70 Collier Street
P.O. Box 400
Barrie, ON L4M 4T5

City of Barrie

Minutes - Final

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 25, 2017 | **4:15 PM** | **Sir Robert Barrie Room**

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee of the City of Barrie on September 26, 2017

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met at 4:15 p.m. in the Sir Robert Barrie Room and the following were in attendance:

Present:	5 -	Chairman D. Taylor B. Jones D. Lamont R. Meier D. St. Amand
Absent:	2 -	Councillor S. Morales M. Papp-Belayneh

STAFF:
Accessibility Co-ordinator, C. Dillon
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard
Facility Capital Project Supervisor, G. Diamantopoulos
Supervisor of Parks Planning and Development, W. Fischer.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

UPDATE REGARDING MERIDIAN SQUARE/MEMORIAL PLACE RE-DESIGN

G. Diamantopolous, Facility Capital Supervisor provided an update regarding the future plans for Memorial Square and Meridian Place.

He discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An aerial view of the Memorial Square/Meridian Place Redevelopment;
- A rendering of the Cenotaph at Memorial Square/Meridian Place;
- An outline of the plan to maximize the flexibility of use for Memorial Square/Meridian Place Site;
- An aerial view of Memorial Square and Dunlop Streetscape;
- An outline of the material and planting palettes for the Memorial Square and Dunlop Streetscape;
- An overview of the lighting for Memorial Square and Dunlop Streetscape;
- An aerial view of the plan and lighting for the Nine Mile Portage Terrace;
- A rendering of the Nine Mile Portage Interpretation; and
- An aerial view of the plan and lighting for Meridian Place.

Mr. Diamantopolous noted he has tried to incorporate suggestions from the Committee into the Meridian Square/Memorial Place Re-design. Mr. Diamantopolous commented that design plans are being finalized with projected start of construction June, 2017.

Members of the Committee asked questions related to the information provided and received responses from City staff.

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

SECTION "B"

MEMORIAL SQUARE/MERIDIAN PLACE RE-DESIGN PLANS

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee endorse the Meridian Square/Meridian Place re-design plans as presented to the Committee on May 25, 2017 on the basis of accessibility.

This matter was recommended for adoption to Finance and Corporate Services Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/28/2017.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

UPDATE REGARDING LENNOX PARK ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS

W. Fischer, Supervisor of Parks Planning and Developments provided an update regarding the Lennox Community Park Accessibility Improvements.

He discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- Visual designs (View 1 and View 2) of the Lennox Community Park Playground;
- A diagram of the Lennox Community Park (Site and Swing Plan); and
- A diagram of Lennox Community Park (Playstructure Plan).

In closing, Mr. Fischer commented that each park has their own theme that does provide a different play opportunity and experience for children. Mr. Fischer anticipates that construction of Lennox Community Park Playground will commence in June, 2017.

Members of Committee as questions related to the information provided and received responses from City staff.

DISCUSSION REGARDING FUTURE ACCESSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS AT CITY OF BARRIE COMMUNITY PARKS

W. Fischer, Supervisor of Parks Planning and Development provided an update regarding future accessible improvements at the City of Barrie Community Parks. Mr. Fischer outlined some of the steps taken when planning for a new park.

Mr. Fischer discussed the accessibility improvements to the Centennial Park Playground and potential upgrades to the Painswick Park.

PLANNING DISCUSSION REGARDING NATIONAL ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding National Access Awareness Week.

Ms. Dillon advised that in celebration of National AccessAbility Week that an open house has been scheduled for May 31, 2017 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall, Rotunda. Ms. Dillon commented that the open house will feature numerous displays by community organizations including the Barrie Public Library, an accessible Conventional Barrie Transit Bus and members of the community will be able to learn more about various disabilities through hands-on experiences.

DISCUSSION REGARDING AWARDS FOR ACCESSIBLE BUSINESSES IN BARRIE

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding the awards for Accessible Businesses in Barrie. Ms. Dillon advised that she will work with staff in Access Barrie regarding the design of the certificate. The Committee discussed having the awards for accessible businesses ready for October, 2017.

Ms. Dillon commented that a soft launch regarding awards for Accessible Businesses in Barrie will be included as part of the open house for National AccessAbility Week on May 31, 2017.

DISCUSSION REGARDING ACCESSIBILITY ARTS AWARD

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding the Accessibility Arts Awards. Ms. Dillon commented that staff from the Cultural Branch will be invited to the meeting in June to provide a further update. Ms. Dillon noted that staff in the Cultural Branch are looking for names of possible Jurors for the Accessibility Arts Awards and requested if the Committee had any possible suggestions that they provide them at the June meeting.

UPDATE REGARDING POTENTIAL STOP GAP INITIATIVES IN BARRIE

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding a potential stop gap initiatives in Barrie.

UPDATE REGARDING A POTENTIAL BARRIE TRANSIT FORUM

D. Taylor, Chair provided an update regarding a potential Barrie Transit Forum. Ms. Dillon commented that she will invite staff from MVT to a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5 30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN