



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Seniors Advisory Committee

Monday, April 11, 2016

10:00 AM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

**For consideration by the Community Services Committee of the City of Barrie
on May 4, 2016**

**The Seniors Advisory Committee met at 10:00 a.m. in the Sir Robert Barrie
Room and the following were in attendance:**

PRESENT:

Councillor, B. Ainsworth
R. Cotton, Chair
M. Stevenson, Vice-Chair
G. Sels
H. Stone
J. Comper
J. Youell-Robson
L. Ricardo
M. Malcolm
R. Cheeseman
R. McEachern
S. Maynard.

STAFF:

Accessibility Co-ordinator, C. Dillon
Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur
Business Development Officer, P. Dyke
Manager of Recreation, S. Lee Young.

The Seniors Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:**AGE-FRIENDLY STUDY UPDATE**

Cheryl Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding the Age-Friendly Community Planning Grant project. C. Dillon advised that a survey was launched to seek the views of older adults about the current environment for seniors in Barrie. She noted that the survey received a good response.

C. Dillon noted that the consultant will be facilitating several focus groups regarding the experiences of seniors and the services for older adults in Barrie for the future. She indicated that a focus group session will be held on April 28th, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in the Sir Robert Barrie Room of the City Hall and is open to all Council Committee members and non-members.

PARKING IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA

Peter Dyck, Business Development Officer provided an overview concerning the status of declared surplus parking lots in downtown Barrie. P. Dyck advised that staff in the Business Development Department are in the early stages of investigating feedback, environmental assessments and appraisals for the properties. He noted that the City's goal is to revitalize these properties, meet the parking requirement for the downtown area and reduce financial obligations.

The Committee discussed the parking issues in the Downtown area and noted that selling these properties for different uses may not coincide with an Age-friendly City.

The Committee agreed to discuss this matter at a future meeting.

DEBRIEF ON THE PUBLIC TRANSIT PRESENTATION HELD ON MARCH 14, 2016

The Committee discussed the Public Transit Presentation received at the March 14, 2016 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting. The Committee noted that the presentation provided them with a better understanding and changed their perceptions of the Public Transit System.

SENIORS HOUSING

The Committee discussed the Council resolution regarding Seniors Housing. The Committee provided suggestions on how to move forward with the Seniors Housing initiative including designating vacant properties as Seniors Housing in new developments, second suite housing and co-housing possibilities.

The Committee discussed the concept of Aging in Place, which is a strategy to support seniors in their homes to provide affordable services such as home maintenance, housekeeping and healthcare providers.

AGE-FRIENDLY WEBPAGE

The Committee discussed the Age-Friendly Webpage which is available on the City of Barrie's Website. It was suggested that the blue print be changed to black print to be visually accessible for seniors.

SENIOR EVENTS / CALENDAR

The Committee discussed the Senior Events taking place in the City of Barrie. The Committee noted that the Kempenfelt Rotary Club is offering a day for small jobs to be done for free and the United Way is offering A Day for Caring.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

CHAIRMAN