

City of Edmonton
Accessibility Advisory Committee
(AAC) Meeting Minutes
July 13th, 2015

City Hall, Heritage Room

4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Present: E. Jackson E. Lavallee A. LeMaistre
M. Miller L. Taylor V. Van
Q. Wade Z. Weeks

Regrets: J. Davies-Davis D. Gajadhar A. Jaffer
R. Marshal S. Simon S. Thompson

Presenters: V. Gingras

Staff: H. Crowe C. Lamoureux L. Tanzi

Notes	Action
1. Call to order At 4:40 pm	
2. Approval of agenda Agenda of June 8th, 2015 approved Moved by Q. Wade ; Seconded by E. Lavallee	Carried
3. Approval of Minutes Minutes of May 11th, 2015 Moved by A. LeMaistre ; Seconded by L. Taylor	Carried
4. Sub-Committee Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. July 9th Policy meeting was cancelled due to insufficient member attendance. ii. Currently working on projects on the side. iii. Will resume meeting in September on September 10th, 2015. 2) Community Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Continue to complete the work on the three to five year work plan. ii. Continue to draft social media guidelines. iii. SWAG will be purchased with the AAC budget. 	
5. Recreation Facility Branch Persons with Disabilities Project Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Currently in Phase 1 of the project plan 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Gaps identified (no consistency) with current programs, services, and rec centres with the City of Edmonton. ii. Phase 1 will include conducting current state analysis, consulting with stakeholders, gathering other required information and developing strategic mandate and key principles to guide the development of the strategy document in Phase 2. iii. This project plan may answer questions such as: Should a specific request on the transportation issue (unique to ACT) be included? How to reach individuals who do not use recreation centres and why not (barriers, no interest, no programs etc.). What is the role of support staff in recreation centres? iv. Phase 1 should conclude in May of 2016. <p>2) Phase 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Will include development of the overarching strategy for the Community Recreation Facilities Branch on how best to serve persons with disabilities and the accompanying implementation plan based on the research conducted in Phase 1. ii. Will look into what other municipalities are doing for persons with disabilities and City owned rec centres. iii. Currently there is no budget allocated for this project plan (internal staff and resources at this time). iv. Phase 2's timeline is to be determined. v. If anyone has any comments or questions, please contact H. Crowe. 	
<p>6. Pacific Rim Presentation</p> <p>1) Presentation on the Pacific Rim Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. M. Miller and H. Crowe shared learnings from the Pacific Rim Conference. ii. See attached links, notes and documents. iii. Best Buddies Hawaii - http://www.bestbuddieshawaii.org/ iv. Hawaii Disability Rights Center - http://www.hawaiidisabilityrights.org/ v. Job Accommodation Network - https://askjan.org/ vi. Electronic Documentation I/DD Service Providers - http://www.therapservices.net/ vii. Social Security - http://www.socialsecurity.gov/work/ 	<p>Send the 2016 call for presentations to see if the AAC is interested in presenting.</p>
<p>7. Administration/Executive Update</p> <p>1) Arena</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Canadian Hard of Hearing staff met with key people involved with the arena project to discuss the different systems which could be used in the arena: FM system and the loop system. While there are pros and cons to both systems, the CHHA still recommends the loop system. The arena had already selected the FM system and shared their justification. ii. Loop systems may be used in the concession stand and/or 	<p>Administration to add the Arena district to the September meeting.</p>

<p>ticket booths.</p> <p>iii. Key people within the arena project (including accessibility consultant, architects, etc) now know CHHA's choice to use the Loop system and will keep this in mind when designing new buildings.</p> <p>2) Low income transit fare</p> <p>i. The City of Edmonton is discussing a low income transit pass. DATS passes are not included and would continue to cost \$89.00 per month.</p> <p>ii. H. Crowe has requested to speak to someone to share a concern with not including DATS users. A meeting will take place in August with AAC Executive. To ask at the meeting: Is there accessibility during the application process?</p> <p>3) Request for Volunteers for Edmonton Travel Guide</p> <p>i. H. Crowe sent out an email requesting volunteers to review the Edmonton Travel Guide outside of volunteer time for the AAC.</p>	
<p>8. Old Business</p> <p>1) Blatchford memo</p>	<p>H. Crowe will gather documents and send to volunteers L. Taylor, Z. Weeks, and V. Van.</p>
<p>9. New Business</p> <p>1) City Council Luncheon</p> <p>i. The City Council Luncheon will be held on September 30, 2015 in the Heritage room from 12:00 to 1:30 pm.</p> <p>ii. A. LeMaistre developed a survey monkey to find out information for speaking topics for AAC members.</p> <p>iii. An inquiry was made on the proper etiquette of AAC members. All new AAC members will be paired with a seasoned member.</p> <p>2) AAC present at IDPD</p> <p>i. Pecha Kucha tells a story for six minutes and 40 seconds, using 20 slides. Each slide the presenter speaks for 20 seconds.</p> <p>ii. AAC is encouraged to submit a presentation.</p> <p>iii. Deadline for submission is September 21, 2015.</p> <p>iv. Community Fair Tables capped at 40. Currently at 38.</p> <p>v. Confirmed to date - \$13,500 in sponsorship monies.</p>	<p>Tabled</p> <p>Administration to discuss during the September meeting.</p> <p>If AAC members (on behalf of the AAC) wish to present at IDPD, please speak with H. Crowe/S. Thompson to discuss ideas.</p>
<p>3) Guidelines for Attending Events Policy</p> <p>10. Next Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on September 14th, 2015 beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room, City</p>	<p>Tabled</p>

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11. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm	