



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Appointment of Members to the Advisory Committee on Accessible Transit (ACAT)

<b>Date:</b>	December 16, 2015
<b>To:</b>	TTC Board
<b>From:</b>	Chief Executive Officer

#### **Summary**

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This report is seeking the Board's endorsement of the appointment of candidates to the Advisory Committee on Accessible Transit, commencing their term on January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2018.

Applications for consideration were received at the end of October 2015 following two information sessions held at Toronto City Hall. Interviews were conducted in early November 2015, and the successful candidates were interviewed and evaluated by a 4-member committee, including staff representatives from the TTC, personnel from the City of Toronto, and the ACAT's current Chair.

#### **Recommendations**

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**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, 2016 and ending December 31, 2018 (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).

## **Financial Impact**

This report has no financial impact beyond what has been approved in the current year's Wheel-Trans budget, \$73,000.

## **Decision History**

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.

## **Issue Background**

ACAT advises the TTC on the design and functionality of accessible features, initiatives and plans. In 2015, ACAT provided comment on proposed changes to the Wheel-Trans eligibility process, Presto Fare Card payment devices, Emergency preparedness procedures for persons with disabilities, accessibility customer education, improved platform edge at Eglinton Station.

## **Comments**

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.

Advertisements were placed in the Toronto Star, Toronto Sun, 24 hrs, 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.

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 in October 2015 at Toronto City Hall.

It is planned to present the selected candidates to the Board at its meeting on December 16, 2015.

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, 2015 in recognition of their contribution, time, and commitment.

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## **Attachments**

Appendix A

**APPENDIX A**  
**2016 ACAT MEMBERS**

**NEW MEMBERS (3-year term – January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018)**

1. Angela Marley
2. Lynn McCormick
3. Debbie Gillespie
4. Raymond Dell’Aera
5. Louise Bark

**POOL MEMBERS (1-year term - January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016)**

1. Sarah Adams
2. Lauri Sue Robertson
3. Anita Dressler

**RETIRING MEMBERS (January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015)**

1. Craig Nicol
2. Tim Rose
3. Sam Savona
4. Judy Berger
5. Raymond Dell’Aera (March 2015 to December 31, 2015)

November 16, 2015

