

Victoria Regional Transit Commission

Chair and Members

March 11, 2025

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SUBJECT: Accessible Transportation Advisory Committee Update

PURPOSE

To provide the Victoria Regional Transit Commission (the “Commission”) with a summary report of the business conducted by the Accessible Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC). This update is presented to the Commission **FOR APPROVAL**.

BACKGROUND

ATAC met on January 6 and February 10, 2025. Minutes of the meetings are attached for the Commission’s reference.

As per the terms of the ATAC Charter, ATAC regularly recruits and selects new members, as well as recommends the re-appointment of existing members who wish to remain on the Committee. Applicants with experiential knowledge of accessibility issues are appointed by the Commission for a 2-year term, through a publicly advertised application process administered by BC Transit. The ATAC shall consist of seven to a maximum of eleven members.

DISCUSSION

A call for new applicants to ATAC was publicly posted by BC Transit on January 15, 2025, with an application deadline of February 1, 2025. Applications for new Committee members were reviewed by the BC Transit Liaison (the General Manager of the Victoria Regional Transit System) and ATAC’s Chair and Vice-Chair. Interviews were then conducted with those applicants who met the membership criteria.

The ATAC Chair submits, for the Commission’s approval, four new applicants, and a request for re-appointment of four current members for the two-year term from March 2025 to March 2027.

Both Mr. Monsour and Ms. Jennings will remain as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee for a one-year term as approved by the Commission at their last meeting. At the end of the one-year term, their membership will be re-evaluated.

Alison Cameron was a special appointment to the Committee with her first official meeting on February 10, 2025. With the extension of Mr. Monsour and Ms. Jennings, the approval of the four applicants and the re-appointment of the four returning members, the total membership on the Committee will be the maximum of eleven.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Victoria Regional Transit Commission **APPROVE** the appointment of the following applicants for a two-year term from March 2025 to March 2027:

New	Alfiya Battalova	
New	Sherry Cronk	
New	Jasmine Parr	
New	Jennifer Van Es	
Appointed	Alison Cameron	
Returning	Kelsey Highsted	Member since 2021
Returning	Tricia Pokorny	Member since 2023
Returning	Jerry Wang	Member since 2023
Returning	Mohan Kang	Member since 2022

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