

Accessibility Advisory Committee



Meeting Minutes
February 12th, 2024 |
5:00pm VIRTUAL ONLY

Invited Attendees
<p>T.LaRiviere, D.Antaya-Moore, Z.Weeks, D.Akanpentiba-Achura, B.Belsek, C.Brenneis, M.Dancsok, P.Rzechowka, D.Rudolph, I.Stefaniuk-Gaudet, P.Kocon, S.Mason, K.Ewig Council Reps: Clr. J.Wright Staff: A.Szafranski Guests: M.Hamayeli, J.Wood, O.Howard CoE Communications; R.Farion, J.Molaro LRT Projects Information Centre Regrets: C. Sneedon, M. Vautour, Clr. Tang</p>

1.0 Introductions and Welcome

2.0 Review	TIME / LENGTH	Assigned to:
2.1 Call to Order	5:00	T.LaRiviere
2.1 Agenda Review/Approval <i>Motion: B.Belsek</i> <i>To approve the Agenda as presented.</i> <i>Carried U</i>	5:02pm	T.LaRiviere
2.2 Review/Approval of Previous Minutes January 8th Minutes <i>Motion: K. Ewig</i> <i>To approve the minutes of January 8th as presented.</i> <i>Carried U</i>	5:04pm	T.LaRiviere
2.3 Indigenous Land Acknowledgement City of Edmonton Land Acknowledgement	5:05pm	Z.Weeks

3.0 New Business	TIME / LENGTH	Assigned to:
3.1 Presentation - Public Engagement Accessibility Actions What We Heard Report Maral Hamayeli, Senior Public Engagement Advisor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Over 70 actions were identified across City of Edmonton Departments - Focus on 3 actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased options within C&E to provide feedback on accessibility - Create a public engagement checklist of elements/best practices - Annual or bi-annual engagement with persons with 	5:05pm - 6:05pm	Maral Hamayeli Olivia Howard Jody Wood

<p>disabilities (both in City and city) and front line staff to capture barriers and opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current channels you use to provide feedback on accessibility? Are feedback channels accessible to all Edmontonians? What are the gaps in the current channels and are there any opportunities for improvement? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can 311 respond to the issues in a timely manner? - Receiving not appropriately worded responses (disability is an inconvenience) - Lack of responses - City of Edmonton website not intuitive - Realtime notifications (subscribe) - User friendly apps - Provide information and not receive updates on the initiatives progress (feedback is being received and used) - Issues with alternative technologies (i.e. speech to text) - 311 has an inherent lack of accountability (lack of two way communication/follow up) - What should be in the checklist? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Different ways of communication to promote accessibility (i.e. text, email, etc.) - Communicate accessibility issues ahead of time (during, after) - Better communication on what to expect for an event - Asking at registration what people need for accommodations - Accessibility statements - Easily accessible by public transit - Visit sites to determine accessibility (i.e. accessible parking may not be as accessible as stated) - Real time issues for outages - DATS timing issues - An accessibility consultant - How best can we gather additional perspectives from those with lived experience to understand challenges, concerns and barriers related to participation of persons with disabilities in the City's public engagement process? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Online surveys - In person surveys - Create a "What we Heard Report" - Distribution lists for creating a stakeholder list - Feedback process - Not recognized that people give up their time/emotional labour to provide feedback - Who to add to the list for further discussion? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Occupational therapists - What We Heard Report to be sent to AAC members in 		
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<p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public survey will be available in early March - AAC encouraged to share on social media 		
<p>3.2 Valleyline LRT Safety & Accessibility - additional communication products Roberta Farion & Julia Molaro LRT Project Information Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developed two new resources to support transit riders and all road users <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promotional video <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transit planning site is not easily usable - Not all platforms are accessible - How does a user know when it is stopped when the train is quiet? - Video is lengthy - How do people without the ability to use their arms push the button? - Map of accessibility features of the platforms - Add indications of where the button is so Edmontonians know when to cross - "Accessibility features" - 360 degree mapping to interact with the platform/train <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Functionality of screen reader software - Tools are being refined and will send a link to the AAC when it is available 	6:10pm to 6:40pm	Roberta Farion Julia Molaro

4.0 Standing Items	TIME / LENGTH	
<p>4.1 Council Advisor Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Note: Clr Tang - Public Spaces Bylaw - Councillor Wright may make a motion refer back to Administration for new recommendations that Council feels need to be addressed ● Urban Planning Motion to improve DATS Provincial link for vulnerable Albertan Programs ● Housing emergency ● Encampment clearing ● Navigation centre the Province opened - providing services to those that are unhoused (why not combine with existing organizations?). The navigation centre is not accessible. 	6:40pm - 6:50pm	Clr. Tang/Clr.Wright
<p>4.2 Chair Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A written up follow up will be sent to the members 	6:50pm to 6:55pm	T. LaRiviere

4.3 Community Engagement Sub Committee Update - A written up follow up will be sent to the members	Written	Z.Weeks
4.4 Policy Subcommittee Update - A written up follow up will be sent to the members	Written	D.Antaya-Moore
4.5 Administration Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential labour disruption • Executive Elections - March Meeting 		A.Szafranski

5.0 Other Reports	TIME / LENGTH	
5.1 Edmonton Transit Service Advisory Board Update	Written	Z, Jabeen

6.0 Upcoming Items
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. February 26th - Dogs Off Leash 2. February 26th - Mental Health & Addiction in Edmonton 3. February 27th - Licenses for E-scooters & E-Bikes 4. March 5th - AAC Presents Annual Report and Work Plans 5. March 18th - Safe & Inclusive Public Spaces 6. March 18th - Assisted Snow Clearing Program Pilot Project - Stakeholder feedback

Adjournment

Next Meetings		
Date: March 11th, 2024	Time 5:00pm to 7:00pm	Location TBD