

TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

MEETING DATE: December 9, 2014

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT (ACAT)

ACTION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

1. approve the appointment of five candidates to the Advisory Committee on Accessible Transit, commencing their term on January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2017 (See Appendix A);
2. approve the appointment of three 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 2016 new vacancies; and
3. present the retiring five 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 Transit (ACAT) was established in 1992 to provide a mechanism for ongoing public participation on accessible transit.

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

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

In keeping with the ACAT Terms of Reference, Section 2.4, membership is comprised of fifteen individuals who use TTC services and represent a broad spectrum of persons with disabilities including at least two 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 and were also sent to various agencies and institutions. The invitation was also displayed on subway stations platform screens, posted on the TTC website, and placed on the Wheel-Trans Community Link newsletter that went out to 34,000 customers.

The advertisement invited interested persons who have knowledge of, and an interest in, accessible transit 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 1 and 2, 2014 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, TTC 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 Board at its meeting on December 9, 2014.

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 ACAT members who are retiring on December 31, 2014 in recognition of their contribution, time, and commitment.

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Attachment: Appendix A

APPENDIX A
2015 ACAT MEMBERS

NEW MEMBERS (3-year term – January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017)

1. Margaret Hageman
2. Nicole Cormier
3. Joan Jordan
4. Valdo Tammark
5. Howard Wax

POOL MEMBERS (1-year term - January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015)

1. James Bartlett
2. Raymond Dell'Aera
3. Jaspreet Dhaliwal

RETIRING MEMBERS (January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2014)

1. William Castor
2. Debbie Gillespie
3. Angela Marley
4. Lynn McCormick
5. Sarah Adams (May 2013 to December 31, 2014)

November 21, 2014