

Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee – Appointment of Public Members to Fill Two Vacancies

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To: City Council

From: City Manager

Wards: All

SUMMARY

The Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee is composed of 12 members of the public and up to 3 Members of Toronto City Council. There are currently two public member vacancies due to the resignation of two Committee members.

This report proposes that City Council appoint Glen Hart and Michael Miceli to fill the two vacancies. The Accessibility Advisory Committee is a legislated requirement under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)*.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Manager recommends that:

1. City Council appoint Glen Hart and Michael Miceli to the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee, for a term of office ending on November 30, 2018, and until successors are appointed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of January 31, 2017, City Council appointed one public member to fill a vacancy on the Disability, Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.MM24.29>.

At its meeting of February 3 and 4, 2016, City Council appointed twelve public members to the Disability, Access, and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.MM12.7>.

COMMENTS

The Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee is composed of twelve (12) members of the public and up to three (3) members of City Council.

A majority of the members of the committee will be persons with disabilities, as defined by the *Accessibility for Ontarians Disabilities Act*, and should reflect the diversity of Toronto's population.

The current vacant seats on the committee are due to the resignations of two members. It is necessary to replace these appointments prior to February 8, 2018 to ensure the committee can continue to carry out its mandate for the remainder of the term and to ensure quorum at meetings.

The vacancies are for a term of office ending on November 30, 2018, and until successors are appointed. The end of this term would coincide with the terms of the other appointed members of the committee.

In addition to the general eligibility requirements set out in the Public Appointments Policy, Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee members should collectively bring the following skills and expertise to the committee:

- A strong interest in equity and inclusion of people with disabilities
- A strong understanding of the needs and concerns of a broad spectrum of people with disabilities and seniors, gained through personal or professional experience
- Knowledge of accessibility as it relates to one or more areas of: policy and procedure, service planning and delivery, employment, built environment and public spaces, and accommodation
- Experience in decision-making, communication, citizen advocacy
- Availability to participate in meetings during business hours

In consultation with the Committee Chair, Councillor Wong-Tam, City staff reviewed applications against the Council-approved qualifications. Eight candidates from the

applicants were interviewed by City staff, Councillor Wong-Tam and a member of the community. The two recommended candidates were chosen from that list based on their personal and/or professional experience, as well as their ability to represent the needs and interests of a broad cross section of people with disabilities.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Biographies for Glen Hart and Michael Miceli

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Glen Hart is currently working for Fife House in supportive and accessible housing for persons living with HIV/AIDS. Glen is Metis and has experience working with many vulnerable groups, such as LGBTQ refugees and persons living with HIV/AIDS. Glen also has personal lived experience of disability, as a person living with the many physical, mental and cognitive challenges of life with HIV/AIDS.

Michael Miceli graduated summa cum laude with a B.A, honours degree in Psychology and Certificate in Practical Ethics from the Department of Philosophy in 2005 and completed an M.A. degree in Critical Disability Studies in 2007, both from York University. As a person with a physical disability and having lived the experience of navigating an oftentimes inaccessible and hostile world, Michael is committed to the goal of full inclusion of all people with disabilities in our society and the elimination of barriers that preclude such participation.