



REPORT FOR ACTION WITH CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT

Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee – 2019 Appointment of Public Members

Date: March 12, 2019

To: Civic Appointments Committee

From: Executive Director, People, Equity and Human Rights

Wards: All

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

This report deals with personal matters about identifiable individuals who are being considered for appointment to the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY

This purpose of this report is to have City Council appoint twelve members of the public to the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC).

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Director of People, Equity and Human Rights recommends that:

1. City Council appoint the twelve individuals outlined in Confidential Attachment 1 to the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee, for a term of office ending on November 14, 2022, and until successors are appointed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of January 31, 2018, City Council appointed two public members to fill vacancies on the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.MM36.14>

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 (former name for the Toronto Accessibility 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>.

At its meeting of February 5, 2015, City Council established the Council Advisory Bodies for the term ending November 30, 2018 which included the Disability Issues Committee (former name for Disability, Access, and Inclusion Advisory Committee):

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.EX2.1>

COMMENTS

The Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC) is a Council Advisory Body that is required under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA). The TAAC provides advice to City Council on:

- The requirements and implementation of AODA accessibility standards, preparation of accessibility reports and other matters for which Council may seek advice, as required under AODA;
- All other functions specified in the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation, including consultation on:
 - The City's Multi-Year Accessibility Plan
 - The proportion of on-demand accessible taxicabs required in the community
 - Recreation trails
 - Outdoor play spaces
 - Rest areas along exterior paths of travel
 - On-street parking spaces
- The prevention and elimination of barriers faced by persons with disabilities in order to achieve accessibility with respect to City by-laws, policies, goods, services and programs, employment, facilities, buildings, structures and premises;
- Identifying, preventing and removing barriers to the participation of persons with disabilities in public life; and
- Advancing the achievement of social, cultural, and economic well-being of persons with disabilities.

The TAAC is composed of 12 members of the public and one member of City Council, who serves as the Committee Chair. The appointments are for a term of office ending on November 14, 2022, and until successors are appointed.

In addition to the general eligibility requirements set out in the Public Appointments Policy and availability to participate in meetings during business hours, the TAAC members were recruited and selected to 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

In consultation with the Committee Chair, City staff reviewed applications against the Council-approved qualifications. Qualified candidates were interviewed by the Committee Chair, City staff and a member of the community. The 12 recommended candidates were chosen 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

Confidential Attachment 1 - 2019 Appointees' Biographies