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Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee

100 Queen Street West

Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee Members:

## **Re: Toronto Seniors Strategy**

## Summary

The City of Toronto is developing a third Toronto Seniors Strategy to better support aging in place, particularly for seniors who are Indigenous, Black, and who belong to equity-deserving groups.

The City of Toronto will be implementing a <u>community consultation process</u> to enhance the City's understanding of the priorities of seniors and older adults in Toronto. These consultations will be a key input into the development of the next Toronto Seniors Strategy.

The experiences of seniors with disabilities must be included in this strategy, and people with disabilities should be a specific priority group for consultations.

The strategy should be designed with an accessibility lens.

## Recommendation

I am recommending the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee to recommend the Executive Committee to:

- 1. Request the Toronto Seniors' Strategy team in Seniors Services and Long-Term Care Division to present to the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee at its February 28, 2025 meeting, on:
  - a. an update on the strategy and outreach to and consultation with disability communities in the community consultation process.
  - b. how the team is using/will use an accessibility lens in preparing this strategy.

Sincerely,

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Vice-Chair, Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee