

Housing- Working Group Meeting on April 26th, 2018

Submitted to The Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee

Present: Rahima Mulla, Glen Hart, Terri-Lynn Langdon

1. Agenda- Review of the terms of reference of the housing working group
2. Welcome new housing working group member, Glen Hart
3. Proposed Motion (Submitted by Glen Hart):

TAAC as a whole has actively advocated for consultation prior to new shelters/housing being built. However, this is not happening. The disability community must be present for these new builds and projects, especially if they are publicly funded and accessed by city programs such as housing connections.

People with disabilities need to be in positions of decision-making power when their services, needs and desires are at stake. People with disabilities also need to be employed in the agencies that service us.

It is imperative that all new shelters and building builds include people with disabilities in their planning process from the beginning.

The housing working group is asking that the city of Toronto housing shelters and supports come up with a plan to implement this request to the new TAAC committee in 2018/2019.

4. Proposed Motion: (Submitted by Rahima Mulla):
That housing connections establish a reference group of people with disabilities to revise their “medical request for a modified unit or additional bedroom” form. This form is too restrictive in it’s current, “Yes, No” format.