

## Legislation Text

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### **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.