

TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

MEETING DATE: December 16, 2009

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

ACTION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission:

- 1/ approve the appointment of five (5) candidates to the Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation, commencing their term on January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2012 (See Appendix A);
- 2/ approve the appointment of three (3) 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 be short listed automatically for 2009 new vacancies; and
- 3/ present the retiring (5) members with in-appreciation plaques and a transit pass in line with the number of years served in their term as recognition of their contribution (See Appendix A).

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, Section 2.4, membership is comprised of fifteen (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-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, Toronto Sun, and local community newspapers as well as notifications 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 sessions were held on October 13 and 16, 2009 at City Hall.

The candidates recommended in this report were interviewed by a Selection Committee comprised of staff members from the City of Toronto, Commission staff, and the current ACAT Chair. All candidates recommended are fully compliant with the aforementioned Terms of Reference.

It is planned to present the selected candidates to the Commission at its meeting on December 16, 2009.

As well, an in-appreciation plaque and a transit pass equivalent to the number of terms served is to be presented to each of the five (5) ACAT members who are retiring on December 31, 2009 in recognition of their contribution, time, and commitment.

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Attachment: Appendix A

APPENDIX A

2010 ACAT MEMBERS

NEW MEMBERS (3-year term – January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2012)

1. Mr. Mazin Aribi
2. Mr. Scott McArthur
3. Ms. Carol Anne Monet
4. Ms. Anna Noviss
5. Ms. Angela Rebeiro

POOL MEMBERS (1-year term - January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010)

1. Ms. Dorothy Creaser
2. Ms. Elaine Prescod
3. Ms. Christene Rowntree

RETIRING MEMBERS

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| 1. Mrs. Linda Napier | (January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2009) |
| 2. Mr. Howard Wax | (January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2009) |
| 3. Ms. Fadumo Dirie | (January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009) |
| 4. Mr. Richard Greco | (January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009) |
| 5. Mr. Valdo Tammark | (January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009) |

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