



## Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee

April 17th, 2026

### **RE: Chair's Report - Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee: May 4th, 2026**

- **Mental Health Week (May 4th - May 10th)**

Mental Health Week begins May 4th, offering an important opportunity to recognize the connection between mental health and accessibility, and the role both play in supporting meaningful inclusion. Mental Health Week encourages us to reflect on accessibility in its fullest sense. True accessibility entails creating spaces where people feel understood, respected, and able to access supports and services without stigma or barriers. As a committee, we remain committed to identifying and removing barriers and to advancing approaches that are responsive and grounded in equity, supporting a city where everyone can fully participate.

- **National Accessibility Week (May 24th - May 30th)**

Looking ahead to National AccessAbility Week later this month, we celebrate its dedication to promoting accessibility and inclusion and recognize the contributions of persons with disabilities in our communities. This week offers an opportunity to highlight the importance of removing barriers and fostering inclusion across all aspects of daily life. As a committee, we remain committed to working collaboratively to strengthen accessibility and support ongoing improvements across systems, services, and community life in Toronto.

- **AccessFest (June 6th)**

I am pleased to see AccessFest return for its second year, continuing to evolve as a unique accessibility-focused event in Toronto. Organized by AccessNow with support from the City of Toronto, this one-day festival brings together accessibility, culture, and community through performances, dialogue, and interactive experiences. AccessFest offers opportunities for meaningful engagement and showcases accessibility in action. It also provides a platform to elevate diverse perspectives and foster greater awareness, as we continue working toward a more inclusive and barrier-free Toronto.



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- **Upcoming Events and Opportunities**

1. a11lyTO Camp - May 9th, 2026. For more information, visit:  
<https://camp.a11yto.com/>
2. Walk & Roll for Muscular Dystrophy Canada - May 24th, 2026. For more information, visit: <https://muscle.akaraisin.com/ui/WalkRollMDC26/g/48353>
3. Organization of Canadian Tamils with Disabilities Rhythm and Runway - May 24th, 2026. For more information, visit: <https://www.octd.ca/>
4. SMILE CANADA Mentorship Program - Ongoing. For more information, visit: <https://www.smilecan.org/event/become-a-mentor>

Kind Regards,

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