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RE: Chair's Report - Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee: June 15th, 2026

As we head into our final meeting of the term, I want to take a moment to reflect on what this committee has accomplished together.

The goal has always been straightforward: the people most affected by City decisions should be part of making them. That meant working with Transportation Services to come to this committee on pedestrian signal reviews. It meant providing lived experiences that helped shape the Disability Inclusion Action Plan to be embedded across City operations and not treated as an afterthought. We stood firm on the e-scooter ban, on social procurement for disability-owned businesses, and as a committee, you supported me on expanding the Diversity Youth Fellowship to include youth living with disabilities.

What has made this work meaningful is the community in this room. TAAC has become a real platform, one where organizations and advocates connect their work directly to City action. Those conversations have made our recommendations stronger. Accessibility is an ongoing pursuit, but I am proud of what we have built together and confident in what comes next.

- **June 2026 Days of Significance**

I would like to recognize several significant awareness initiatives being observed this month. June is Brain Injury Awareness Month, which highlights the importance of education, advocacy, and support for individuals and families affected by brain injury and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Awareness Month. June 27th marks International Day of Deafblindness, an opportunity to recognize the experiences and contributions of individuals who are deafblind while promoting inclusion and equitable access to services and opportunities. These important observances help foster greater understanding and support for a more inclusive Toronto.

- **Community Organization Feature: Brain Injury Society of Toronto (BIST)**

Many outstanding organizations across our city are led by dedicated teams whose work makes a meaningful difference in our communities. Today, I would like to recognize the Brain Injury Society of Toronto and the important contributions they make in supporting individuals and families affected by brain injury. I am pleased to welcome Executive Director Candace Diep and Programs Manager Ruby Loñoza-Barbonetti as debutants to share more about the organization's mission and the impactful work they continue to accomplish.



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