



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, June 13, 2019

4:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

**For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee
on October 2, 2019.**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, R. Meier at 4:05 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 7 - Chairman R. Meier
Councillor R. Thomson
Vice Chair C. Kenwell
T. Lowry
H. Morgan
L. Pope
D. Taylor

ALSO PRESENT:

C. Caldwell
P. Mitchell.

STAFF:

Accessibility and Diversity Specialist, C. Dillon
Committee Support Clerk, J. Werth
Landscape Architectural Planner, C. Maher.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

PRESENTATION REGARDING RECONSTRUCTION AND ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS AT TYNDALE PARK

C. Maher, Landscape Architectural Planner of the Planning and Asset Management Branch in the Engineering Department provided a presentation concerning the playground and accessibility improvements at Tyndale Park.

Mr. Maher discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An aerial photograph of Tyndale Park;
- An overview associated to the playground and accessibility improvements to the Park;
- Photographs illustrating the accessible playgrounds at Shear Park and Sunnidale Park;
- A review of the site work features;
- The next steps in the Tyndale Park project; and
- The anticipated timelines for the project.

The Committee asked a number of questions regarding the information provided and received responses from City staff.

ACCESSIBLE CHANGE TABLES PILOT PROJECT - UPDATE

C. Dillon, Accessibility and Diversity Specialist advised that at the June 3, 2019 meeting, City Council adopted the following Motion 19-G-141: "That staff in the Corporate Facilities Department will investigate the feasibility of installing accessible change tables in the public washroom at Centennial Park as a pilot project and will report back to the Accessibility Advisory Committee."

PARTICIPATION BY THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT FUTURE COMMUNITY EVENTS

C. Dillon, Accessibility and Diversity Specialist advised that she was contacted by Empower Simcoe (formerly Simcoe Community Services) regarding an upcoming inclusive live classical concert series entitled "Xenia". The Committee was supportive of the Xenia initiative. C. Dillon advised she will forward additional information to the Committee associated to the Xenia inclusive concert series as it becomes available.

UNIVERSAL DESIGN OPTIONS/PROMOTION

R. Meier provided a brief overview on the Town of Caledon's Universal Design Policy. Mr. Meier advised that the Town of Caledon amended its Official Plan to have universal design principles as a mandatory part of development applications.

C. Dillon, Accessibility and Diversity Specialist advised she would forward information to the Committee concerning the Town of Caledon's Universal Design Policy.

The Committee agreed to invite City staff from the Planning and Building Services Department to a future meeting to discuss the possibility of a Universal Design Policy at the City.

ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT

H. Morgan, C. Caldwell and P. Mitchell expressed their concerns with the accessibility challenges on Barrie's Transit system. Ms. Morgan, Ms. Caldwell and Ms. Mitchell commented on the problems that they have experienced such as: booking trips on specialized transit, rough rides and equipment functionality.

The Committee agreed to invite City staff from the Transit and Parking Strategy Department to a future meeting to discuss their accessible transit concerns.

The Committee agreed to form a sub-committee to review accessible transit in the City. D. Taylor (Lead), Councillor R. Thomson, C. Kenwell and H. Morgan volunteered to be a part of this sub-committee which will include citizen representation. The Committee agreed to have the sub-committee report back to the Committee concerning their findings.

RICK HANSEN FOUNDATION ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

T. Lowry provided a brief overview on the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification (RHFAC) Program. Mr. Lowry explained that the focus of the RHFAC Program is to improve accessibility in the built environment.

C. Dillon, Accessibility and Diversity Specialist shared information associated to the Excellence Canada Organizational Certification Program.

The Committee agreed to invite a representative from the Barrie Campus of Georgian College to a future meeting to discuss the College's Accessibility Program.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

CHAIRMAN