



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, June 28, 2018

4:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

**For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee
on September 26, 2018.**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, D. Taylor at 4:04 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 5 - Chairman D. Taylor
Councillor R. Romita
B. Jones
R. Meier
S. O'Shea

Absent: 1 - D. St. Amand

ALSO PRESENT:

Community Wholeness Centre, Y. Gallo
Community Wholeness Centre, R. March
Community Wholeness Centre, E. Verbeam-Walton
MVT Canadian Bus Inc., B. Hare.

STAFF:

Accessibility Co-ordinator, C. Dillon
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Committee Support Clerk, J. Werth
Supervisor of Transit Operations and Infrastructure, J. Zimmerman.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

**PRESENTATION BY THE COMMUNITY WHOLENESS CENTRE
REGARDING INDEPENDENT LIVING CANADA**

Y Gallo, Executive Director of the Community Wholeness Centre (CWC) introduced community members who shared testimonials of their experiences at the CWC. Ms. Gallo provided a presentation regarding Independent Living Centres.

Ms. Gallo discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The CWC has identified gaps in community services as there are limited Independent Living Centres in Barrie and Simcoe County;
- The CWC is actively pursuing accreditation and membership with the National Umbrella of Independent Living Canada;
- The request for a letter from the City of Barrie's Accessibility Advisory Committee in support of the CWC's completion of a feasibility study and strategic plan;
- A chart illustrating CWC's current and projected operating budget;
- The statistics regarding the number of people served by CWC between 2014 and 2018 and the levels of service provided;
- An overview of the types of programs that the CWC currently offers and the potential future programs; and
- A list of fundraising activities organized by the CWC.

In closing, Ms. Gallo discussed the gap in Independent Living Centres between Toronto and Collingwood. Ms. Gallo emphasized the need for an Independent Living Centre in Barrie.

The Committee asked a number of questions of the presenter and received responses from Ms. Gallo.

The Committee agreed to provide a letter of support to CWC for the Independent Living Centre initiative in Simcoe County. D. Taylor requested that C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator prepare a draft letter of support to the CWC for review by the City Clerk and the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

UPDATE ON TRANSIT ISSUES WITH BARRIE TRANSIT

B. Hare, General Manager of MVT Canadian Bus Inc. (MVT) provided an update on MVT's initiatives to address transit issues in the City of Barrie. Mr. Hare advised that MVT has recently conducted a thorough inspection of its buses and he noted that all required replacement parts have been ordered. He advised that staff training has commenced concerning the securement of wheelchairs and customer service and he indicated that training should be completed by mid-July.

Mr. Hare requested that he be advised of any customer concerns regarding transit issues in the City of Barrie. J. Zimmerman, Supervisor of Transit Operations and Infrastructure complimented MVT on the excellent level of service it provides.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE'S ONLINE ACCESSIBILITY MAP

The Committee agreed to defer this item to a future meeting for further discussion.

UPDATE ON THE MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN FOR THE CITY OF BARRIE AND TRANSIT

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding the draft 2019-2024 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for the City of Barrie and Transit. Ms. Dillon reviewed the following timelines:

- June 30, 2018 is the deadline for residents to submit feedback through the Accessibility Survey and Accessibility Opportunity Map;
- In July 2018, the community feedback collected will be reviewed;
- From August to September 2018, the Draft Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for the City of Barrie and the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for Transit will be developed;
- On September 27, 2018, the Draft Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for the City of Barrie and the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for Transit Plan will be presented to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for its consideration; and
- In December 2018, the final Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for the City of Barrie and the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for Transit will be presented to City Council.

UPDATE ON ACCESSIBLE BEACH ACCESS SOLUTIONS

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding accessible beach equipment in the City of Barrie. Ms. Dillon noted that there is a budget request for accessible beach equipment in 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

CHAIRMAN