



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Seniors Advisory Committee

Monday, March 11, 2019

10:00 AM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

**For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee
on April 3, 2019.**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 10 - Councillor N. Harris
D. Dellio
G. Kavanagh
M. Malcolm
J. MacLennan
L. Ricardo
P. Sasco
H. Stone
P. Thiffault
S. Turcott

Absent: 1 - J. Annable

ALSO PRESENT:

L. McCann.

STAFF:

Accessibility Coordinator, C. Dillon

Committee Support Clerk, J. Werth

Deputy City Clerk, J. Carswell

Executive Director of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid

Supervisor of Transit and Business Services, T. Turner.

The Seniors Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

PRESENTATION - ORIENTATION FOR COMMITTEES

J. Carswell, Deputy City Clerk provided a presentation regarding an Orientation for the 2018 - 2022 Committee Members.

Mr. Carswell discussed the following topics:

- The Council and Committee Member Code of Conduct;
- The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act;
- The City of Barrie Procedural By-law;
- An overview of meeting procedures:
 - The basics of Parliamentary Law; and
 - The role of the Chair, Committee Members and the Committee Support Clerk;
- The decision making process; and
- The reporting structure of the Seniors Advisory Committee.

In closing, C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator reviewed the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities (AODA) Training Booklet. Ms. Dillon provided a brief overview of the AODA legislation and barrier-free access requirements under the Ontario Building Code. She advised that the City of Barrie will be updating its Accessible Customer Service Policy this year. Ms. Dillon noted that the City's Accessibility Advisory Committee has developed a Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and provides reports to the province regarding the targets achieved by the Committee.

SELECTION OF CHAIR

The Committee met and discussed the selection of the Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2018 - 2022 term. D. Dellio was selected as the Chair and G. Kavanagh was selected as Vice-Chair.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The Committee met and discussed the meeting schedule for the 2018 - 2022 term and determined that the Committee would meet on the fourth Monday each month at 10:00 a.m. with the exception of July, August and December.

PRESENTATION BY THE TRANSIT AND PARKING STRATEGY DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF OFFERING FREE TRANSIT FOR SENIORS IN JUNE 2019 TO PROMOTE SENIORS MONTH

R. James-Reid, Executive Director of Access Barrie and T. Turner, Supervisor of Business Services of the Transit and Parking Strategy Department provided a presentation regarding potential transit options for Seniors to promote Seniors Month in June 2019. Ms. James-Reid explained that the Senior Advisory Committee's input concerning these potential transit options for Seniors would be included in the Transit and Parking Strategy Department's report to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee in April 2019.

Ms. James-Reid discussed the following topics:

- A review of Motion 19-G-038 directing staff to investigate the possibility of offering free transit to Seniors in the City of Barrie between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. for the month of June 2019 to promote Seniors Month;
- The advantages of Option 1 - the possibility of offering free transit to Seniors all day for the month of June 2019; and
- The advantages of Option 2 - the possibility of offering free transit to Seniors one day a week for an entire year.

The Committee asked a number of questions of City staff and received responses.

The Committee supported Option 1: the possibility of offering free transit to Seniors all day for the month of June 2019 for inclusion in the Transit and Parking Strategy Department's report to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee.

Ms. James-Reid, Executive Director of Access Barrie reviewed the next steps if Council approves either Option 1 or Option 2 as noted above. She reviewed various communication plans and explained that uniformed staff from the Transit and Parking Strategy Department would survey Seniors using conventional and specialized transit to obtain their feedback. Ms. James-Reid noted that the Transit and Parking Strategy Department would like to meet again with the Seniors Advisory Committee in the Fall of 2019 to review the survey results and further discuss potential options to promote transit for Seniors in the City of Barrie.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

CHAIRMAN