

The Regional Municipality of York

Regional Council

February 23, 2023

Report of the Chief Administrative Officer

Appointments to the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee for the 2023 to 2026 Term

1. Recommendations

1. Council appoint the individuals listed in Private Attachment 1 to the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee for the 2023 to 2026 term
2. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to local municipalities, the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee, and York Regional Police Services Board for information

2. Summary

This report recommends the appointment of members to the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee for the 2023 to 2026 term. Names of individuals recommended are provided in Private Attachment 1 pursuant to subsection 239(2)(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as it contains personal information about identifiable individuals.

Key Points:

- The 2019 to 2022 York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee concluded their term in November 2022, concurrent with the term of Council
- Recommended members for the 2023 to 2026 term meet the qualifications and related legislative requirements as outlined in the Committee's Terms of Reference and the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*

3. Background

York Region is required to have an accessibility advisory committee

The *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* requires municipalities with a population over 10,000 to establish an accessibility advisory committee. It is legislated that majority of members must be people with disabilities.

The mandate of the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee is to provide York Regional Council, York Regional Police and staff with advice on the implementation and effectiveness of Ontario's accessibility legislation and the preparation of accessibility reports. Members will provide input on implementation activities that will assist York Regional Council and York Regional Police in realizing long term corporate strategies and visions while achieving compliance with the Act.

The York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee advises Council and York Regional Police on accessibility standards and on how to make it easier for people with disabilities to use its programs, services and facilities.

York Regional Council has final approval of the representatives to ensure the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee is reflective of the diversity of York Region and the disability community.

4. Analysis

Recommended members for the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee meet requirements of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*

Under the Terms of Reference, the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee may have between seven to fifteen members from across the Region, including three members of Council and the Regional Chair as an ex-officio member. The majority of members must be people with disabilities.

On [December 15, 2022](#), Council appointed the following members of Council to the 2023 to 2026 York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee:

- Regional Chair and CEO Wayne Emmerson (ex-officio)
- Regional Councillor Tom Vegh, Town of Newmarket – Chair
- Regional Councillor Naomi Davison, Town of Georgina
- Regional Councillor Alan Ho, City of Markham

Five incumbent York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee members are eligible to continue their membership for another term, as permitted by the Terms of Reference. There are seven further positions available to be filled. The call for citizen representation was publicly advertised and an application and interview process was commenced.

Applications were offered online and in alternate formats and submitted to the Office of the Regional Clerk. Qualified applicants were interviewed by a panel of Regional staff, including representation from York Regional Police. York Region residents with disabilities or individuals who are part of an organization that serves York Region residents with disabilities or who have particular expertise in the identification, removal and prevention of barriers are eligible to apply.

Advertising and recruitment occurred in late 2022 and early 2023. Twenty-seven applications were received from the community and fifteen individuals were interviewed. The list of

individuals (five returning, seven new) recommended for appointment to the 2023 to 2026 York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee is provided in Private Attachment 1.

5. Financial

Costs associated with appointment of members to the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee are included in the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer operating budget.

6. Local Impact

The York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee aims to improve outcomes for people with disabilities across York Region. In selecting proposed committee members, consideration was given to local municipal representation, experience, diversity and qualifications as set out in the Committee's Terms of Reference.

7. Conclusion

The York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee plays an integral role in creating an accessible York Region. Recommended members for the 2023 to 2026 term meet all membership requirements and will build on the strengths and successes of previous terms. It is recommended that members be approved and appointed by Council to serve for the 2023 to 2026 term.

For more information on this report, please contact Stephen Maio, Senior Executive Officer, People, Equity and Culture Branch at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71420. Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.



Approved for Submission:

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Private Attachment (1) – Recommended Appointments to the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee