



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Seniors Advisory Committee

Monday, September 23, 2019

10:00 AM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on October 2, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, D. Dellio at 10:01 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 9 - J. Annable
D. Dellio
C. Green
G. Kavanagh
M. Malcolm
L. Ricardo
P. Sasco
H. Stone
P. Thiffault

Absent: 2 - Councillor N. Harris
S. Turcott

STAFF:

Accessibility and Diversity Specialist, C. Dillon
Acting Deputy City Clerk, T. McArthur
Executive Director of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
Manager of Business Services, T. Turner
Recreation Programmer, J. Gourlie.

The Seniors Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

SURVEY FEEDBACK ON THE FREE TRANSIT OPTIONS FOR SENIORS

Tyrell Turner, Manager of Business Services and Rebecca James-Reid, Executive Director of Access Barrie provided a presentation concerning the survey feedback on the free transit options for seniors.

Mr. Turner and Ms. James-Reid discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The background information associated to transit options for seniors;
- Flow charts illustrating the results from a seniors survey concerning transit in the City; and
- The benefits to providing a free day of the week and a month pass subsidy to seniors for transit.

The Committee asked a number of questions to the City staff and received responses.

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

SECTION "B"

FREE THURSDAY TRANSIT SERVICES FOR SENIORS AND A FEE REDUCTION FOR THE SENIORS MONTHLY TRANSIT PASS

1. That Barrie Transit provide free transit services every Thursday to seniors ages 65 and up within the City of Barrie.
2. That the Fees By-law 2019-023 be amended to reduce the seniors monthly transit pass from \$56.50 to \$52.00 effective November 1, 2019.

The Seniors Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

NEXT STEPS IN SAC GOALS

Donna Dellio, Chair, asked the Committee what area of seniors housing from the Seniors Advisory Committee Goals they would like to focus on for 2019. The Committee agreed to invite staff in the Planning and Building Services Department to provide further information associated to seniors housing within the City's new Official Plan to a future meeting.

SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL - RACK CARD

The Committee finalized the Seniors Advisory Committee Rack Card to be used as a promotional tool about the Committee.

SENIORS HOMESHARING DISCUSSION

Cheryl Dillon, Accessibility and Diversity Specialist provided an overview to the Committee concerning a potential pilot project for a seniors' homeshare program between seniors and university and/or college students in the City. Ms. Dillon explained the successful Toronto homeshare program wherein the City of Toronto in partnership with the University of Toronto matches older adults (aged 55 and over) wishing to share a spare room in their home with university and/or college students seeking affordable housing in Toronto. The Committee agreed to invite Mayor Lehman to a future meeting to provide a presentation concerning a seniors' homesharing project for the City.

CHECKLIST FOR SENIORS RENTING IN BARRIE

Donna Dellio, Chair, discussed the possibility of creating a checklist for seniors renting in Barrie to ensure they are aware of all possibilities when entering into a rental agreement.

City staff advised that many checklists have been created by different organizations to assist renters when looking to rent an apartment / room etc. The Committee agreed that no further action is required.

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

CHAIRMAN