

**City of Edmonton
Accessibility Advisory Committee**

(AAC) Meeting Minutes

October 23rd, 2017

City Hall, Heritage Room

4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Present: J. Davies-Davis J. Ferguson E. Jackson
 C. Jones E. Lavallee R. Marshall
 C. Minchau M. Orbell P. Reeves
 K. Teske V. Van Z. Weeks

Regrets: A. Jaffer J. Pisesky S. Thompson

Staff: H. Crowe C. Lamoureux L. Tanzi

Notes	Action
<p>1. Call to order</p> <p>At 4:34 pm</p>	
<p>2. Approval of agenda</p> <p>Agenda of October 23rd, 2017</p> <p>Moved by C. Jones ; Seconded by R. Marshall</p>	Carried
<p>3. Approval of minutes</p> <p>Minutes of September 11th, 2017</p> <p>Moved by C. Minchau ; Seconded by K. Teske</p>	Carried
<p>4. Sub-Committee updates</p> <p>1) Community Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Finalize taxi infographic. ii. Thinking about accessibility and providing more awareness (i.e. Fringe Festival). iii. Redoing the ASL video re:to learn about booking alternative communications to improve messaging from the City of Edmonton. iv. Trial AccessEarth App related to accessibility. <p>2) Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Reviewing C463 and C466 policies. Administration will provide a list of gaps for the subcommittee to comment on. ii. Reviewing AAC mandate. Waiting for S. Thompson and Z. Weeks to provide feedback. Present at next Policy meeting. 	

5. Event Champion Updates

- 1) City Council Luncheon
 - i. Reminder to send feedback for the luncheon. Only a few people responded.
- 2) 2018 Mayor's Awards
 - i. Su Ling Goh is confirmed to be the Master of Ceremony for 2018.
 - ii. L. Tanzi, J. Barrata and C. Minchau looking into sponsorship for video coverage for the vignettes. L. Tanzi looking into Telus grants.
 - iii. Looking to add new category of individually owned and operated restaurants. Finalizing details.
- 3) IDPD
 - i. Telus confirmed \$5000 sponsorship.
 - ii. Info Fair has a wait list for community tables.
- 4) APAW
 - i. Film to be completed in early November for Parking Awareness.
 - ii. Communications is worked a plan based on our budget to promote the video. Including: Windermere and Manning Cineplex movie theatres 30 second ad (during Jumanji, Pitch Perfect3 and Star Wars), Reddit, Great City News story, Transforming Edmonton blog post and social media (Twitter, Facebook and YouTube).
 - iii. Radio ads will be during November 27 to December 3.
- 5) NAAW
 - i. Determining if the AAC should host National Accessibility Awareness Week instead of IDPD.
 - ii. No budget allocated yet.
 - iii. L. Tanzi meeting with E. Betchinski to discuss the future of the events.

Moved to Community Engagement to discuss ideas for NAAW.

6. Human Rights, Live Captioning and Deafness Canada Wireless Plans

- 1) Presentation
 - i. See attached presentation.
 - ii. Feedback:
 - a. To improve accessibility at AAC meetings: no side conversations and put hands up to speak.
 - b. Require standard protocol for emergencies (as some companies did not have closed captioning during an emergency press conference).
 - c. Deaf or Hard of Hearing predicted to be the number disability in the near future.

Heather Has connected with staff in EPS to pass on this feedback.

7. Old Business

- 1) Garden Suites update
 - i. A. Stevenson (Zoning Bylaw) will be reporting back to the Urban Planning Committee in summer 2018. A. Stevenson will connect with the AAC for feedback before the report goes forward.
 - ii. Review of parking regulations is going to start with the public consultation phase in the new year. AAC will be included. A. Stevenson met with the Barrier Free Sub Council about how to include the parking suggestion in the next code change.
 - iii. A. Stevenson is also responding to a motion about step-free semi-detached housing for Home for Life features.
- 2) Accessible taxi letter update
 - i. On the next policy meeting agenda.
 - ii. The AAC was cc'd on a letter addressed to Greater Edmonton Taxi Services Group from J. Stinson, Assistant Deputy Minister on the lack of accessible taxis. See attached letter.
 - iii. New policy change: Guide dogs are allowed to travel in accessible vans.
 - iv. Infographic and letter will be on the November 20 AAC agenda for approval.
- 3) City of Edmonton Elections
 - i. There were lots of learnings for Edmonton Elections
 - a. H. Crowe is collecting feedback, please continue to send your ideas/concerns or kudos to her to pass on.
 - b. Interpreter could be relocated behind on a platform for easier viewing.
 - c. Closed captioning on news stations.
 - d. Next election - determine what is reasonable access? I.e. Services at all or some of the voting stations.
 - e. West end elections office was too far.
 - f. Language for signage i.e. Handicapped Parking
 - g. Was not frequent bus services for the Mayoral forum at the Italian Centre.
 - h. Lack of the loop system available in south Edmonton.
 - ii. Edmonton elections used understanding voter needs report and included a lot of new things this year:
 - a. Increased signage.
 - b. City of Edmonton website updated with videos.
 - c. Training available for organizations.
 - d. Increased training for voters.

H. Crowe to ask
A. Jaffer to
confer with DAG.

- e. Curbside voting.
- f. ASL and CART available at all forums.
- g. ASL/Loop available at specified advanced voting location (Edmonton Elections).

8. New Business

- 1) Presenter suggestions
 - i. Edmonton Elections (what they learned, successes)
 - ii. CNIB
 - iii. CTV/Global
 - iv. N. Spence-Cavalliere - language
 - v. Canadian Mental Health
 - vi. Families with Children who have disabilities
 - vii. Inclusion AB (Ride Transit program/AISH)
 - viii. New outlet mall- Accessibility in the plans?
- 2) Commonwealth Accessibility
 - i. H. Crowe sent another follow up email to the staff at Commonwealth to arrange a meeting.
- 3) Community Service Learning
 - i. University of Alberta has opportunities for students to achieve credit in courses through community service learning. (i.e. projects with community organizations).
 - ii. Could provide the AAC with:
 - a. Marketing
 - b. Social media strategy
 - c. Infographics
 - d. Synthesis of information and present to the AAC
 - e. Event Support
 - f. Research i.e. Examining other cities policies
 - iii. There will be future opportunities to brainstorm and create new projects for CSL Students

P. Ney, Inclusion Alberta will present at the comm engagement mtg in November.

P. Reeves and H. Crowe will apply for a CSL Student for winter 2018.

9. Administrative/Executive update

- 1) Loop Technology event - September 14
 - i. See presentation attached.
 - ii. H. Crowe, D. Flannigan and the Walterdale Theatre were on a panel during the event.
 - iii. Heritage and the River Valley rooms are looped in City Hall.

10. Other Committee Work

- 1) DAG update

Tabled

<p>2) Connect and Protect Steering Committee</p> <p>11. AAC Calendar</p> <p>12. AAC Evaluations</p> <p>13. AAC Round Table</p> <p>14. Next Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on November 20th, 2017 beginning at 4:30 pm at City Hall, Heritage Room.</p>	<p>Tabled</p> <p>Completed</p>
<p>15. Adjournment</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.</p>	