

City of Edmonton
Accessibility Advisory Committee
(AAC) Meeting Minutes
October 5th, 2015

City Hall, Heritage Room

4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Present: J. Davies-Davis D. Gajadhar A. Jaffer
 E. Jackson E. Lavallee A. LeMaistre
 R. Marshal L. Taylor S. Thompson
 V. Van Z. Weeks

Regrets: M. Miller Q. Wade

Presenter: J. Carson

Guest: D. Flannagan

Staff: H. Crowe C. Lamoureux L. Tanzi

Notes	Action
1. Call to order At 4:34 pm	
2. Approval of agenda Agenda of October 5th, 2015 approved as amended Moved by D. Gajadhar ; Seconded by E. Lavallee	Carried
3. Approval of Minutes Minutes of September 14th, 2015 Moved by J. Davies-Davis ; Seconded by Z. Weeks	Carried
4. Sub-Committee Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Last meeting was cancelled. 2) Community Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Moving forward with the work plan. 	Tabled
5. Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Overview of PDD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. PDD funds programs and services to help adult Albertans (18 years plus) with developmental disabilities be a part of their communities and live as independently as they can. ii. 8 million dollar budget to fund government group homes, 	

<p>community living supports, employment supports, community access supports, and specialized community supports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Looking to support Persons with Developmental Disabilities in a different way to make independent choices – change the service delivery to support individuals. iv. Within the Disability Services budget a review was done two years ago, to move towards supporting individuals throughout their lifespan. <p>2) Moving towards Inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. How to use the money allocated to support all Albertans with developmental disabilities, while achieving their outcomes? ii. Support Premier's Council accessibility and inclusion strategy. Public consults will be coming in the New Year. iii. Persons entering PDD will have one case worker across their life span (infant to adult) reduce struggles of finding services and supports. Some services will be automated to reduce wait times and ease of delivery. iv. Complex needs of individuals entering the PDD system are increasing: i.e. complex behaviours, high risk lifestyles, medically fragile, etc. 	
<p>6. Administration/Executive Update</p> <p>1) MS Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Last call for MS Conference for two AAC members to attend the event on October 30 and 31st. ii. If no AAC members want to attend, Social Media team will put a call out on the AAC Facebook page for a draw. <p>2) Year End Celebration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Looking for a venue to hold the Year End Celebration. ii. Can host in the Heritage room if no other suitable location. 	<p>Let C. Lamoureux know by the end of the meeting if you are interested in attending.</p> <p>New suggestions please email C. Lamoureux before October 16th, 2015.</p>
<p>7. Old Business</p> <p>1) Blatchford Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Report to be presented is October 27th, 2015 at the City Council Executive meeting. ii. All are welcome to attend. <p>2) City Council Luncheon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. City Council feedback due by October 9, 2015. ii. Ensure more formal speaking notes with names written out phonetically. iii. AAC to follow up with sending a thank you and picture from the luncheon. Send to Councillors unable to attend with a "sorry we missed you" card. iv. R. Marshall, Z. Weeks, and D. Gajadhar to follow up with personal phone calls to City Councillors. 	<p>E. Jackson to write out thank you cards.</p> <p>Suggestion for AAC members to start watching</p>

<p>3) AAC presentation at IDPD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. AAC passed on this year to present at IDPD. ii. Suggestion for the Masters of Ceremony at IDPD to mention something on behalf of the AAC. <p>8. New Business</p> <p>1) AAC 2016 presenters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Looking for ideas/suggestions for presenters in 2016. ii. Suggestions: City of Edmonton General Managers, Universal design/safety codes Council (changes), Municipal design committee, HRIA, etc. <p>2) Low Income Transit Pass memo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. H. Crowe to view the report before it goes to Council on October 28th, 2015 to Transportation Committee. AAC members may attend Council public meetings. ii. Currently with the General Manager of Transportation. <p>3) Canadians with Disabilities Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Barrier Free Canada Organization – advocating for a Canadian with Disabilities Act (CDA) currently the steering committee is recruiting support. ii. H. Crowe sent out a document citing the important features of removing barriers with either a new law or revamping the existing Canadians with Disabilities Act. <p>4) The Big Picture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Opportunities to talk to the AAC on the broad “umbrella” topic, to ensure opportunities to make change are being met. ii. Z. Weeks and D. Gajadhar to lead this discussion. iii. Suggested standing item on the AAC agenda. <p>9. Next Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on November 9th, 2015 beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room, City Hall.</p>	<p>Council agendas to see what topics may be of interest to the AAC.</p> <p>H. Crowe to draft for L. Tanzi.</p> <p>Email suggestions to C. Lamoureux.</p> <p>E. Jackson to present a brief overview of the document with assistance from Z. Weeks, H. Crowe and D. Gajadhar on the November 9th, 2015 AAC general meeting.</p>
<p>10. Adjournment</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm</p>	