

## **Chair's Report Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee April 1, 2021**

- **Recruitment of New Committee Members Underway**

Since early January 2021, recruitment of new committee members is underway through the Accessibility Unit. The application deadline for these vacancies closed on March 5. In addition to regular posting channels, Public Appointments Secretariat (PAS) circulated the posting through the Indigenous Affairs Office and the Confronting Anti-Black Racism Unit for circulation within their networks and stakeholder communities. PAS forwarded all eligible applications to the Accessibility Unit on March 9. These applications were reviewed and 16 applications were identified as strong enough to consider to interview. These 16 were reviewed by Selection Panel and 6 were identified to interview. The Accessibility Unit is hopeful that they will present City Council with nominees on either April 7 or June 8, depending on the availability of interviewees.

- **2021 Operating Budget**

On February 18, 2021, City Council adopted the 2021 Operating Budget including a temporary reduction in the regulatory charges for the Vehicle-for-Hire Accessibility Fund Program by 75 percent for the year 2021 in an effort to keep more accessible vehicles operational for vulnerable users.

- **CaféTO 2021 - Accessibility Feedback**

On February 10, 2021, the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee received a presentation from Transportation staff about the CafeTO program for 2021 and communicated its support to the Executive Committee for the enhanced 2021 CaféTO Guidebook and its ongoing refinement through consultation with persons living with disabilities.

- **Overnight Snow Clearing on Commercial Properties - Accessibility Feedback**

On February 10, 2021, the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee received a presentation from the Senior Policy and Research Officer, Municipal Licensing and Standards about overnight snow clearing on commercial properties and communicated its support to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee for staff's preliminary recommendation against prohibiting overnight snow clearing of commercial properties within 100 metres of residential areas.