-law will include an update to Barrier Free parking standards that is required to reflect provisions in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Disabilities Act.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

CHAIRMAN