

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Diversifying Civic Appointees on the Toronto Transit Commission Board - by Councillor Jamaal Myers, seconded by Councillor Amber Morley

** Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.*
** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*
** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

Recommendations

Councillor Jamaal Myers, seconded by Councillor Amber Morley, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Civic Appointments Committee, as part of the current selection process for Toronto Transit Commission Board Members, to recommend candidates for the Toronto Transit Commission Board who meet the following criteria:
 - a. represent all four community council areas of the City;
 - b. at least one identifies as a person with a disability; and
 - c. are regular transit users.
2. City Council request the City Manager, in consultation with the City Clerk and the City Solicitor, to report back to City Council by the end of the year on:
 - a. amending the composition of the Toronto Transit Commission Board so that the publicly appointed members represent each of the 4 community council areas and that one of those members identifies as a person with a disability; and
 - b. the feasibility of collecting information on Presto card usage by Toronto Transit Commission Board Members and on the frequency with which the Toronto Transit Commission Board Members use the TTC.

Summary

Public appointees are a vital part of ensuring that both democracy and public interest are advanced and protected. The City of Toronto's Public Appointments Policy recognizes that candidates' qualifications, experiences and skills shall meet boards' individual requirements; our City is best served 'by boards that collectively reflect the geographic distribution and diversity of the community that they serve.'

Diverse and equitable representation on the Toronto Transit Commission Board is a crucial, basic requirement. Our Policy requires City Council to employ proactive strategies in achieving qualified and representative boards, with variations only implemented in unusual circumstances which are expressly approved by Toronto City Council.

The needs and interests of transit riders, particularly for people with disabilities differs greatly amongst riders in Toronto and East York, North York, Scarborough and Etobicoke-York. Candidates and those appointed must reflect the diversity of TTC riders in order to bring the lived experiences of the City's transit riders to the Toronto Transit Commission Board, which includes regularly taking transit.

This Motion aims to enhance the diversity and representation of candidates being considered for appointment to the Toronto Transit Commission Board and requests the Civic Appointment Committee members to consider candidates who:

- represent all four community council areas of the City;
- identify as a person with a disability; and
- are regular transit users.

This Motion is urgent as the Civic Appointment Committee is scheduled to consider candidates for appointment to the Toronto Transit Commission Board later this month.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM6.33

Confidential Attachment 1