

TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

MEETING DATE: December 17, 2008

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION

ACTION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission approve:

- 1/ the appointment of seven (7) candidates to the Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation, with five (5) of the candidates commencing their term on January 2009 and ending December 31, 2011, and two (2) commencing January 2009 and ending December 31, 2009 (See Appendix A); and
- 2/ the appointment of three (3) 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 2009 new vacancies.

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 15 individuals who use Commission services and

represent a broad spectrum of persons with disabilities. Membership also includes a provision for at least two (2) seniors and a maximum of two (2) other persons. 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

Public notices were placed in the Toronto Star, Toronto Sun, and local community newspapers as well as notifications sent to City Council members and various agencies and institutions. The notice invited interested persons who have knowledge of and an interest in accessible transportation issues to attend an orientation seminar in order to receive an application and obtain information on ACAT's mandate and activities. Two sessions were held on October 15 and 17, 2008 at City Hall.

The candidates recommended in this report were interviewed by a Selection Committee comprised of staff members from the City of Toronto, the Commission, and the current ACAT Chair. The candidates recommended are fully compliant with the aforementioned Terms of Reference and will assist during the transition period over the next 3 years to full accessible bus service.

It is planned to present the selected candidates to the Commission at its meeting on December 17, 2008.

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Attachment: Appendix A

APPENDIX A

2009 ACAT MEMBERS

NEW MEMBERS

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|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1. Ms. Fadumo Dirie | (1-year term) |
| 2. Mr. Richard Greco | (1-year term) |
| 3. Ms. Heather Green | (3-year term) |
| 4. Mr. Garnett Martin | (3-year term) |
| 5. Mr. Robert Muzzy | (3-year term) |
| 6. Mr. Craig Nicol | (3-year term) |
| 7. Mr. Sam Savona | (3-year term) |

POOL MEMBERS (1-year term)

1. Ms. Adrienne Magennis
2. Ms. Angela Rebeiro
3. Mr. Valdo Tammark

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