



For Action

City Council Transmittal – Executive Committee Item 15.14 – City of Toronto COVID-19 Response and Accessibility

Date: September 24, 2020
To: TTC Board
From: Director – Commission Services

Summary

Transmittal letter from the City Clerk confirming that City Council on July 28 and 29, 2020, adopted the subject item and has forwarded a copy of City Council's decision to the Toronto Transit Commission Board for consideration.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the TTC Board:

1. Request the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission to bring forward presentations on new or existing initiatives, detailing any efforts and modifications to accommodate persons with disabilities, as a response to COVID-19 response and recovery, to a future meeting of the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Signature

Chrisanne Finnerty
Director – Commission Services

Attachments

Attachment 1 – City Council Transmittal – Executive Committee Item 15.14



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**In reply please quote:
Ref.: 20-EX15.14**

August 11, 2020

Mr. Rick Leary
Chief Executive Officer
Toronto Transit Commission
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Dear Mr. Leary:

**Subject: Executive Committee Item 15.14
City of Toronto COVID-19 Response and Accessibility (Ward All)**

City Council on July 28 and 29, 2020, adopted this Item, and in so doing, has requested the Toronto Transit Commission Board to direct the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission to bring forward presentations on new or existing initiatives, detailing any efforts and modifications to accommodate persons with disabilities, as a response to COVID-19 response and recovery, to the November 16, 2020 meeting of the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Yours truly,

for City Clerk

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Attachment

Sent to: Prime Minister of Canada
Premier, Province of Ontario
Chair, Toronto Transit Commission Board
Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission
Medical Officer of Health

c. City Manager

Executive Committee

EX15.14		Adopted on Consent		Ward: All
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City of Toronto COVID-19 Response and Accessibility

City Council Decision

City Council on July 28 and 29, 2020, adopted the following:

1. City Council direct the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, and the Executive Director, Housing Secretariat to bring forward presentations on how the City is specifically supporting vulnerable people with disabilities in Toronto during and beyond COVID-19, to the November 16, 2020 meeting of the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee.
2. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services, to bring forward presentations on CurbTO, ActiveTO, CafeTO, and any other new transportation programs and initiatives to address COVID-19, to the November 16, 2020 meeting of the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee.
3. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to bring forward presentations on SwimTO, CampTO, and any other new or existing recreational programs and initiatives, detailing any efforts and modifications to accommodate persons with disabilities, and any employment opportunities for persons with disabilities, to the November 16, 2020 meeting of the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee.
4. City Council direct the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, and the Executive Director, People and Equity, in collaboration with the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, and in consultation with accessibility stakeholders, to develop guidelines for businesses to support the needs of persons living with disabilities including:
 - a. access to clear face shields, and any alternatives including notepads, to facilitate lip reading, visual facial cues and communication with persons living with disabilities;
 - b. support persons who can assist in navigating smaller spaces to support physical distancing for people living with disability; and
 - c. ensuring that cash remains an accepted legal tender across businesses.
5. City Council direct the Chief People Officer, People and Equity, in collaboration with the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, and leveraging existing partnerships and programming, to explore opportunities to better support access to safe outdoor day

programming for persons living with disabilities and any employment opportunities for persons with disabilities as part of a pilot strategy within the City's COVID-19 Recovery and Rebuild and report back in the first quarter of 2021.

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9. City Council request the Medical Officer of Health to provide a presentation to the November 16, 2020 meeting of the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee on Toronto Public Health's response and efforts related to COVID-19.

10. City Council direct the Toronto Office of Recovery and Rebuild to designate a staff person to be the liaison to the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee.

11. City Council request the Province of Ontario and the Federal government to increase the frequency and amount of funding opportunities for qualifying individuals and families, including those receiving the Disability Tax Credit, to better support their ongoing needs including:

- a. access to protective personal equipment, including masks and gloves, for themselves and their personal support worker;
- b. access to technology including Wi-Fi, computers and webcams to combat isolation and improve mental health; and
- c. access to recreation activities as many day programs, and respite centres are closed.

Committee Recommendations

The Executive Committee recommends that:

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Origin

(July 3, 2020) Letter from the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee

Summary

At its meeting on July 3, 2020, the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee considered Item DI8.2: "City of Toronto COVID-19 Response and Accessibility" and made recommendations to City Council through the Executive Committee.

Background Information (Committee)

(July 3, 2020) Letter from the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee on City of Toronto COVID-19 Response and Accessibility

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2020/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-149034.pdf>)

(June 18, 2020) Letter from the Chair of the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee on City of Toronto COVID-19 Response and Accessibility

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2020/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-149035.pdf>)