

Victoria Regional Transit Commission

Chair and Members

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PURPOSE

To provide the Commission with a summary report of the business conducted by the Accessible Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC). This report is presented to the Commission for INFORMATION.

BACKGROUND

The Committee currently has five (5) members who are committed to ensuring the business of ATAC is relevant and meaningful. The Committee met four (4) times in 2022 (July, October, November and December - see attached Minutes).

DISCUSSION

ATAC members were involved in providing feedback for the new electronic fare system (UMO) and the installation of a new stanchion/chair guard in some of the fleet.

Encouraging and supporting the recruitment of new Committee members was the Committee's most recent priority. The recruitment strategy for the 2023-2025 term of new Committee members included:

- Advertisements in the Times Colonist newspaper.
- Posting of membership recruitment information on the BC Transit website.
- Mail out with Committee recruitment information to 22 local organizations who support people with disabilities.
- Inclusion in Volunteer Victoria weekly listing.
- Discussing recruitment strategies with TransLink staff counterparts.

ATAC Chair, Vice-Chair and the staff liaison will meet in late February to review applications and forward new Committee member recommendations to the VRTC for the Commission's approval in June 2023. To date, four (4) applications have been received.

In 2023, ATAC members are looking forward to receiving a presentation from BC Transit Marketing and Communications and learning about the new Travel Training program that will be launched later this year.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Victoria Regional Transit Commission receive the ATAC Update for INFORMATION.

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