

**City of Edmonton  
Accessibility Advisory Committee**

**(AAC) Meeting Minutes**

**November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

City Hall, Heritage Room

4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

**Present:** J. Davies-Davis      A. Jaffer      E. Jackson  
E. Lavallee      A. LeMaistre      L. Taylor  
V. Van      Z. Weeks

**Regrets:** D. Gajadhar      R. Marshal      M. Miller  
L. Tanzi      S. Thompson      Q. Wade

**Presenter:** S. Feldman      T. Kongsrude

**Guest:** D. Flannagan

**Staff:** H. Crowe      C. Lamoureux

Notes	Action
<b>1. Call to order</b>  At 4:44 pm	
<b>2. Approval of agenda</b>  <b>Agenda of November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 approved as amended</b>  Moved by E. Lavallee ; Seconded by J. Davies-Davis	<b>Carried</b>
<b>3. Approval of Minutes</b>  <b>Minutes of October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015</b>  Moved by E. Jackson ; Seconded by J. Davies-Davis	<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. Drafted Public Attendance Guidelines for the process of including public at AAC meetings</li> <li>ii. Working on creating AAC Social Media Guidelines.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2) Community Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Focused on developing an infographic on the results from the Insight survey to display at IDPD.</li> <li>ii. Working on updating the script for a promotional video for the AAC.</li> <li>iii. Work Plan updated.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

## 5. Edmonton Transit Strategy presentation

- 1) Overview of Transit Strategy
  - i. What do Edmontonians want to see in the next ten to twenty-five years for Transit?
  - ii. Eighteen month process on public engagement.
  - iii. Half way through the project it goes to Council in Spring of 2017.
  - iv. Need to prioritize themes heard so far to create: vision/key strategies and measurable action items (March 2016).
  - v. Looking to answer key questions: Why is a Transit strategy important to Edmonton? What is currently working well? What could be potential improvements?
  - vi. Different workshops have been held to gather more themes, including workshops that are geared towards persons with disabilities.
- 2) Current successes and Future improvements
  - i. Success – Accessible transit stations, digital signage, PA Announcements, LRT expansion, ETS operators are helpful, Mobile Apps, and later night service.
  - ii. Future improvements – better access to transit stations, mobility aids, safety, increase frequency and reliability, increase park and ride lots, urban spread, etc.
  - iii. Survey available at <https://www.edmontoninsightcommunity.ca/S.aspx?s=335&r=z5ch0FL7ni4Df6Xo3ve4dK&so=true&a=742&fromdetect=1>
  - iv. Workshops: November 17 from 7 – 9 pm and November 18 at 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

## 6. Canadians with Disabilities Act presentation

- 1) Overview
  - i. First draft of Canadians with Disabilities Act was first done in 1999 which became out of date quickly.
  - ii. In 2006 there was a new update on the Council of Canadians with Disabilities. Phyllis Gordon created a framework for legislation challenges, which is now out of date. And it only covers federal jurisdiction only.
  - iii. In 2015 – 2016 there will be another update.

## 7. Administrative/Executive Update

- 1) Year End Celebration (attendance/menu)
  - i. The Year End Celebration will take place during our regular AAC meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse (4:30 – 6:30 pm).
- 2) Election Consultations
  - i. City of Edmonton staff is doing consultations on how to make

C. Lamoureux will send out the meal selection, please respond. Included will be parking (Stanley Milner Library to be validated at the restaurant).

<p>the next municipal election more accessible to all Edmontonians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii. Looking for feedback on the current issues with the election. What additional resources are needed (i.e. CART, ASL, Braille, etc.).</li> <li>iii. Two information sessions will be held.</li> </ul> <p>3) Letter of Intent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Letters of intent will be handed out from Administration for the 2016 – 2017 term.</li> </ul> <p><b>8. Old Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Blatchford/Low Income Transit Pass update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Blatchford report is being delayed until January.</li> <li>ii. S. Thompson met with City of Edmonton staff to discuss how to include R. Wickman's drawings as examples in the report.</li> <li>iii. Low Income Transit Pass included our recommendation to include DATS into the proposal. They presented at City Council and there was questions asked of Administration and guest speakers. City Council agreed to include half of the monies needed for the transit pass indicating the need to ask the province for the other half.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2) City Council Luncheon – follow up phone calls/cards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Thank you to E. Jackson for writing the thank you cards for the guests at the City Council Luncheon.</li> <li>ii. Follow up phone calls still need to be completed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3) The Big Picture</li> </ul> <p><b>9. New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Council Committee agendas/minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. S. Thompson will newspapers; L. Taylor, J. Davies-Davis and V. Van will review City Council agendas and minutes for topics that may be of interest to the AAC.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2) 311 calls and issues update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. H. Crowe reviews the calls and emails regularly and provided an update.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>10. Next Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 beginning at 4:30 p.m. at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse.</b></p>	<p>Administration to send out locations/times. Please forward onto as many contacts as appropriate.</p> <p>C. Lamoureux to compile to send to City Clerk's office.</p> <p>Postponed</p>
<p><b>11. Adjournment</b></p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm</p>	