

**Chair's Report from Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam
Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee
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- **A huge thank you and farewell**

As my final chair's report, I want to say thank you to each and every person who has so generously given their time, experience and advocacy to this committee. The commitment to realizing the rights of persons with disabilities is not only a matter of justice; it is an investment in a common future. COVID-19 has deepened the systemic and pre-existing inequalities exposing the extent of exclusion and disproportionately affecting the community. As the Chair of the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee, I was committed to ensuring that the voices of people living with disability are heard, and actively consulted as we work towards building back better. We have accomplished so much together to help raise the issues that are important to us to the full city level. Your input significantly changed the way the City conducted remote meetings, and brought about dozens of changes to the WebEx platform, we helped keep cumbersome e-scooters and remote delivery robots from taking up valuable sidewalk space, we advocated for a more equitable budget process and along the way made meaningful recommendations to materially change the lives of people living with disabilities in Toronto. I know you will continue to do incredible work. Thank you!