



# The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

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To: Finance and Administration Committee  
From: Chief Administrative Officer  
Report: #2023-A-17  
Date: November 14, 2023

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**Subject:**

Appointment of new member to the Durham Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)

**Recommendation:**

That the Finance and Administration Committee recommends to Regional Council:

That the following person be appointed to the Durham Accessibility Advisory Committee:

Ms. Meghann Lloyd – Professional from the stakeholder community

**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 The Accessibility Advisory Committee's (AAC) Terms of Reference allow for an eleven-member committee. The purpose of this report is to facilitate one appointment for the vacant position for a professional from the stakeholder community.

**2. Background**

2.1 Under the Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001 (ODA), Durham Region is obligated to form an Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC). A second piece of legislation, Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) was proclaimed in 2005. However, the first Act was not repealed, and therefore, Durham must comply with both pieces of legislation. The requirement to have an AAC is still in effect.

### **3. Appointment of new members**

- 3.1 The application process for the current nominees is the same as was for the original committee. After completing an application form, an interview was held with each applicant. The selection criteria used to determine suitability to serve on the committee are:
- a. Knowledge of disability issues
  - b. Experience with committees, volunteerism, community work
  - c. Excellent communication skills
  - d. Team building and collaboration skills
  - e. Demonstrated commitment to projects/teams
  - f. Ability to build trust and relationships.

- 3.2 Every effort is made to ensure that there is representation from people with a variety of disabilities, lived experiences and from different professional bodies.

The term of membership will correspond with the term of Regional Council and if a member resigns the Region will seek a replacement in accordance with the Terms of Reference.

Following Council's appointment of the membership, the first AAC meeting the new member will attend will be on January 23, 2024.

### **4. Relationship to the Strategic Plan**

- 4.1 This report aligns with the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- a. Goal 2 – Community Vitality, specifically Priority 2.5 – Build a healthy, inclusive, age-friendly community where everyone feels a sense of belonging.

### **5. Professional from the Stakeholder Community Appointment**

- 5.1 Ms. Meghann Lloyd is a resident of Oshawa and works as an Associate Professor at Ontario Tech University and as a Senior Research Associate for Grandview Kids. Ms. Lloyd has demonstrated expertise in disability studies and health promotion for children and youth with disabilities. She has been collaborating with the Special Olympics for over fifteen years and has a PhD in Kinesiology from the University of Michigan specializing in physical activity of preschool age children with and without Down syndrome. She brings many years of experience in local and international board memberships and governance, as well as community service to the committee.
- 5.2 Ms. Lloyd meets the eligibility criteria for membership in accordance with the AAC Terms of Reference.

**6. Conclusion**

6.1 It is recommended that Ms. Meghann Lloyd be appointed as a member on the AAC.

**7. Attachments**

7.1 Attachment #1: Meghann Lloyd's Resume **Under Separate Cover**

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

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