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RE: Chair's Report- Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee: September 5, 2023

- **Chair Appointment to the TTC Board**

I am honoured to have been appointed Chair of the TTC Board by Mayor Chow. Transit in our City is one of my biggest motivations for running for City Council.

While the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee's mandate is to support and make recommendations to Council, its various boards and committees as well as divisions of our City on continuing to create an inclusive and accessible Toronto; city transit is one of the areas where accessibility is top of mind for many. Having said that, I believe that serving as chair of both TAAC and the TTC Board presents a unique opportunity to build on the progress we have already made with accessible transit. With this in mind, I look forward to collaborating with the fellow TAAC members for the remainder of this term to make improvements to accessibility on the TTC that we can all be proud of.

- **Update on motor-assisted micro-mobility vehicles**

On July 19th, City Council adopted the motion ([2023.IE5.5](#)) regarding "e-scooters." This motion directs the General Manager of Transportation and City staff to report back to Council by the end of the first quarter in 2024 on a comprehensive mobility strategy after consulting with various divisions, boards and agencies, stakeholders, as well as TAAC.

The strategy will address a number of issues including how to best move forward with pedestrian safety, liability insurance, data on the climate benefits of e-scooters, helmet regulations and an education campaign for e-scooter safety, in particular for those who use e-scooters for on-demand delivery service.

I look forward to TAAC's consultation with City staff so our committee can ensure the voices of those with disabilities are heard when decisions are made regarding the future of e-scooters.

