



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 23, 2017

4:15 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

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

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met at 4:20 p.m. in the Sir Robert Barrie Room and the following were in attendance:

Present: 5 - Chairman D. Taylor
Councillor S. Morales
B. Jones
D. Lamont
R. Meier

Absent: 2 - M. Papp-Belayneh
D. St. Amand

STAFF:

Accessibility Advisory Coordinator, C. Dillon
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard
Culture Officer - Development, A. Dyke.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

BARRIE ARTISTS WITH DISABILITIES DISCUSSION

A. Dyke, Culture Officer - Development provided an update regarding the Barrie Arts Awards. She discussed the concept of adding another award category for Barrie Artists with Disabilities. The Committee provided their comments and suggestions to A. Dyke. The Committee supported the inclusion of an accessibility based award category as part of the Barrie Arts Awards.

A. Dyke commented that staff from the Cultural Branch will work with the Committee to establish the award criteria and title of the award.

SECTION "B"

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

BARRIE ARTS AWARD - ACCESSIBILITY BASED AWARD

1. That an annual contribution of \$1000 towards the Barrie Arts Award for an accessibility based award to be funded from the Accessibility Advisory Committee Account #01-06-0930-0000-3070, be approved.
2. That the Committee continue to support the Culture Branch in obtaining a corporate sponsor from the private sector to fund the remaining \$1,000 towards the accessibility award.

This matter was recommended for adoption to Finance and Corporate Services Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/29/2017.

SECTION "C"

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

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

D. Sanderson, Community member provided a presentation regarding accessibility and sidewalk snow removal issues. Ms. Sanderson outlined her disabilities and discussed her concerns related to sidewalk snow removal. Councillor, S. Morales reviewed the timeline for snow removal of streets and sidewalks. The Committee provided Ms. Sanderson with a number of suggestions related to her concerns regarding accessibility and sidewalk snow removal.

NATIONAL ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK

The Committee met and discussed National Access Awareness Week. C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator highlighted that plans are underway for each municipality in Simcoe County to coordinate events on same day and/or week in recognition of National Access Awareness Week. C. Dillon highlighted that the Rick Hansen Foundation is interested in partnering for an event for National Access Awareness Week.

C. Dillon advised that National Access Awareness Week will be proclaimed by the Mayor at a meeting of City Council closer to the date and that a flag raising ceremony will also be scheduled. The Committee discussed events to further promote National Access Awareness Week.

AWARDS FOR ACCESSIBLE BUSINESSES IN BARRIE DISCUSSION

The Awards for Accessible Businesses in Barrie Discussion has been deferred to a future meeting.

UPDATE ON RICK HANSEN FOUNDATION BARRIER BUSTER GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION AND ACCESSIBLE CITIES CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE APPLICATION

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update on the City's application to the Rick Hansen Foundation Barrier Buster Grant Program Application and Accessible Cities Circle of Excellence Application. C. Dillon commented that both applications will be finalized and submitted by the end of March, 2017.

UPDATE ON AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY PLANNING PROJECT

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding the Age-Friendly Community Planning Project. Ms. Dillon highlighted that the Staff Report regarding the Age Friendly Community Planning Project is being considered by General Committee on February 27, 2017.

CREATING AN ACCESSIBILITY COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN DISCUSSION

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator discussed with the Committee about creating an Accessibility Communication Campaign. C. Dillon requested that the Committee consider the type of messaging they would like to see for the Accessibility Communication Campaign. D. Taylor, Chair suggested that a brain storming session take place at a future meeting and that staff from Access Barrie will be invited to a future meeting to provide assistance.

150 FOR 150 - A HUNDRED AND FIFTY PERSPECTIVES ON ACCESSIBILITY IN THE CITY OF BARRIE FOR CANADA'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator outlined a special project she will be working on regarding 150 for 150 - A Hundred and Fifty Perspectives on Accessibility on the City of Barrie for as part of Canada's 150th Anniversary. Ms. Dillon indicated that the project will entail reaching out to the Committee and Community members about their outlook on accessibility in the City of Barrie.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

CHAIRMAN