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REPORT TITLE: **APPOINTMENT OF CITIZEN MEMBERS TO THE REGION OF PEEL  
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

FROM: Norma Trim, Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the citizen appointees to the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee for a term ending November 30, 2014, or until their successors are appointed by Regional Council, be as follows:

- Harvinder Bajwa;
- Glenn Barnes;
- Raj Chopra;
- William Goursky;
- Naz Husain;
- Ram Iyer;
- Maria Parker;
- Pavlo Tourko;
- Maureen Tymkow.

### REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- The term of the current citizen members of the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee expires on November 30, 2010, or until their successors are appointed by Regional Council.
- Candidates for membership on the Region of Peel Advisory Committee have been interviewed by staff and are recommended for appointment.
- It is the opinion of the Selection Committee that the recommended citizen appointees will be an asset to the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee, as each individual brings unique experience and knowledge about accessibility.

### DISCUSSION

#### 1. Background

The Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) acts in an advisory capacity to Regional Council and the Regional Municipality of Peel in accordance with the requirements of the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001*. The AAC reports to Regional Council through its meeting minutes that are approved by Council.

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On July 3, 2008, Regional Council approved the report of the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Regional Solicitor dated June 18, 2008, titled "Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee – Updated Terms of Reference". The current terms of reference indicates that the terms of appointment for Committee members, both elected and community representatives, shall coincide with the term of Regional Council, or until their successors are appointed by Regional Council to a maximum of three consecutive terms of appointment (or nine years in total).

Membership shall be comprised of a minimum of 11 members including the Regional Chair (ex-officio) and three elected representatives from each area municipality. There shall be three non-elected representatives one being from each area municipality. The majority of members of the AAC must have a disability.

### 2. Selection Process

An advertisement seeking interested and qualified citizen volunteers for the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee was placed in local newspapers and on the Region of Peel website. In addition disability and community volunteer organizations were provided notice of the opportunities.

In accordance with the current Terms of Reference, thirteen positions are being considered in order to expand the membership and diversity of the Committee. Five of the existing members re-submitted their application for reappointment. A short list of the new candidates was established and seven interviews were conducted. The following applicants received the highest overall scores and they are being recommended as new appointments to the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee. They are listed here in alphabetical order.

Name	Place of Residence
1. Raj Chopra	City of Mississauga
2. Ram Iyer	City of Mississauga
3. Maria Parker	City of Brampton
4. Pavlo Tourko	City of Mississauga

The following applicants sat on the AAC Committee during the last term of Council from 2006-2010 and are being recommended for re-appointment to the Committee. They are listed here in alphabetical order.

Name	Place of Residence
5. Harvinder Bajwa	City of Brampton
6. Glenn Barnes	City of Mississauga
7. William Goursky	City of Brampton
8. Naz Husain	City of Mississauga
9. Maureen Tymkow	Town of Caledon

Eight of the nine candidates have a disability. All of the candidates are aware of the diverse range of barriers people with disabilities may encounter. It is the opinion of the Selection Committee that the recommended citizen appointees will be an asset to the Region of Peel

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**3. Next Steps**

A related report to the December 16, 2010 Regional Council meeting, dated November 29, 2010, titled "Election of Departmental Section Chairs and Vice-Chairs and Other Appointments" seeks interest among Members of Regional Council to be appointed to the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The cost of supporting the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee will not include any remuneration for the members, however, members will be eligible for reimbursement for accessibility expenses incurred that are deemed necessary for full participation on the Committee, such as transportation and support services where needed. The costs for the Accessibility Program are included in the annual budget exercise.

**CONCLUSION**

The persons recommended for appointment have all expressed their willingness and availability to participate in serving our diverse community. They also have a broad range of experience in working with issues of disability and will contribute greatly to the development of accessibility in Peel Region.



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