



REPORT FOR ACTION WITH CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT

Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee – 2019 Appointment of Public Member to Fill One Vacancy

Date: October 11, 2019

To: Civic Appointments Committee

From: Chief People Officer, People & Equity Division

Wards: All

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

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

SUMMARY

The Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee is composed of 12 members of the public and up to 1 Members of Toronto City Council. There is currently one public member vacancy due to the resignation of one Committee member. The Accessibility Advisory Committee is a legislated requirement under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief People Officer, People & Equity Division recommends that:

1. City Council appoint the individual outlined in Confidential Attachment 1 to the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee, for a term of office ending on November 30, 2022, and until a successor is appointed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of March 27, 2019, City Council established the Council Advisory Bodies for the term ending November 30, 2022 which included the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.EX3.4>

At its meeting of March 27, 2019, City Council appointed twelve members to the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CA4.5>

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 30, 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 recommended candidate was 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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