

Chair's Report

Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee

September 24, 2020; 9:30am, Committee Room 1

- **COVID-19 Response and Accessibility**

City Council adopted recommendations to have staff arrange for presentations to the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee this fall describing how the City is supporting vulnerable people with disabilities in Toronto during and beyond COVID-19. The intention is for the advisory committee to continue to fulfil its mandate of ensuring that City programs or initiatives receive advice that will enhance their inclusion of people with disabilities.

- **Economic Advancement for Persons Living with Disability**

On July 20th, the Economic and Community Development Committee adopted an item called Economic Advancement for Persons Living with Disability. This agenda item was generated by a TAAC recommendation from our July 3, 2020 meeting, to explore, and create a report on, support services and vendors relevant to the safety, success, and well-being of persons with disabilities for employment provisions and internal employment opportunities at the City of Toronto. It was also adopted that staff develop an outreach model and determine an appropriate pilot strategy, for the purpose of providing support and referrals to relevant services, to inform workers with disabilities of their employment rights.

- **Options for Assistive, Remote Participation to Improve Accessibility**

On July 21, the Executive Committee adopted an item called Options for Assistive, Remote Participation to Improve Accessibility. This agenda item was a recommendation from our July 3, 2020 meeting to review options for allowing remote participation by Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee members when an accommodation is required.