

Memorandum

TO: Members of Council

FROM: Adelina Urbanski
Commissioner of Community and Health Services

DATE: February 26, 2015

RE: **Appointment to the 2015-2018 York Region Accessibility
Advisory Committee**

The purpose of this memorandum is to seek Council approval to appoint citizen members to the 2015-2018 York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee (YRAAC). The list of individuals proposed to be appointed is provided in Private Attachment 1.

Background

Under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* (AODA), obligated public sector organizations like York Region must establish a municipal accessibility advisory committee to advise Council about the requirements and implementation of accessibility standards and the preparation of accessibility reports. It is legislated that a majority of members must be people with disabilities.

The YRAAC reports to Council through the Committee of the Whole. The 2010-2014 YRAAC concluded its term in November 2014, concurrent with the term of Council. A multi-faceted recruitment campaign was conducted and applications were received from the community for the 2015-2018 YRAAC. Former members who remained eligible could also reapply.

Under the Terms of Reference, membership of the YRAAC will consist of a minimum of seven to a maximum of fifteen members from across the Region, representing large urban, small urban and rural jurisdictions. The composition of the YRAAC is as follows:

1. The majority must be people with disabilities, and where possible, will represent a range of disabilities.
2. A maximum of three members of Council, including the Regional Chair as an ex-officio member, will be on the Committee.
3. Citizens-at-large who may not have a disability, but may be selected based on their interest or particular expertise in the identification, removal and prevention of barriers.

4. Individuals for organizations representing people with disabilities and that provide services to York Region residents may be part of the Committee.

At the December 19, 2015 meeting of Council, Regional Councillor Vito Spatafora and Regional Councillor Danny Wheeler were appointed to the YRAAC, with Regional Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson as an ex-officio member. Under the Terms of Reference, as many as 12 citizen members can also be appointed.

Appointment of Members to the 2015-2018 York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee

It is requested that the proposed membership list be approved by Council to appoint the 12 citizen members to the 2015-2018 YRAAC. The list of individuals is outlined in PRIVATE Attachment 1.

Appointment of Chair to the 2015-2018 York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee

According to the YRAAC Terms of Reference, a member of Council will be appointed by Council to the position of Chair of the YRAAC. It is requested that the Chair of the YRAAC be appointed by Council.

For more information, please contact Lisa Gonsalves, Director, Strategies and Partnerships Branch of the Community and Health Services Department at ext. 72090.

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PRIVATE Attachment (1)