



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, November 24, 2016

4:15 PM

Huronian Room A

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee of the City of Barrie on December 14, 2016

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met at 4:15 p.m. in the Huronia Room A and the following were in attendance:

Present: 6 - D. Taylor
Councillor S. Morales
B. Jones
D. Lamont
R. Meier
D. St. Amand

Absent: 1 - M. Papp-Belayneh

Staff:

Accessibility Co-ordinator, C. Dillon
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard
Senior Project Engineer, L. Borgdorff
Supervisor of By-law Services, J. Forgrave
Supervisor of Parks Planning and Development, W. Fischer.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

CENTENNIAL BEACH AND LAKESHORE DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

L. Borgdorff, Senior Project Engineer provided an update regarding the Centennial Beach and Lakeshore Drive Reconstruction project. Mr. Borgdorff discussed the construction drawings of the project highlighting accessible parking, audible pedestrian lights, pedestrian and bicycle pathways.

HERITAGE TRAIL INTERPRETIVE SIGN PROJECT AND SHEAR PARK RECONSTRUCTION

W. Fischer, Supervisor of Parks Planning and Development provided a presentation regarding the Heritage Trail and Interpretive Signage and Shear Park Playground Reconstruction.

He discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An outline of the heritage trail concept including the ten heritage trail signs and tour districts;
- An illustration of the Heritage Trail - Tiffin Boat Launch Lay-by Station;
- An illustration of a New Interpretive Lay-by Station for the Allandale Village;
- An illustration of a sample interpretive sign which will include a history of Barrie;
- An illustration of a sample interpretive sign for the East End of North Shore Trail - Kempenfelt Village;
- An illustration the Recognition Sign of a cast bronze imprint of a "High-Five" from Barrie's first Mayor Willard Kinzie which will be located at the end of the North Shore Trails (Kempenfelt Village Lay-by Station);
- Shear Park Playground Reconstruction indicating construction was completed in July, 2016; and
- An illustration of the Military Heritage Park Detailed Concept.

Members of the Committee asked questions of the presenter and received responses from City staff.

MOBILITY DEVICES ON CITY OF BARRIE STREETS - RULES AND IMPLICATIONS DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed with J. Forgrave, Supervisor of By-law Services about the rules and implications regarding the use of mobility devices on City of Barrie Streets. The Committee discussed creating information that will provide education and awareness for people using mobility devices on City Streets and the sidewalks. C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator will invite staff from Barrie Police Service, Ministry of Transportation and By-law Services to a future meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGING ACCESSIBLE BUSINESSES IN BARRIE - ALTERNATIVE WAY DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed acknowledging Accessible Businesses in Barrie - Alternative Way. D. Taylor suggested that each Committee member provide a name of a business at the next Committee meeting who they feel should be recognized for being accessible.

The Committee agreed with the concept of establishing an Accessible Award and that continued discussion with take place at a future meeting.

NATIONAL ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK - COLLABORATION WITH SIMCOE COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES DISCUSSION

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding the National Access Awareness Week collaboration with Simcoe County. The Committee discussed and will explore ideas and that further discussion will take place at a future meeting.

2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Committee met and discussed the 2017 Meeting Schedule and chose to meet on the fourth Thursday of the month with the exception of July, August and December.

AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator advised that she will provide a copy of the Age Friendly Community Plan presentation to the Committee for their information.

2016 MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN UPDATE

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided a 2016 update to the 2013-2018 Multi Year Accessibility Plan and 2013-2018 Transit Multi-Year Accessibility Plan which provides a status update report on the progress made to achieve the goals outlines in the multi-year accessibility plans and barrier removal activities outlined in the Plan.

Ms. Dillon provided the following 2016 Multi Year Accessibility Plan updates:

General

- A special mention of Kim Demberline, past Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) to acknowledge her passing in January 2016 and to celebrate her achievements and contributions to the AAC; and
- The City's compliance with the AODA's Design for Public Spaces Standard, including: accessibility provisions within the City's recently created Transportation Guidelines, accessibility updates to the City's Zoning By-law, and accessibility considerations made through the Engineering Department on the new construction or reconstruction of all applicable public spaces.

Transit

- The work completed on City of Barrie Transit policies to ensure barrier removal for our transit services and programs, including the Attendant Support Program and transit eligibility criteria;
- The installation of external announcement systems on City buses to advise bus patrons of the route and destination prior to boarding; and
- A review of all Transit stops for accessibility to ensure appropriate planning for stop improvements going forward.

SECTION "B"

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

2016 MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

That the 2016 updates to the 2013 - 2018 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and 2013 - 2018 Transit Multi Year Accessibility Plan as presented by the Accessibility Co-ordinator on November 24, 2016, be approved.

This matter was recommended for adoption to Finance and Corporate Services Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/14/2016.

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

INTERNATIONAL PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES DAY DISCUSSION

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator outlined the proclamation regarding the International Persons with Disabilities Day which takes place annually on December 3, 2016.

BARRIE ARTISTS WITH DISABILITIES DISCUSSION

The Committee deferred the item concerning the Barrie Artists with Disabilities to a future meeting.

**INTEGRATED ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS REGULATION (IASR)
POLICY FOR THE CITY OF BARRIE**

The Committee deferred the item concerning Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR) Policy for the City of Barrie to a future meeting.

**RICK HANSEN FOUNDATION ACCESSIBLE CITIES AWARD
DISCUSSION**

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding the Rick Hansen Foundation Cities Award and the Committee discussed a submission for the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessible Cities Award.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.