



November 30th, 2015

Dear Executive Committee Members of the City of Toronto,

Spinal Cord Injury Ontario assists persons with spinal cord injury and other physical disabilities to achieve independence, self-reliance, and full community participation since 1945. As active members across Ontario relating to disability issues, Spinal Cord Injury Ontario provides recommendations and solutions in areas that affect the quality of life to the people we serve.

On December 1st, 2015, a report entitled: ***Toronto Complete Streets*** will be on the Executive Committee Agenda. <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-85434.pdf>

This report presents guidelines with a primary goal to build a city with streets and spaces that support the surrounding community and where all users and uses have a well-functioning network so that people can travel easily and safely with the mode of their choice.

This report was presented to the Disability, Access, and Inclusion Advisory Committee (DAIAC) on October 27th, 2015.

1. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to consider the concerns related to pedestrian safety and accessibility raised in the public presentations and by the Disability, Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee (DAIAC) at its October 27, 2015 meeting, when further developing Toronto's Complete Streets Guidelines and policy.

Such guidelines make huge impacts to people with disabilities and our aging communities. Spinal Cord Injury Ontario recommends a broader consultation process, beyond the DAIAC, to include people with disabilities and relevant stakeholder groups. This ensures that the guidelines and activities within "The Complete Streets Report" do not create unintended barriers to people with disabilities and seniors in Toronto.

We applaud the city council for taking the right steps to ensure safety and inclusiveness on our city streets. We highly encourage city council to ensure policies and guidelines of this nature reflect the needs of ALL Torontonians.

Respectfully,

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