



**Minutes - Final**  
**Accessibility Advisory Committee**

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Thursday, October 26, 2017

4:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

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**For consideration at Finance and Corporate Services Committee on November 22,  
2017**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, D. Taylor at 4:01 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

**Present:** 5 - D. Taylor  
B. Jones  
D. Lamont  
R. Meier  
D. St. Amand

**Absent:** 2 - Councillor S. Morales  
M. Papp-Belayneh

**The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:**

**MOBILITY DEVICES ON CITY OF BARRIE STREETS RULES AND IMPLICATIONS**

D. Taylor, Chair provided the background associated with Committees discussion related to the rules, implications and safety concerns of mobility devices on City of Barrie streets.

Constable Chris Allport from the Barrie Police Service provided the Committee with a handout entitled "Personal Mobility Devices (Motorized Wheelchairs and Medical Scooters)".

Constable Allport outlined the following:

- That persons operating motorized wheelchairs are treated in the same manner as pedestrians related to walking on sidewalks;
- A sidewalk should be the first choice for someone using a wheelchair or medical scooter

- If there is no sidewalk available people using wheelchairs or personal mobility devices should travel, like pedestrians along the left shoulder of the roadway facing oncoming traffic; and
- An description of the City of Barrie Traffic By-law 80-138, Sections 1(hh) and 6(16) and the Highway Traffic Act.

The Committee asked several questions and received responses from Constable Allport.

In closing, Constable Allport discussed communicating and educating the public the safe use of Mobility Devices on City of Barrie Streets. C. Dillon, Accessibility Coordinator suggested that educating the public on the safe use mobility devices could be included as part of Access Awareness Week. C. Dillon commented that she will work with staff in Access Barrie to include messaging about mobility devices during the winter/summer months.

### **BARRIE TRANSIT PRESENTATION**

J. Zimmerman, Operations Supervisor provided a presentation regarding Barrie Transit.

Mr. Zimmerman discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An overview of the improvements that Barrie Transit is making to become more accessible;
- Photographs of a fully accessible Transit Fleet
- Photographs of the different types of accessible ramps/lift;
- An outline of the Specialized Transit Service Improvements;
- An outline of the Conventional Transit Service Improvements; and
- A map illustrating future service expansion.

Members of the Committee asked several questions and responses from City staff.

A member of the public asked questions related to the booking of times and the repercussions related to Specialized Transit Services not showing up when scheduled and received responses from the Committee and City Staff.

### **DISCUSSION FOR PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS FOR SERVICE DOGS**

The Committee chose to take no action regarding the item associated with provincial regulations for service dogs.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING POWER WHEELCHAIR/SCOOTER CHARGING STATIONS**

The Committee met and discussed power wheelchair/scooter charging stations. R. Meier commented that he received information from the County of Lambton concerning their mobility device charging stations. He advised that the County of Lambton has had no issues related to unauthorized users of the charging stations. Mr. Meier noted that providing power through the EV Charging Stations for mobility devices is providing accessibility.

**SECTION "B"**

Recommendation:

**POWER WHEELCHAIR/SCOOTER CHARGING STATIONS**

That staff from Corporate Facilities and Human Resources Departments investigate the feasibility of utilizing existing power outlets to create a mobility device charging station pilot project at public facing external power outlets at City owned facilities (eg. Library, City Hall, Recreation Centres.) and public spaces, power outlets and report back to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

This matter was recommended for adoption to Finance and Corporate Services Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/22/2017.

**SECTION "C"****UPDATE REGARDING MOBILITY MATS AT CITY OF BARRIE BEACHES**

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding Mobility Mats at City of Barrie beaches. Ms. Dillon advised that discussion occurred with Roads Parks and Fleet staff about installing mobility mats at Centennial Beach in 2018. Ms. Dillon noted that she will invite staff from the Roads Parks and Fleet Department to a future meeting to discuss mobility mats.

**UPDATE REGARDING ACCESSIBILITY ARTS AWARDS**

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding the 2017 Barrie Arts Awards Category entitled "Artist without Barriers". Ms. Dillon highlighted that a juror has been selected for the award category. Ms. Dillon invited the Committee to attend the award ceremony scheduled to be held on November 15, 2017 at the Southshore Centre.

**UPDATE REGARDING ACCESSIBILITY BUSINESS AWARDS**

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding the Accessibility Business Awards. Ms. Dillon noted that recognition of six recipients of the inaugural accessible business awards has been scheduled for the City Council meeting on November 6, 2017 invited Committee members to attend.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING CREATION OF AN ACCESSIBILITY COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN**

The Committee deferred the discussion concerning the Creation of an Accessibility Communication Campaign to a future meeting.

**REVIEW OF DRAFT MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN SURVEY**

C. Dillon, Accessibility Coordinator provided the Committee with a draft of the multi-year accessibility plan for their review and feedback. The Committee will discuss further at the next Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

CHAIRMAN