

Minutes - Final
Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, August 22, 2013

4:30 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

**For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee of the City of
Barrie on September 25, 2013**

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met at 4:40 p.m. in the Sir Robert Barrie Room
and the following were in attendance:

Present: K. Demberline, Chair

Mayor J. Lehman (left meeting at 5: 15 p.m.)

C. Caterer

M. Crocker

C. Wilson

Staff: Accessibility Co-ordinator, C. Dillon

City Clerk/Director of Legislative Services, D. McAlpine

Recording Secretary, T. Maynard

Other: D. Green

L. Duncan, Simcoe Community Services

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

DISCUSSION BY DON GREEN REGARDING INVISIBLE DISABILITIES

D. Green and L. Duncan, Simcoe Community Services discussed invisible disabilities and the challenges that Mr. Green faces throughout the community due to his cerebral palsy. Mr. Green and Ms. Duncan were concerned there is not enough education in the Community about invisible disabilities. They also commented that they will be working with Cerebral Palsy Association and Simcoe Community Services to promote education.

The Committee agreed that something needs to be done to educate the Community on invisible disabilities.

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator suggested that the International Day of Persons with Disabilities would be a great forum to educate the public about invisible disabilities. She also suggested using Barrie Transit as a venue to promote and communicate awareness about invisible disabilities.

Mayor J. Lehman agreed and suggested that the Accessibility Advisory Committee work with Communication staff to develop an advertising campaign for Barrie Transit about invisible disabilities.

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROCESSES - PROCEDURAL BY-LAW 2013-072

D. McAlpine, City Clerk provided the Committee with an update concerning the Committee's processes and Procedural By-law 2013-072.

The Committee asked several questions and received responses.

ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK

The Committee met and discussed Access Awareness Week that occurred in May, 2013.

That the expenditure of funds from the Accessibility Advisory Committee account 01-06-0930-000-3070 in the amount of \$498.44 be approved for all costs associated including transportation with the hosting of the Access Awareness Week event held on May 27, 2013.

UPDATE ON ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGIONAL FORUM ENTITLED "ENGAGING EFFECTIVELY WITH YOUR COMMUNITY"

K. Demberline and M. Crocker provided the Committee with an update regarding the Accessibility Advisory Committee Regional Forum entitled "Engaging Effectively with your Community" they attended. K. Demberline and M. Crocker both commented that they found this forum not to be very informative.

DISCUSSION REGARDING INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (IDPD)

The Committee met and discussed International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) which takes place on December 3, 2013. K. Demberline suggested the Committee members bring their ideas to the next Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

CHAIRMAN