

**City of Edmonton**  
**Accessibility Advisory Committee**  
**(AAC) Meeting Minutes**  
**April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

City Hall, Heritage Room  
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

<b>Present:</b>	J. Davies-Davis E. Lavallee S. Thompson Z. Weeks	E. Jackson A. LeMaistre V. Van	A. Jaffer M. Miller Q. Wade
<b>Regrets:</b>	D. Gajadhar	R. Marshall	L. Taylor (sick leave)
<b>Guests:</b>	P. Giang R. Marchak	A. Hobson C. Payne	H. Maissoneure P. Steier
<b>Staff:</b>	H. Crowe	C. Lamoureux	L. Tanzi

Notes	Action
<b>1. Call to order</b>  At 4:32 pm	
<b>2. Approval of agenda</b>  <b>Agenda of April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 approved as amended</b>  Moved by J. Davies-Davis ; Seconded by Z. Weeks	<b>Carried</b>
<b>3. Approval of Minutes</b>  <b>Minutes of March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016</b>  Moved by Q. Wade ; Seconded by M. Miller	<b>Carried</b>
<b>4. Mechanized River Valley Access</b> 1) Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Mechanized River Valley Access project (Funicular) will ensure that the river valley will be more accessible to people of all ages and abilities.</li> <li>ii. The funicular will be barrier-free allowing people to enjoy Downtown and the river valley within minutes.</li> <li>iii. The project has also been designed to include programmable spaces, and places for active play, social engagement and relaxation.</li> <li>iv. There will be stairs in conjunction with the funicular to allow individuals to stop and sit. There are also bike rails that run the length of the stairs.</li> </ul>	

- v. The steps and the funicular will land on a promenade, which will include a grassy seating area with benches. The promenade is designed to accommodate both through traffic and citizens to sit and enjoy the view.
- vi. There is a bridge that will connect the promenade to the lookout; the bridge provides a safe passage for pedestrians across Grierson Hill Road.

## **5. Breathe – Edmonton’s Green Network Strategy**

### **1) Overview**

- i. Elements of the Green Network: park and plazas, natural areas, corridors and linkages, and green infrastructure.
- ii. Project Goal: Ensure that all areas of the City of Edmonton will be supported by a network of green space for the next thirty years.
- iii. The strategy will move forward while support the City of Edmonton’s vision: improve Edmonton’s Livability, preserve and sustain Edmonton’s environment, transform Edmonton’s urban form and enhance the use of public transit and active modes of transportation.
- iv. Public outdoor spaces in Edmonton will support and enhance the environment (ecology), creates places for communities to thrive, gather and celebrate (celebration and promotes healthy living (wellness).
- v. Success will look like parks and natural area growth maintains pace with growing communities and multifunctional landscapes meet the growing needs of diverse communities.

## **6. Sub-Committee Update**

### **1) Policy**

- i. Updated action plan for 2016 – 2017 year, this document will be added to the Accessibility Advisory Committee’s Activity Report.
- ii. Policy Committee voted in E. Jackson as the new chair.

### **2) Community Engagement**

- i. Reviewed work plan and updated for 2016 – 2017 year, this document will be added to the Accessibility Advisory Committee’s Activity Report.
- ii. Each Community Engagement member will be reviewing and updating a section of the Universal Design PowerPoint. These will be reviewed during the meetings.

## **7. Administrative/Executive Update**

### **1) StyleBox AAC video**

- i. Previewed the AAC video from StyleBox media.
- ii. The AAC provided suggestions and changes for updating the video.
- iii. Stylebox media will come back to the May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting for a final preview.
- iv. H. Crowe will find closed captioning for the video.

H. Crowe to email StyleBox media with changes and suggestions to update the AAC video.

<p>v. The script will be updated and A. LeMaistre will provide the new voice over.</p> <p><b>8. Old Business</b></p> <p>1) Membership Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Four new members will be joining the AAC starting May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.</li> <li>ii. The AAC will be saying goodbye to two members: A. LeMaistre and L. Taylor. We thank them for their contributions over the years.</li> </ul> <p><b>9. New Business</b></p> <p>1) AAC Chair Elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. S. Thompson and A. LeMaistre seconded the nomination.</li> <li>ii. Voting transpired.</li> <li>iii. By acclamation, S. Thompson was elected the new chair of the AAC.</li> </ul> <p><b>10. AAC member update</b></p> <p>1) M. Miller update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. PDD safety standards review.</li> <li>ii. ADF stakeholders' policies about mental illness.</li> </ul> <p>2) E. Lavallee update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. In June there will be a film series for Aboriginal day events at the Stanley Milner Library.</li> </ul> <p>3) A. LeMaistre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Mental Health Week is May 2 – 8, 2016.</li> </ul> <p><b>11. Next Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 beginning at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall, Heritage Room.</b></p>	<p>Unanimous</p>
<p><b>12. Adjournment</b></p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm</p>	