

TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

MEETING DATE: January 23, 2008

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission approve:

- 1/ the appointment of five (5) candidates to the Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation commencing January 2008 and ending December 31, 2010;
- 2/ the appointment of four (4) candidates to re-establish a pool to draw from in the event a member does not accept or complete their term and if not used to automatically be short listed for 2009 new vacancies; and
- 3/ a revision to Section 2.3 in the ACAT Terms of Reference to allow for a replacement for the ACAT Chair Ex-Officio and language clean-up.

BACKGROUND

The Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation (ACAT) was established in 1992 to provide a mechanism for ongoing public participation on accessible transportation.

Reporting to the Commission, the Committee's role is:

- to represent the needs and concerns of persons with disabilities and seniors who use Commission services;
- to provide guidance to the Commission on the provision of accessible transportation;
- to advise the Commission on policy issues for service pertaining to the interest of persons with disabilities and seniors; and
- to aid Commission staff in providing consultation, education, and advice related to persons with disabilities, seniors, and the community-at-large.

In keeping with the Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation's Terms of Reference (attached), membership is comprised of 15 individuals who use Commission services and represent a broad spectrum of persons with disabilities. Membership also includes a provision for at least two (2) seniors and a maximum of two (2) other persons. Members must be

residents of the City of Toronto and appointments are for a three (3) year term with approximately one third of the Advisory Committee members retired and replaced each year.

DISCUSSION

Public notices were placed in the Toronto Star and local community newspapers as well as notification being sent to City Council members and various agencies and institutions. The notice invited interested persons who have knowledge of and an interest in accessible transportation issues to attend an orientation seminar in order to receive an application and obtain information on ACAT's mandate and activities. Two (2) sessions were held on October 17th and 19th 2007 at City Hall.

The candidates recommended in this report were interviewed by a Selection Committee comprised of staff members from the City of Toronto, the Commission, and the current ACAT Chair. The candidates recommended are fully compliant with the aforementioned Terms of Reference and will assist during the transition period over the next 3 years to full accessible bus service.

It is planned to present the selected candidates to the Commission at its meeting on January 23, 2008.

The ACAT Terms of Reference were reviewed by ACAT and TTC Staff. At the October 25, 2007 ACAT meeting, ACAT requested that the Terms of Reference be formally updated and approved by the Commission.

January 18, 2008
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Attachment