



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 22, 2018

4:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

**For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee
on April 25, 2018.**

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 - Chairman D. Taylor
Councillor R. Romita
B. Jones
R. Meier
D. St. Amand

Absent: 1 - S. O'Shea

ALSO PRESENT:
K. Ashworth
J. Banks.

STAFF:
Accessibility Co-ordinator, C. Dillon
Committee Support Clerk, J. Werth
Senior Communications Advisor, S. Lamantia.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN DISCUSSION

S. Lamantia, Senior Communications Advisor and the Committee reviewed communication options to further promote the City of Barrie's accessibility initiatives. Mr. Lamantia suggested that the Committee consider participating in future events organized by the City to publicize accessible resources available within the City.

Mr. Lamantia offered to assist the Committee in the development of a five-year Accessibility Communication Plan.

NATIONAL ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK

The Committee met and discussed National Access Awareness Week which is taking place from May 28 to June 3, 2018. C. Dillion, Accessibility Co-ordinator advised that National Access Awareness Week will be proclaimed by the Mayor at a meeting of City Council closer to the date.

The Committee discussed events to further promote National Access Awareness Week.

ACCESSIBLE BUSINESS AWARDS

The Committee discussed the City of Barrie's 2018 Accessible Business Awards. The Committee agreed that the Accessible Business Awards would be selected this year by the Committee and that the public may be involved in the nomination process in the future.

The Committee discussed the purpose of the Accessible Business Awards, award categories and nomination timelines.

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE WEBSITE - UPDATE

The Committee discussed the location and content of accessibility information in the City of Barrie's website. R. Meier suggested that the accessibility section be moved from the "City Hall" tab to the "Living" tab on the homepage of the City's website for easier access.

S. Lamantia, Senior Communications Advisor offered to assist C. Dillon and R. Meier in updating the content of the City's accessibility website and to develop a Frequently Asked Questions section.

MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLANNING

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator reviewed a draft community survey regarding accessibility. Ms. Dillon explained that the purpose of this survey is to obtain input from the public on community accessibility for updating the City's Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

Ms. Dillon noted that she will also be meeting with local organizations to gather feedback on community accessibility for updating the City's Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

SITE PLAN REVIEW

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator noted that she reviewed 47 site plans in 2017 pertaining to accessibility and Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) requirements.

ACCESSIBILITY BENEFITS US ALL - LETTER TO BARRIE BUSINESSES

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator reviewed a draft letter for the Committee's review to be distributed to business owners within the City of Barrie. Ms. Dillon explained that the purpose of this letter is to increase awareness of accessibility in general and to promote accessibility in community businesses.

BARRIE ROTARACT DAY OF GIVING

K. Ashworth provided an overview of the Barrie Rotaract Day of Giving on April 28, 2018. The Barrie Kempenfelt Rotary Club and the Barrie Rotaract Club have organized the third annual "Barrie Day of Giving" to provide assistance to residents in the community with small residential chores such as yard work, painting, etc. Ms. Ashworth noted that for further information, visit the website [dayofgivingbarrie.ca](http://www.dayofgivingbarrie.ca) ([<http://www.dayofgivingbarrie.ca>](http://www.dayofgivingbarrie.ca))

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN