



Minutes - Final
Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, June 23, 2016

4:45 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee of the City of Barrie on September 28, 2016

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met at 4:45 p.m. in the Sir Robert Barrie Room and the following were in attendance:

PRESENT:

D. Taylor, Chair
R. Meier, Vice-Chair
B. Jones
D. Lamont
D. St. Amand.

STAFF:

Accessibility Co-ordinator, C. Dillon
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard
Supervisor of Parks Planning & Development, W. Fischer.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

**ACCESS TO WATERFRONT FROM MILL CREEK CARE CENTRE
DISCUSSION**

W. Fischer, Supervisor of Parks Planning and Development provided an update concerning a missing link for access to the waterfront from Mill Creek Care Centre. R. Meier commented that a community member presented this matter to the Active Transportation Working Group. Mr. Fischer discussed possible solutions and highlighted the Active Transportation Working Group's proposal to have a short-term on-road protected path built to make this connection possible. They discussed an example of a recent installation in Thunder Bay which used flexible and reflective bollards to delineate between travelled lanes of a highway and an adjacent multi-use trail.

The Committee agreed with the City's review of an accessible route along Hurst Drive between Tollendal Mill Road and Minet's Point for access to the waterfront trail. W. Fischer commented that staff will report back to the Committee regarding the proposed design solution, or other alternatives at a future meeting.

2016 SITE PLAN REVIEW SUMMARY TO-DATE

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator outlined the 2016 Site Plans that she has reviewed to date. Ms. Dillon did note that she would ask for the Committees feedback on larger scale site plans and that she only provides comments on site plans as it relates to the Accessibility of Ontario with Disabilities Act (AODA). Ms. Dillon will provide quarterly updates to the Committee on site plan review.

AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY PROJECT UPDATE

D. Taylor, Chair provided an update regarding the Age-Friendly Focus Group held on June 13, 2016 and advised that it was well attended by the Committee. C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator commented that the Age-Friendly Focus Group was well attended by multiple age groups. The Committee agreed that event was well organized, diverse and a lot of knowledge was shared amongst the group. D. Taylor commented that this should be an annual event.

CITY OF BARRIE TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES UPDATE

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding the City of Barrie Transportation Guidelines. Ms. Dillon commented that the Engineering Department is currently updating their policies and guidelines and that she has provided her comments to Engineering Department as it relates to accessibility.

CREATING AN ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ADVOCACY LETTER FOR THE BARRIE BUSINESSES DISCUSSION

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator discussed with the Committee the idea of preparing a letter on behalf of the Accessibility Advisory Committee to request Barrie Businesses to promote, encourage and provide the benefits of having an accessible business. Ms. Dillon commented that she often receives community concerns related the accessibility at private businesses. The Committee provided their feedback to Ms. Dillon. Ms. Dillon will provide draft letters to the Committee for comment and feedback and will provide further information at a future Committee meeting.

ONTARIO MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING DECISION DISCUSSION

The Committee deferred this item to a future meeting.

ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK WRAP-UP

The Committee met and discussed the National Access Awareness Week Kick-Off Breakfast held on May 30, 2016 and agreed that the event was excellent and well attended. R. Meier suggested changing the location for future events to further promote and increase participation from the Community. The Committee will forward a thank you letter to Craving Fine Food Market for all their assistance with the Access Awareness Week Breakfast.

The Committee approved unanimously the expenditures of funds from the Accessibility Advisory Committee account 01-06-0930-000-3070 for an amount of \$508.50 to be paid to Cravings Fine Food Market for the costs associated with the National Access Awareness Week Kick-Off Breakfast held on May 30, 2016.

ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (AODA) CHANGES TO CUSTOMER SERVICE STANDARDS UPDATE

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding the upcoming changes to the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Customer Service Standards which take effect July 1, 2016.

Ms. Dillon highlighted the following changes to the AODA Customer Service Standards:

- Training, Section 80.49
- Service Animals, Section 80.47
- Support Persons, Section 80.47
- Feedback, Section 80.50
- Documenting policies, practices and procedures, Section 80.46.

Ms. Dillon commented that she will provide further information at a future Committee meeting.

SCENT AND CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY POLICY FOR CITY OF BARRIE FACILITIES DISCUSSION

The Committee deferred this item to a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

