



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, April 11, 2019

4:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

**For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee
on May 1, 2019.**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, R. Meier at 4:11 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 6 - Chairman R. Meier
Councillor R. Thomson
Vice Chair C. Kenwell
T. Lowry
H. Morgan
D. Taylor

Absent: 1 - L. Pope

STAFF:

Accessibility Coordinator, C. Dillon
Committee Support Clerk, J. Werth
Director of Engineering, B. Araniyasundaran
Infrastructure Program Engineer, M. Brown
Landscape Architectural Planner, W. Loevenmark
Senior Infrastructure Program Coordinator, T. Reeve.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

DISCUSSION WITH THE CITY OF BARRIE'S ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING A SERVICE DOG OFF-LEASH RECREATION AREA

W. Loevenmark, Landscape Architectural Planner of the Planning and Asset Management Branch in the Engineering Department provided a presentation regarding a Service Dog Off-Leash Recreation Area (DOLRA) proposed for the Barrie Molson Centre (BMC) as a follow up to Council Motion 16-G-003.

Ms. Loevenmark discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- A review of Council Motion 16-G-003 directing that staff in the Engineering Department investigate the feasibility of implementing a Service Dog Off-Leash Recreation Area within the BMC DOLRA;
- An aerial photograph of the existing DOLRA at the BMC;
- An overview of the stakeholder consultation process and survey results;
- The identification of a key concern that the majority of service dog users surveyed would not support a Service Dog DOLRA at the current BMC DOLRA due to accessibility issues at the BMC DOLRA and accessibility challenges travelling to the BMC DOLRA;
- An overview of community needs and DOLRA requirements;
- The design review process including:
 - Transit routes and stops map at the BMC;
 - Access, parking and lighting at the BMC; and
 - Option A: converting the existing small dog enclosure at the BMC to Service Dogs only; or
 - Option B: install fencing to enclose the partially fenced area at the BMC for Service Dog only use; and
- A review of Service Dog DOLRA implementation costs and funding/sponsorship opportunities.

In closing, Ms. Loevenmark noted that the BMC DOLRA could be expanded to include a Service Dog Park subject to Council's approval and funding. Ms. Loevenmark explained that consultation with Service Dog owners indicated that the BMC DOLRA location is not ideal.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions to City staff and received responses.

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

SECTION "B"

SERVICE DOG OFF-LEASH RECREATION AREAS

That staff in the Engineering Department, when investigating improvements to existing and new park spaces, consider the addition of Dog Off-Leash Recreation Areas and include space dedicated for Service Dog Off-Leash Recreation Areas.

This matter was recommended to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 01/05/2019.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

UPDATE FROM THE CITY OF BARRIE'S ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE PROGRESS/STATUS OF THE TRAILS MASTER PLAN AND THE OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES STUDY

T. Reeve, Senior Infrastructure Program Coordinator of the Planning and Asset Management Branch in the Engineering Department provided a presentation regarding the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) Update and the Outdoor Recreation Facility Study (ORFS). Mr. Reeve noted that both of these studies assist City staff to deal with development applications, provide guidance to develop future capital plans and provide input into the development charges background study.

Mr. Reeve discussed slides concerning the following topics:

Transportation Master Plan Update

- An overview of the TMP which outlines the transportation infrastructure required to service growth in the City of Barrie to 2041;
- The TMP looks at transportation improvements including: roads, transit, active transportation and rail crossings;
- An overview of the Trails Master Plan that provides a foundation for the development of accessible, safe and connected active transportation; and

- An overview of technical requirements for recreational trails under Ontario Regulation 191/11 to meet accessibility guidelines including:
 - Width, height and surface requirements;
 - Direction on edge protection and gates; and
 - Trailhead signage and communication requirements.

Outdoor Recreation Facility Study

- An overview of the ORFS that quantifies the need for sports fields and courts to accommodate growth in the City of Barrie to 2041; and
- The scope of the ORFS includes: outdoor soccer fields, ball diamonds, outdoor tennis and basketball courts, splash pads, playgrounds, artificial ice rinks and skateboard parks.

The Committee asked questions to the presenter and received responses.

DISCUSSION REGARDING ACCESSIBLE CHANGE STATIONS IN PUBLIC AREAS

H. Morgan reviewed challenges some residents experience with a lack of accessible change stations in public areas within the City of Barrie particularly at waterfront locations. The Committee proposed that the City considers installing an accessible change station at Centennial Beach.

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

SECTION "D"

ACCESSIBLE CHANGE TABLES IN PUBLIC AREAS

That staff in the Recreation Services Department investigate the costs associated with installing one accessible change table at Centennial Beach in 2019 using Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) funding and report back to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

This matter was recommended to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 01/05/2019.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "E"

REVIEW OF COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES THAT ALIGN WITH ACCESSIBILITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Committee discussed goals and objectives for the Accessibility Advisory Committee's 2018-2022 term. The Committee's objectives for this term include: reviewing the accessibility of park spaces, improving transit accessibility and increasing the number of accessible taxi cabs in the City of Barrie.

PLANNING DISCUSSION FOR NATIONAL ACCESSABILITY WEEK

C. Dillon, Accessibility Coordinator advised that National AccessAbility Week from May 27 to June 1, 2019 will be proclaimed by the Mayor at a meeting of City Council closer to the date.

UPDATE REGARDING THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S PARTICIPATION IN CELEBRATE BARRIE

C. Dillon, Accessibility Coordinator noted that the Celebrate Barrie event will be held on June 1, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Centennial Beach. The Committee Members were requested to forward to Ms. Dillion a list of community organizations that they would like to invite to participate at the Celebrate Barrie event.

SITE PLAN REVIEW

C. Dillon, Accessibility Coordinator noted that there were no updates concerning Site Plans at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

CHAIRMAN