

Chair's Report Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee

June 4, 2019; 9:30am
Committee Room 1

Chair's Report

- **Toronto For All Campaign Launch: Feeling Left Out**
 - On April 25, 2019, I spoke at the 7th Toronto for All Campaign Launch. The launch highlighted access issues faced by persons with disabilities. The event was held by the City of Toronto, in partnership with the Centre for Independent Living.

- **TTL Taxi Drivers**
 - On April 25, 2019, I met with representatives from the TTL Taxi Drivers group, to hear their concern regarding the City of Toronto's current accessible plate licensing regime.
 - A follow-up meeting was held, with Municipal Licensing and Standards staff, on May 13th.

- **Toronto Public Health Cuts**
 - Following the Provincial government's announcements, regarding cuts to Public Health, I have participated in multiple press conferences, along with fellow Councillors, to express opposition to the new funding schemes.

- **Apartment Building Maintenance**
 - At the May 14-15, 2019 meeting, City Council voted to require building owners/operators to maintain a list of volunteered contact information identifying tenants who may need assistance during building evacuations or temporary shutdowns of vital services.

- **Variety Village**
 - On May 21st, I met with Variety Village to discuss the expansion of recreation activities in Toronto, for persons with disabilities, with their support. Also discussed, was the potential for an employment placement program at the City of Toronto, for Variety Village members.

Flag Raisings and Proclamations

- **Neurodiversity Flag Raising. April 15, 2019**
 - The City of Toronto held a ceremony on April 15, 2019, to raise awareness of Neurodiversity. The ceremony took place at 11:00 a.m.

- **Special Olympics Ontario Invitational Youth Games Week. May 14-17. 2019.**
 - **The City of Toronto raised a flag to commemorate the Special Olympics Ontario 2019 Invitational Youth Games Week, for May 14-17 2019**

- **Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Fibromyalgia and Multiple Chemical Sensitivities Awareness Day. May 12, 2019**
 - **The City of Toronto proclaimed Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Fibromyalgia and Multiple Chemical Sensitivities Awareness Day on May 12, 2019.**

- **Apraxia Awareness Day. May 14, 2019.**
 - **The City of Toronto proclaimed Apraxia Awareness Day, on May 14, 2019. Apraxia, is a motor speech disorder that makes it difficult for children to speak.**

Upcoming and Ongoing Consultations

- **Developing HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan**
 - **The City of Toronto invites comments on Housing, Affordable Housing, Long-Term Care Homes and Services, Public Consultation. The consultation will run from 29-Mar-2019 to 01-Jul-2019.**