

November 25, 2009

Ms. Ulli Watkiss  
City Clerk  
City of Toronto  
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Dear Ms. Watkiss:

At its meeting on Tuesday November 17, 2009 the Commission considered the attached report entitled, "AODA Regulations on Accessibility Standards".

The Commission adopted the Recommendation contained in the report, as listed below:

"It is recommended that the Commission:

1. Request that the Minister of Community and Social Services harmonize the various draft regulations being developed to implement the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA), in order to ensure consistency with respect to their content, definitions, and implementation timing, before any additional individual regulations are finalized;
  2. Forward this report to the City of Toronto, the Ontario Ministries of Community and Social Services, Transportation, Energy and Infrastructure, the Ontario Human Rights Commission, and Metrolinx, noting that:
    - the TTC highly is supportive of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) and its goal to have an accessible Ontario by 2025;
    - the TTC has been developing and taking action – as far back as 1983 – to make all of its services, vehicles, and facilities accessible and these plans are consistent with both the intent of the legislation, and with local accessibility priorities;
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- the status of the TTC's current activities to improve the accessibility of its facilities and services are described in the *TTC Accessible Transit Services Plan - 2008 Status Report* and the accompanying Commission report *which were* forwarded to the Province in February 2009;

- Provincial AODA regulations regarding customer service have been finalised and must be complied with by public agencies like the TTC as of January 1, 2010. Final regulations regarding accessible standards for transportation, the built environment, employment, and communications are forthcoming;
- the Province has not made a commitment to assist with any operating and/or capital cost increases which might result from the AODA regulations; and
- as the finalized regulations become available, TTC staff will report on the costs and operational implications of the regulations for the TTC”.

The Commission also approved the following motion:

- “that staff be requested to prepare a presentation to update the Commission at a future meeting on the actions taken”.

The foregoing is submitted for your information in accordance with Recommendation No. 2 above.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by***

Vincent Rodo  
General Secretary  
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Attachments