

City of Edmonton
Accessibility Advisory Committee
(AAC) Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2019

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

Present: C. Bakshi K. Boyd J. Davies-Davies
C. Jones S. Klassen C. Knack
C. Minchau J. Pisesky P. Reeves
T. LaRiviere T. Rice V. Van

Guests: A. Abadi A. Adetunji M. Chan
D. Deo V. Ghomashchi A. Prashar
P. Strong

Regrets: J. Ferguson R. Mazumder (Medical leave)
M. Orbell

Staff: H. Crowe C. Lamoureux

Notes	Action
1. Call to order At 4:40 pm	
2. Approval of agenda with amendments Agenda of November 18, 2019 Moved by V. Van	Carried
3. Approval of minutes Minutes of October 21, 2019 Moved by K. Boyd	Carried
4. City Council update <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) DATS/Bus Redesign network <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The DATS item that was scheduled at the Executive Committee is postponed to January 16, 2020, time specific at 9:30 am. ii. The Bus Network Redesign will go to Council on November 19. A company(s) will likely be coming forward with a 	AAC members look into creating a survey for DATS users on the 30 minute pick up window.

<p>suggestion to provide first kilometer/last kilometre service to the communities outside and who are losing service altogether. In order for the City to provide this service, it would take approximately 8 years (would need storage facilities as well as new buses, funding, etc).</p> <p>5. Jackie Foord</p> <p>1) Thank you</p> <p>i. J. Foord is the Branch Manager for Social Development at the City of Edmonton. Administration of this committee falls under her branch's jurisdiction.</p> <p>ii. Provided a thank you from J. Foord, her team and all the people we service in the City of Edmonton.</p> <p>6. Vehicle for Hire Industry</p> <p>1) Vehicle for Hire</p> <p>i. Collaborating with DATS. DATS has hired a consultant that Vehicle for Hire will be working with to develop accessibility training for taxi drivers (modified/shortened version of the DATS training)</p> <p>ii. DATS and Vehicle for Hire together are looking into opportunities for centralized booking and incentives.</p> <p>iii. Developing new training material for drivers of all accessible taxis. Will start as a pilot and then be incorporated into the bylaws as mandatory training.</p> <p>2) United Taxi Group</p> <p>i. A taxi driver came and shared the perspective of hard it is to make a living with an accessible taxi license.</p> <p>3) Owner of Yellow Cab and Prestige Transportation</p> <p>i. Will be enforcing the training when it is mandatory, but they cannot make drivers accept accessible taxi fares until there is some compensation for the trips.</p> <p>7. Old Business</p> <p>1) ETSAB Work Plan</p> <p>i. C. Bakshi and J. Pisesky met with ETSAB over the last three months and they are finished working on their report to Council on how to handle the marketing and distribution of information for the ETS changes next year.</p> <p>ii. C. Minchau will review the information on security and safety on ETS.</p> <p>iii. Looking for a volunteer to join J. Pisesky to talk about vulnerable users of ETS.</p>	<p>Administration to report back on DATS consultant.</p> <p>Vehicle for Hire to report back on what they learned from the centralized booking system in Portland. And the work happening in Calgary.</p> <p>AAC to email P. Strong with questions on statistics of fleet, shift length and number of accessible taxis on the road at any given time.</p> <p>Let J. Pisesky know if you are</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2) Disability definition research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Discussion arose on the best definition for the AAC to use. Use the definition based on social relational by Thomas Shakespeare and incorporate clarity around the types of disabilities (link to Stats Can 10 types of disabilities). ii. Look to include a statement on the language we want to use and provide a rationale. 3) Update on Assisted Waste discussion 	<p>interested in participating.</p> <p>K. Boyd and P. Reeves to develop a defined definition for the AAC to review in January 2020.</p> <p>Tabled</p>
<p>8. New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Human Rights presentation learnings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. C. Jones attended a workshop on filing human rights complaints. ii. Learned about protected grounds in Alberta, Human Rights Act and Canadian Human Rights Act. iii. Gained practical experience writing a complaint. iv. Genetic characteristics have been added as a protected ground. v. There was no CART provided at the workshop, just a volunteer typing. 2) Review of AAC Evaluations 3) Year end celebration update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Reminder to RSVP for the event. 4) Community Engagement update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Community Engagement had a facilitation session on November 4 to review what we did/did not enjoy and provide a plan for next year and for the future. The feedback was great. 5) Strategic planning session 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Based on the feedback from the Community Engagement facilitation session, Executive would like to propose a facilitation session in January 2020 to review the workplan and determine the AAC annual report. ii. The regular AAC meetings in January will be canceled. 6) Rick Hansen presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. T. LaRiviere attended the Professional Network Conference in Toronto by the Rick Hansen Foundation. ii. Learnings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The cost of accessibility - HCMA Architecture and Design did a study and it showed that it costs 1% more to integrate fixed accessibility into the built environment. 	<p>To be sent out via email.</p> <p>C. Lamoureux to send out a doodle poll for January 11 or 18, 2020 for the strategic planning session.</p>

<p>b. A Canadian accessibility standards development organization (CASDO) has been implemented who will support the accessible Canada Act and inclusion for all Canadians.</p> <p>c. The Canadian Federal Government has a grant for \$8.5 million dollars for 5 years that is designated for accessibility. They will be taking RFP's.</p> <p>d. Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) is a regulatory board for commercial real estate and they are beginning to address the increasing need to adapt needs to the needs of Canadians with disabilities.</p> <p>7) DATS</p> <p>9. Administrative/Executive Update</p> <p>10. Other Committee Work</p> <p>11. AAC Calendar</p> <p>i. Upcoming event/tasks to do</p> <p>12. Round Table/Social Media</p>	<p>Tabled</p>
<p>13. Adjournment</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.</p> <p>Next Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held in January, 2020. Time and location TBD.</p>	