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## **RE:** Wheel – Trans Accessible Taxi Contracts

Dear Mr. Byford,

As you may recall, the Accessible Transportation Association of Ontario (ATAO) is an industry association comprised of the brokerages who provide contracted services to the TTC's Wheel-Trans accessible taxi (AT) program.

While there are some who believe that the current job action by AT drivers is simply a matter between contractors and sub-contractors; however, the signatories to the AT contracts are the TTC and our member brokerages. Further, that the terms and conditions were set and approved by the Commission. Given this, we believe that the TTC has a significant role to play in finding a solution to this ongoing situation. We would welcome a formal process to find such a solution for the benefit of all stakeholders, including the Wheel-Trans population.

We are writing today to formally request that at the TTC's July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting the Commission consider our correspondence and the following motion:

That the Toronto Transit Commission:

- 1. Direct TTC and Wheel-Trans staff to meet with the appropriate stakeholders in order to find a solution to the current job action; and
- 2. To report back on the outcomes of these discussions, and where possible, resolutions to the August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 commission meeting.

ATAO and its members look forward to the working with you on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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