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City of Barrie

Minutes - Final

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, January 26, 2017 | **4:15 PM** | **Huronia Room "A"**

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee of the City of Barrie on March 29, 2017

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met at 4:15 p.m. in the Huronia Room A and the following were in attendance:

Present:	4 -	Chairman D. Taylor B. Jones D. Lamont R. Meier
Absent:	3 -	Councillor S. Morales M. Papp-Belayneh D. St. Amand

Staff:
Accessibility Co-ordinator, C. Dillon
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard
Plans Examiner II, D. Ridgen.

Others Present:
Community Member, K. Bastien.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

PRESENTATION BY D. SANDERSON, COMMUNITY MEMBER REGARDING ACCESSIBILITY AND SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL ISSUES

The Committee deferred the presentation by D. Sanderson, Community member regarding the Accessibility and Sidewalk Snow Removal Issues to a future meeting.

ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT OF CITY HALL

C. Dillon, Accessibility Coordinator discussed with the Committee about an upcoming Accessibility Audit of City Hall. Ms. Dillon commented that there have been changes to the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) requirements since the previous audit of City Hall had been completed in 2007. Ms. Dillon invited the Committee members to participate with the Accessibility Audit of City Hall. D. Rigden, Plans Examiner II provided a brief outline of the Ontario Building Code as it relates to accessibility. K. Bastien, Community member provided his input concerning a few deficiencies at City hall as it relates to accessibility.

ACKNOWLEDGING ACCESSIBLE BUSINESSES IN BARRIE - ALTERNATIVE WAY DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the establishment of an award to recognize local businesses and organizations who are promoting accessibility. The Committee members provided suggestions of businesses who they feel should be recognized for encouraging and supporting accessibility.

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

SECTION "B"

ESTABLISHING AN ACCESSIBLE BUSINESSES AWARD

1. That an Accessible Business Award Program be established to recognize local businesses and organizations who encourage and support accessibility in the City of Barrie.

2. That the award be presented annually at a City Council meeting that is close to National Access Awareness Week.

This matter was recommended for adoption to Finance and Corporate Services Committee for consideration of adoption/receipt at its meeting to be held on 2/29/2017.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

NATIONAL ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK - RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF RICK HANSEN'S MAN IN MOTION TOUR AND THE INCEPTION OF NATIONAL ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK

C. Dillon, Accessibility Coordinator provided an update regarding National Access Awareness Week - Recognition of the 30th Anniversary of Rick Hansen's Man in Motion Tour and the inception of National Access Awareness Week. Ms. Dillon commented that there is a toolkit available from the Rick Hansen Foundation to support National Access Awareness Week.

Ms. Dillon highlighted that there are plans for each municipality in Simcoe County to coordinate events on same day and/or week in recognition of National Access Awareness Week in an effort to capture and bring more awareness to accessibility. She noted that exact dates still need to be determined. Ms. Dillon suggested that the Committee could propose a date for an event for National Access Awareness Week.

SPOTLIGHT ON INVISIBLE DISABILITIES

C. Dillon, Accessibility Coordinator discussed with the Committee about invisible disabilities. Ms. Dillon suggested the Committee could prepare information to provide to the public concerning the awareness about invisible disabilities.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

CHAIRMAN