

TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

MEETING DATE: December 14, 2011

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, 2012 and ending December 31, 2014 (See Appendix A);
2. approve the appointment of two (2) 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 2013 new vacancies; and
3. present the retiring five (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 and at least two (2) seniors. 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

Advertisements were placed in the Toronto Star, Toronto Sun, Metro News, and local community newspapers; posted on the TTC website; and sent to various agencies and institutions. The advertisement invited interested persons who have knowledge of, and an interest in, accessible transportation issues to attend an information seminar in order to receive an application and obtain information on ACAT's mandate and activities. Two sessions were held on October 4 and 7, 2011 at Toronto City Hall.

The candidates recommended in this report were interviewed by a Selection Committee comprised of a staff member 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 14, 2011.

As well, an in-appreciation plaque and a transit pass equivalent to the number of years served is to be presented to each of the five (5) ACAT members who are retiring on December 31, 2011 in recognition of their contribution, time, and commitment.

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Attachment: Appendix A

APPENDIX A
2012 ACAT MEMBERS

NEW MEMBERS (3-year term – January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2014)

1. Dr. William Castor
2. Ms. Debbie Gillespie
3. Ms. Penny Lamy
4. Ms. Angela Marley
5. Ms. Lynn McCormick

POOL MEMBERS (1-year term - January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012)

1. Ms. Marian McDonell
2. Mr. Roman Polochansky

RETIRING MEMBERS (January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2011)

1. Ms. Heather Green
2. Mr. Robert Muzzy
3. Mr. Craig Nicol
4. Ms. Elaine Prescod
5. Mr. Sam Savona

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