

**City of Edmonton**  
**Accessibility Advisory Committee**  
**(AAC) Meeting Minutes**  
**September 14<sup>th</sup>, 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      M. Miller      L. Taylor  
S. Thompson      V. Van      Z. Weeks

**Regrets:** Q. Wade

**Presenters:** C. Donelon      C. Wyton

**Staff:** H. Crowe      C. Lamoureux      L. Tanzi

Notes	Action
<b>1. Call to order</b>  At 4:40 pm	
<b>2. Approval of agenda</b>  <b>Agenda of September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 approved</b>  Moved by E. Lavallee ; Seconded by J. Davies-Davis	<b>Carried</b>
<b>3. Approval of Minutes</b>  <b>Minutes of July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015</b>  Moved by M. Miller ; Seconded by Z. Weeks	<b>Carried</b>
<b>4. Sub-Committee Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Revised Low Income Transit Pass memo.</li> <li>ii. Continue to complete the work on the three to five year work plan.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2) Community Engagement</li> </ul>	Tabled
<b>5. Premier's Council presentation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities: Strategic Plan 2015 – 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Consulted Advisory Groups and municipalities.</li> <li>ii. Goal: Movement to make Alberta an inclusive and barrier free society.</li> <li>iii. Approach to consider barriers and lived experiences versus</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Submit questions/ comments to C. Lamoureux to compile.

<p>diagnosis in to work towards inclusion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iv. Thinking to knowing (evidence based). Prove lived experience and test in all sectors. Identify best practices on what went well and what didn't. Answer questions: who influences, controls, sets the rules for the lived environment?</li> <li>v. Strategic themes: Built environment and housing; Employment and economic security; Education and physical development; Transportation; Health; Enabling systems.</li> <li>vi. Premier's Council still needs to talk to employers who do not employ persons with disabilities and builders who do not go above the minimum code to find out their reasons why.</li> <li>vii. Framework for Collaboration and advice document is updated each time the Council meets.</li> <li>viii. Social Policy Framework – Human services (2008) involved every ministry and lots of stakeholder groups.</li> <li>ix. New Council members will be starting soon.</li> </ul> <p><b>6. Administration/Executive Update</b></p> <p><b>7. Old Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Arena/Blatchford Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Arena – still waiting to hear if the arena can add hearing loops to customer serving concession and ticket counters.</li> <li>ii. Blatchford – Council could not implement visitability in first phase. Many condos (with row houses) and concerns with how to make these townhouses visitable. Report coming back to Council with the feasibility of how to making row houses visitable. Report to be presented in October 2015.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2) City Council Luncheon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Z. Weeks and A. LeMaistre writing talking points for AAC members to read and/or bring to City Council Luncheon on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3) Email etiquette <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Emails come in spurts.</li> <li>ii. C. Lamoureux to send calendar invites.</li> <li>iii. Subject reminder – Information only, Feedback, etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>8. New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Low Income Transit Pass <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Update memo with amendments</li> <li>ii. Request will be sent out for AAC members to attend October 28<sup>th</sup> City Council presentation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Motion:</b> To approve Low Income Transit memo with amendments.</p> <p><b>Moved by:</b> L. Taylor ; Seconded by A. Jaffer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2) Approval for Guidelines for attending Events policy</li> </ul>	<p>See attached hearing loop presentation.</p> <p>H. Crowe to request report to distribute to AAC members when completed.</p> <p>Carried</p>
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<p><b>Motion:</b> To adopt and use the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) Guidelines for attending Events policy.</p> <p><b>Moved by:</b> D. Gajadhar ; Seconded by M. Miller</p> <p>3) Canadians with Disabilities Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Barrier Free Canada Organization – advocating for a Canadian with Disabilities Act (CDA) currently the steering committee recruiting support.</li> <li>ii. AAC to put forward letter to support CDA. Some organizations have already shown their support.</li> <li>iii. Z. Weeks to meet with MLA M. Renaud on Thursday September 17, 2015 to see how to move item forward in Alberta and put on A. Sohi's radar.</li> <li>iv. AAC to familiarize ourselves with history on a CDA and the legislation/enforcement implications.</li> </ul> <p><b>9. Next Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room, City Hall.</b></p>	<p>Carried</p>
<p><b>10. Adjournment</b> The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm</p>	