

**City of Edmonton**  
**Accessibility Advisory Committee**  
**(AAC) Meeting Minutes**  
**February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
City Hall, Heritage Room  
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

**Present:** D. Gajadhar                      A. Jaffer  
R. Marshal (Conference call)                      M. Miller  
S. Thompson                      V. Van                      Q. Wade  
Z. Weeks

**Regrets:** J. Davies-Davis                      E. Jackson                      E. Lavallee  
A. LeMaistre                      L. Taylor (sick leave)

**Presenter:** J. Meintzer

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

Notes	Action
<b>1. Call to order</b>  At 4:37 pm	
<b>2. Approval of agenda</b>  <b>Agenda of February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 approved</b>  Moved by A. Jaffer ; Seconded by Z. Weeks	<b>Carried</b>
<b>3. Approval of Minutes</b>  <b>Minutes of January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016</b>  Moved by Q. Wade ; Seconded by M. Miller	<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. Next Policy Committee meeting will be held on February 11, 2016.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2) Community Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Working on goals and objectives for 2016.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>5. CDAC presentation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Alberta Rep for Communication Access Now (CAN) project which is at the end of a three year project. This is a Canada-based organization to social justice and accessibility for people who have speech and language disabilities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<http://www.cdacanada.com/>

- ii. Needs for support for persons with disabilities increases with aging.
- iii. Focus on people who do not have a hearing loss to fill a gap.
- iv. Communication Disabilities Access Canada (CDAC) – Not for raising awareness for the rights of people with speech and language disabilities to equal access to goods, services and opportunities in their communities.

<http://www.communication-access.org/>

## 6. Administrative/Executive Update

### 1) StyleBox AAC video

- i. Music and sound are being added to the video.
- ii. Blatchford will not be showcased in the video.
- iii. Arena filming went well.

### 2) The Big Picture

- i. A lot of AAC members were not able to attend the discussion.
- ii. If sufficient interest, D. Gajadhar will do another presentation.

Let C. Lamoureux know if you are interested (we need five AAC members to continue).

- iii. PowerPoint can be shared internally, but is not public.

### 3) Collaboration with Barrier Free Sub-committee

- i. Barrier Free Sub-committee and the AAC are looking to network and have a working relationship.
- ii. D. Flanagan has been attending a few AAC meetings and Executive meetings.
- iii. D. Flannigan (or a representative) will attend some meetings per year for updates or code issues.
- iv. This relationship will be a good resource for the AAC.

## 7. Old Business

### 1) Blatchford

- i. Back in January, the City of Edmonton put a report together on the possibility of visitable homes for Blatchford. Report was distributed to members with the agenda.
- ii. The Edmonton Visitability Task Force presented at Executive meeting for City Council on January 19, 2016.
- iii. They put the item on hold as they would like to ask a Blatchford stakeholder group for their opinion on the report. They also requested a memo from the AAC on their opinion.
- iv. The Edmonton Visitability Task Force will go back to the City Council Executive meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.

**Motion:** Based on the recommendations in the Blatchford Memo, the AAC would like to move forward in sending the memo presented to City Council with revisions suggested.

Carried.  
Unanimous

<p><b>8. New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) AAC member evaluations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. In the AAC bylaw, a membership report is presented to City Council in the end of January.</li> <li>ii. Executive is currently reviewing AAC member evaluation forms (peer, chair and yourself) so they can be used for the Chair to develop the membership evaluation report forms. Will be presented at the March meeting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2) Working groups for Mayors Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Two working groups are needed for the Mayor's Awards selections of nominations.</li> <li>ii. Selections will take place between March 15 – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>9. Next Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 beginning at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall, Heritage Room.</b></p>	
<p><b>10. Adjournment</b></p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm</p>	