



CITY OF
ST. CATHARINES

Corporate Report

Report from Corporate Support Services, Accessibility

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Subject: Citizen appointment to the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Accessibility

Recommendation

That Council appoint one citizen member to the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Accessibility for the remainder of the term ending January 2015; and

That the Office of the Clerk be directed to make the necessary notifications.
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Background

Presently, there is one citizen vacancy on the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Accessibility (MACOA) resulting from a resignation.

As with other advisory boards and committees, membership is opened to citizens who reside and/or are property owners in the City of St. Catharines and who are 18 years of age or older. Under its terms of reference, membership on MACOA consists of the Mayor (or designate) as ex-officio and 11 citizens at-large, a majority of whom shall be persons with a disability. Staff support is provided by the Accessibility Coordinator and other related staff expertise as required.

Report

MACOA makes recommendations regarding accessibility to maximize the partnership and inclusion of persons with disabilities in the City of St. Catharines as outlined in its Terms of Reference. MACOA annually endorses an Accessibility Plan to Council to continue its recognition and compliance with the *Accessibility of Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* (AODA) and its various Standards.

The Accessibility Coordinator through the Clerk's Department has previously advertised committee vacancies through the City's website and the media in late 2011 and continues to welcome applications via the City's website, accessibility page, as well through the ongoing public promotion process.

Considering Council's previous directive to review existing applicants who are on-file along with any new applications received, a submission of the applicants has been

made available to Members of Council for review. An advertisement was most recently posted for appointments made to MACOA in January of 2012; those applications along with applications submitted since that time are included.

Financial Implications

Not applicable.

Conclusion

All applications for the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Accessibility are available from the Office of the City Clerk's for members of Council to review.

Appointment of one citizen to MACOA is required.

Notification

The City Clerk shall notify the successful applicant of their appointment and confirm to unsuccessful applicants that their applications are continued to kept on file for this current term of Council.

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