



# City of Barrie

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## Minutes - Final Accessibility Advisory Committee

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Thursday, October 25, 2018

4:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

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**For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on February 5, 2019.**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, D. Taylor at 4:03 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

**Present:** 5 - Chairman D. Taylor  
B. Jones  
R. Meier  
S. O'Shea  
D. St. Amand

**Absent:** 1 - Councillor R. Romita

**STAFF:**

Accessibility Coordinator, C. Dillon

Committee Support Clerk, J. Werth

Senior Infrastructure Planning Program Coordinator, T. Reeve.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

**PRESENTATION BY THE CITY OF BARRIE'S ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE MULTI-MODAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN AND THE OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITY STUDY**

T. Reeve, Senior Infrastructure Planning Program Coordinator of the Engineering Department provided a presentation regarding the Multi-Modal Active Transportation Master Plan Update and the Outdoor Recreation Facility Study for the City of Barrie. Mr. Reeve noted that these projects require consultation with the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Mr. Reeve discussed slides concerning the following topics:

Multi-Modal Active Transportation Master Plan Update

- A review of transportation improvements to 2041 including: roads, transit, active transportation and rail crossings;
- An overview of the Trails Master Plan that includes guideline development for accessibility;
- The Accessibility Advisory Committee's feedback pertaining to:
  - Gaps in planning or guidelines to improve accessibility in active transportation and the trails network in the City;
  - Identification of priority locations in the City's existing trail system that are challenging; and
  - Examples of good active transportation links or trails within the City or in other communities.

Outdoor Recreation Facility Study

- An overview of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update that focuses on outdoor recreation facilities;
- The Accessibility Advisory Committee's opinions regarding:
  - Common barriers to participating in the City's outdoor recreation facilities;
  - Examples of barrier-free outdoor recreation facility designs utilized in other communities;
  - Priorities for removing barriers to the City's outdoor recreation facilities; and
  - Identification of outdoor recreation facility needs that are not currently available in the City.

The Committee asked a number of questions of the presenter and received responses from City Staff.

The Committee requested that Mr. Reeve provide an update to the Accessibility Advisory Committee in early 2019 regarding the status of the Multi-Modal Active Transportation Master Plan and the Outdoor Recreation Facility Study.

#### **PROPOSED RESCHEDULING OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING IN NOVEMBER 2018**

The Committee discussed potential meeting dates and agreed to hold the next Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

#### **RECOGNITION OF BARRIE BUSINESSES MAKING ACCESSIBILITY EFFORTS**

The Committee discussed awards for accessible businesses in the City of Barrie. D. Taylor, Chair suggested that next year the nomination process for the City's Accessible Business Awards includes input from the public.

C. Dillon, Accessibility Coordinator recommended that the Committee develops eligibility criteria and defines categories for the City's Accessible Business Awards to streamline the nomination process.

The Committee reviewed local businesses and institutions making accessibility efforts in the City of Barrie. C. Dillon, Accessibility Coordinator offered to visit the sites of the nominees for 2018 Accessible Business Awards and will report her findings back to the Committee at its November meeting.

#### **BARRIE ARTS AWARD 10TH ANNIVERSARY - SPONSORSHIP OF BARRIE ARTIST WITHOUT BARRIERS AWARD**

C. Dillon, Accessibility Coordinator provided an update regarding the 2018 Barrie Arts Awards category entitled, "Artist without Barriers". Ms. Dillon noted that the 2018 Barrie Arts Awards will take place on Wednesday, November 21, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Barrie Country Club.

The Committee agreed to contribute \$2,000.00 from its budget (Account No. 01-06-0930-0000-3070) to sponsor the 2018 "Artist without Barriers" Award.

#### **REVIEW OF 2019-2024 MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN**

C. Dillon, Accessibility Coordinator distributed the "What You Said Report" that included results from the City of Barrie's online Accessibility Survey and Accessibility Opportunity Map from the period June 1 to June 30, 2018. Ms. Dillon noted that the feedback received was useful in setting priorities and goals for the City of Barrie's 2019-2024 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

C. Dillon, Accessibility Coordinator provided an overview of the content of the draft 2019-2024 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for the City of Barrie. Ms. Dillon noted that the 2019-2024 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan incorporates the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for Transit. She will distribute the draft 2019-2014 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan to the Committee for review prior to its next meeting.

C. Dillon, Accessibility Coordinator advised that the final 2019-2024 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for the City of Barrie will be presented to City Council on December 10, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

CHAIRMAN