



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of Regional Council

FROM: Adelina Urbanski
Commissioner of Community and Health Services

DATE: February 17, 2011

RE: **Appointments to the 2011-2014 York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee**

The purpose of this memorandum is to seek Regional Council approval to appoint citizen members to the 2011-2014 York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee (YRAAC). The list of individuals proposed to be appointed is provided under separate confidential cover.

Background

The YRAAC was established as a requirement of the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001* (ODA) and the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* (AODA). Under these Acts, a municipal accessibility advisory committee must be established to advise municipal councils on accessibility plans under the ODA and accessibility standards being released under the AODA. It is legislated that a majority of members must be people with disabilities.

The YRAAC reports to Regional Council through the Community and Health Services Committee. The 2006-2010 YRAAC concluded its term in November 2010, concurrent with the term of Regional Council. A multi-faceted recruitment campaign was conducted and applications were received from the community for the 2011-2014 YRAAC. Former members who remained eligible could also reapply.

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

- a) The majority must be people with disabilities and where feasible will represent a range of disabilities.
- b) Up to three members of Regional Council, including one member from the Community and Health Services Committee, plus the Regional Chair as an ex-officio member will be on the Committee.
- c) Citizens-at-large who may not have a disability will be selected based on their interest or particular expertise in the identification, removal and prevention of barriers.

- d) Organizations representing people with disabilities and that provide services to York Region residents may be part of the Committee.

At the December 16, 2010 meeting of Regional Council, Regional Councillor Vito Spatafora and Regional Councillor Danny Wheeler were appointed to sit on the YRAAC, with Regional Chairman and CEO Bill Fisch as an ex-officio member. According to the YRAAC Terms of Reference, as many as eleven citizen members can also be appointed.

Appointment of Members to the 2011-2014 YRAAC

Regional Council approval is sought to appoint 11 citizen members to the 2011-2014 YRAAC. The list of individuals proposed to be appointed to the YRAAC is outlined in **Private Attachment 1**.

It is requested that the proposed membership list be approved by Regional Council for public appointment of members at the March 24, 2011 Regional Council meeting, subject to the successful completion of reference checks.

If you have any questions, please contact Cordelia Abankwa-Harris, Managing Director, Strategic Service Integration and Policy Branch of the Community and Health Services Department at Extension. 2150.

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Attachment: PRIVATE Proposed YRAAC Membership List

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