TTC Advisory Committee on Accessible Transit Application for 2023 membership



The Toronto Transit Commission has established the Advisory Committee on Accessible Transit (ACAT) to facilitate community input into the planning, development and implementation of accessible transit.

The Advisory Committee reports directly to the Board of the TTC. Working collaboratively with TTC staff, its role is to represent the needs and concerns of people with disabilities and seniors who use the TTC, as well as to provide guidance and policy advice on issues pertaining to improving accessible transit i.e. TTC bus, subway, streetcar and door-to-door Wheel-Trans services using an intersectional approach to prioritize racial equity diversity and Inclusion.

People with intersecting identities including Indigenous, Black and racialized communities, the 2SLGBTQ+ community, newcomers, as well as people with multiple physical, cognitive, sensory and mental health conditions, experience compounding and complex accessibility barriers. ACAT members represent those voices and provide insight and advice on accessibility actions the TTC takes in this regard.

ACAT is comprised of fifteen (15) volunteer members. Positions on the committee are open to residents of the City of Toronto who have disabilities, are seniors, or represent the needs and concerns of seniors and persons with disabilities, as well as those with various intersecting identities that intersect with disabilities You should currently use the TTC and have an interest in and knowledge of accessible transit matters. Applicants must be willing to make a commitment of a minimum 10–15 hours per month, to attend meetings* normally held during regular business hours.

* Please note that meetings may be held online using a virtual platform that also permits members to join by telephone (i.e. WebEx).

Applications must be received before 4 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2022.

For responses which are not check off "Yes/No" boxes, please place cursor under the field you are being requested to type your response in and click. If you require additional space, please add page(s).

Application Form

Your name:				
Address (#)	Street name	Suite/apt #		
City	Province	Postal code		
Telephone numbers:				
Home	Business	Cell		
TTY (if applicable):				
Email Address:				
1. Do you live in the City	of Toronto?		Yes	No
2. Have you previously ap	oplied for, or been selected to be	a member of ACAT?	Yes	No
lf yes, please pro	ovide details:			

- 3. Do you use TTC's conventional fixed route transit (i.e. subway, bus and streetcar) and/or Wheel-Trans?
 Bus: Yes No Number of times weekly _____
 Subway: Yes No Number of times weekly _____
 Streetcar: Yes No Number of times weekly _____
 Wheel-Trans: Yes No Number of times weekly _____
- 4. ACAT is comprised of fifteen (15) members including persons with physical, sensory, cognitive and mental health disabilities; a minimum of two (2) members shall be seniors; and a maximum of three (3) other persons who represent the needs and concerns of persons with disabilities or seniors. Please check all the boxes that apply to you.

	a) Are you applying as a person with a disability?	Yes	No
	b) Do you identify as a part of an Indigenous community?	Yes	No
	c)Do you identify as a part of the Black community?	Yes	No
	d) Do you identify as part of any other racialized community?	Yes	No
	e)Are you a part of any other diverse community? If Yes , please specify:	Yes	No
	f) Are you a senior?	Yes	No
	g) Do you represent the needs and concerns of persons with disabilities and seniors, or Black or Indigenous people, who use public transit services provided by the TTC?	Yes	No
5.	Do you require any accommodation(s) to participate in meetings (whether in person or online/by telephone)?(If selected, you will be contacted to discuss further details.)	Yes	No

6. ACAT General meetings are held on the last Thursday of every month and member attendance is expected.

An ACAT member may be removed if three (3) ACAT general or special subcommittee meetings are missed, within a year, without providing reasonable cause acceptable to TTC staff and the ACAT executive.

a) Will you commit to attending the General ACAT meeting,		
whether it is held in person or online/by telephone?	Yes	No

- b) Subcommittee meetings can be held on any weekday, mornings or afternoons, with advanced notice. Are you available 10–15 hours each month during regular business hours, for meetings scheduled after 10 a.m., whether held in person or online/by telephone?
- 7. All ACAT members are required to familiarize themselves with the <u>ACAT Terms of Reference</u> (available online at <u>ttc.ca/about-the-ttc/the-advisory-committee-on-accessible-transit/terms-of-reference</u>)

Have you read the Terms of Reference? Yes No

8. All applicants must have read and understood the <u>Information for ACAT Applicants</u> and <u>FAQs for ACAT Applicants</u> (available online at <u>ttc.ca/about-the-ttc/the-advisory-committee-on-accessible-transit#joinacat</u>)

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9. What experience and skills would you bring to ACAT? Why should you be considered for a position on the Committee to represent persons with disabilities and/or seniors (include involvement in relevant community consumer groups, volunteer, educational and professional experience etc.)?



10. a) What does the TTC need to do to further enhance accessible transit? Please be specific.



b) What is the most effective way, for the TTC to accomplish these future enhancements to accessible transit?



11. a) What experience do you have as a member of a Board or Committee? Please list the name of the committee(s), the organization you represented, and the years that you served.



b) Describe your specific role, responsibilities, and skills.

12. The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) was enacted for the purposes of implementing accessibility standards in the province. Please list specific examples of how the TTC has improved or plans to improve its accessible services to meet or exceed the requirements listed under the Transportation Standards of the AODA.



Personal information is collected under the authority of the City of Toronto Act, 1997 (No. 2) S.O. 1997, Chapter 26, Part IV, Section 30, and will be used for determining eligibility for representation on the TTC's Advisory Committee on Accessible Transit. Question regarding this collection should be directed to Wheel-Trans at (416) 393-4111.

Completed forms could be submitted (choose one):

By mail:

Wheel-Trans – ACAT Applications c/o Customer Service 580 Commissioners Street Toronto, ON M4M 1A7

OR

By email: acat@ttc.ca

OR

By fax: 416-338-0126

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