



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, April 25, 2013

4:30 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee of the City of Barrie on May 22, 2013.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met at 4:30 p.m. in the Sir Robert Barrie Room and the following were in attendance:

PRESENT:

K. Demberline, Chair
Councillor D. Shipley
C. Caterer
D. Kerr
M. Papp-Belayneh
C. Wilson.

STAFF:

Accessibility Co-ordinator, C. Dillon
Landscape Architectural Planner, C. Maher
Policy Planner, R. Cotton
Recording Secretary, T. Maynard
Supervisor of Parks Planning, W. Fischer.

SECTION "A"

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

CANADA STANDARDS ASSOCIATION (CSA) PARAMETERS FOR ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

C. Maher, Landscape Architectural Planner and W. Fischer, Supervisor Parks Planning provided a presentation regarding the Canada Standards Association (CSA) parameters for making outdoor play spaces accessible. Mr. Maher commented that in 2000 Centennial Beach was deemed as the first accessible playground in the City of Barrie and it is anticipated that the Lampman Lane Park will be the next accessible park.

Mr. Maher noted that since there are over eighty parks in the City of Barrie the intent is to focus on Community parks by having accessible outdoor play spaces available. W. Fischer commented that due to costs related to replacing playground equipment, Community parks contained the appropriate amenities, drainage and walkways to be cost effective.

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

The Committee agreed that new and redeveloped Community Park outdoor play spaces should be available for all types of accessibilities.

PRESENTATION ON URBAN DESIGN

R. Cotton, Policy Planner provided a presentation concerning the City of Barrie Intensification Area Urban Design Guidelines.

Mr. Cotton discussed intensification in the City of Barrie and the proposed areas of the City for the urban design guidelines. He also commented on the basis of the guidelines and the status of the Intensification Area Urban Design Guidelines. Mr. Cotton discussed the guidelines and the application for active transportation and accessibility in the City of Barrie.

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

ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK

K. Demberline provided an update on the proposed art contest for Access Awareness Week. Access Awareness Week takes place during the week of May 27th to June 1st, 2013. The Committee discussed ideas and suggestions for the event. K. Demberline will confirm with the school board to ensure permission is given to allow students to take part in the proposed art contest.

The Committee chose to set up a sub-Committee for Access Awareness Week Planning. K. Demberline, D. Kerr, M. Papp-Belayneh, M. Crocker and C. Wilson will participate on Sub-Committee.

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator announced that on May 27, 2013 at the Southshore Centre a kickoff to National Access Awareness Week is planned. She noted that a representative from the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario (ADO) will be providing a presentation on the new Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR) on the Design for Open Public Spaces. She further noted that Brenda Lewis of the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing who will provide an update on the changes to the Ontario Building Code.

SECTION "B"

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

COMMUNITY PARK OUTDOOR PLAY SPACES DESIGN STANDARDS

1. That all new and redeveloped Community Park outdoor play spaces be designed and constructed in compliance with The Canadian Standards Association CAN/CSA- Z614-07 , Annex H.
2. That the following standards be included within the new Design Guidelines for Community Park Outdoor Play Spaces:
 - a) Physical barriers which prevent disabled children or caregivers from accessing the playspace be removed;
 - b) Pathways provide a connecting link between designated accessible parking spaces and the accessible outdoor playspace;
 - c) The selection of accessible safety surfacing options be guided by the individual site characteristics, as well as cost benefits; and
 - d) Consideration be given to various types of disability- sensory

as well as physical impairments, so as to create a more inclusive play space.

This matter was recommended for Finance and Corporate Services Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/22/2013.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

CHAIRMAN