

Minutes - Final
Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 26, 2015

4:45 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee of the City of Barrie on March 25, 2015.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met at 4:48 p.m. in the Sir Robert Barrie Room and the following were in attendance:

PRESENT:

D. Taylor, Chair
Councillor, S. Morales
D. Lamont
D. St. Amand
R. Meier
M. Papp-Belayneh.

STAFF:

Accessibility Co-ordinator, C. Dillon
Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur
Transit Support Clerk, K. Roy.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and report as follows:

**BARRIE ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION SERVICE
(BACTS) DISCUSSION**

K. Roy, Transit Support Clerk discussed the Barrie Accessible Community Transportation Service (BACTS). She provided the following information about BACTS:

- Eligibility;
- Applying for BACTS;
- Trip bookings with BACTS;

- General BACTS information such as attendants providing assistance for a passenger on a trip and wheelchairs/scooters guidelines for BACTS buses;
- Subscription Service availability; and
- Passenger and BACTS Operator Responsibilities.

K. Roy advised that the City of Barrie currently has 13 BACTS buses that provide door to destination trips for individuals registered for BACTS. She advised that BACTS procedures are currently being reviewed to provide better services to customers.

The Committee asked a number of questions related to information provided and received responses.

ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding the 2015 Access Awareness Week which is scheduled from May 24, 2015 to June 1, 2015. She discussed with the Committee ideas to promote access awareness in celebration of Access Awareness Week.

MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator discussed with the Committee Members the City of Barrie's Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. The Committee Members reviewed and provided suggestions to update the Plan. The Committee felt that the Plan was well done.

ACKNOWLEDGING ACCESSIBLE BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF BARRIE DISCUSSION

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator discussed with the Committee Members ideas to acknowledge accessible businesses in the City of Barrie. The Committee provided suggestions to award businesses with incentives for businesses to become accessible and to promote accessibility awareness.

C. Dillon advised she would bring further information to a future Committee meeting.

PARTNERING WITH BUSINESSES FOR SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS DISCUSSION

D. Taylor, Chair discussed with the Committee the possibility of partnering with businesses for seminars/workshops to promote accessibility awareness to businesses and provide information about accessibility in workplaces.

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator advised she would bring further information concerning accessibility awareness for businesses in the City of Barrie to a future Committee meeting.

ROBERT KERR AWARD UPDATE

The Committee Members deferred this item to a future Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

CHAIRMAN