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Minutes - Final Seniors Advisory Committee

Monday, November 12, 2018

10:00 AM

Huronian Room "A"

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, R. Cotton at 10:05 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 8 - R. Cotton
M. Stevenson
G. Kavanagh
G. Sels
H. Stone
J. Comper
J. Youell-Robson
M. Malcolm

Absent: 5 - Councillor B. Ainsworth
L. Bourassa
L. Ricardo
R. Cheeseman
R. McEachern

ALSO PRESENT:

D. Gilbert
J. MacLennan
S. Turcott.

STAFF:

Accessibility Coordinator, C. Dillon
Committee Support Clerk, J. Werth
Recreation Programmer, J. Gourlie
Supervisor of Transit Operations and Infrastructure, J. Zimmerman.

The Seniors Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

PRESENTATION BY THE CITY OF BARRIE'S TRANSIT AND PARKING STRATEGY DEPARTMENT REGARDING TRANSIT FOR SENIORS

J. Zimmerman, Supervisor of Transit Operations and Infrastructure of the Transit and Parking Strategy Department provided a presentation entitled, "Barrie Transit: Getting You There".

Mr. Zimmerman discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An overview of 2017 Barrie Transit statistics;
- A listing of Barrie Transit's specialized and conventional transit service improvements;
- A review of Barrie Transit's Vision including efficiency improvements through the division of supporting and core bus routes;
- A map depicting Barrie Transit Express Routes 100A and 100B;
- An overview of Barrie Transit's user-friendly MyRide website;
- A review of Barrie Transit infrastructure improvements; and
- An overview of the City of Barrie's Mobility Hub Study.

In closing, Mr. Zimmerman noted that Barrie Transit's future goals include the following: to develop the community bus program, to increase travel training for seniors and students, to improve specialized transit technology and to provide more direct and express bus services.

The Committee asked questions regarding the information provided and received responses from City staff.

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

SECTION "B"

Recommendation:

FREE TRANSIT FOR SENIORS IN JUNE 2019 TO PROMOTE SENIORS MONTH

That staff in the Transit and Parking Strategy Department investigate the possibility of offering free transit to seniors in the City of Barrie between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. for the month of June 2019 to promote Seniors Month.

This matter was recommended to Finance and Corporate Services Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2/5/2019.

The Seniors Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

PRESENTATION BY JASON MACLENNAN OF THE GILBERT CENTRE REGARDING THE AGING LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

J. Maclennan, Seniors Program Coordinator of the Gilbert Centre provided a presentation concerning the Older Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer+ (LGBTQ+) Program. Mr. Maclennan noted that the Gilbert Centre provides social and support services to the LGBTQ+ communities of Simcoe Muskoka.

Mr. Maclennan discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- A review of the Gilbert Centre's corporate values;
- The need to provide a Seniors Program for the LGBTQ+ community to reduce social isolation and to assist with overcoming barriers;
- A County of Simcoe map illustrating the percentage of senior population over the age of 55 as of 2016;
- An overview of the Older LGBTQ+ Program at the Gilbert Centre; and
- A listing of LGBTQ definitions.

The Committee asked questions regarding the information provided and received responses from the presenter.

SENIORS HOUSING UPDATES

C. Dillon, Accessibility Coordinator reviewed the Planning and Building Services Memorandum to City Council dated February 12, 2018 regarding the Annual Affordable Housing Monitoring Report for the period from July 2016 to December 2017. Ms. Dillon noted that the highlights of this Monitoring Report include the following:

- The vacancy rate for the rental housing market in the City of Barrie improved;
- The rents in the City of Barrie increased at a faster rate than the provincial average; and
- The secondary rental market in the City of Barrie supplied a sufficient number of units for rent to match the demand for secondary rental.

The Monitoring Report referred to the City of Barrie's 10-year Plan for Affordable Housing and noted that affordable housing is defined as the lesser of 30 percent of a household's annual income or 10 percent below the average market price. M. Malcolm expressed her concern that a home priced 10 percent below the average market price may still not be affordable to those in need of housing.

R. Cotton advised that he attended the World Town Planning Day workshop on November 8, 2018 at Barrie City Hall. Mr. Cotton invited a presenter at this workshop, Kris Menzies of MHBC, to provide a presentation to the Seniors Advisory Committee at a future meeting early next year. He also noted feedback will be requested from the Seniors Advisory Committee as part of the new Official Plan process.

OLDER ADULT CENTRES' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO (OACAO) AGING WELL CONFERENCE

J. Gourlie, Recreation Programmer advised that she attended the Older Adult Centres' Association of Ontario (OACAO) conference on October 29 and October 30, 2018 held in Mississauga, Ontario. Ms. Gourlie noted that she attended informative workshops including: Age Friendly Cities and Communities, Navigating Difficult Conversations and Managing Workplace Overload.

FUTURE GOALS OF THE SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

SENIORS EVENTS/UPDATES

The Committee discussed the following events:

- The Annual General Meeting hosted by Chapter 36 of the Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP) to be held on November 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 147 located at 410 St. Vincent Street, Barrie;
- The Allandale Christmas Craft and Bake Sale to be held on November 24, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Allandale 55+ Centre located at 190 Bayview Drive, Barrie;
- The Seniors' Social to be held on December 5, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Simcoe County Museum located at 1151 Highway 26, Minesing;
- The Parkview Singers "Joy of Christmas" concert to be held on December 8, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Grace United Church located at 350 Grove Street East, Barrie; and
- The Be Green Show will be held on April 20, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Holly Community Centre located at 171 Mapleton Avenue, Barrie.

The meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

CHAIRMAN