

City of Edmonton
Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)
Minutes - DRAFT
Monday June 12th, 2023
Heritage Room at City Hall
5:00pm – 7:00 pm

Attendance: I. Stephaniuk-Gaudet, D. Rudolph, B. Belsek, D. Antalya-Moore, M. Dancsok, P. Rzechowka, D. Akanpentiba-Achura, P. Kocon, C. Brenneis, T. LaRiviere, S. Mason

City of Edmonton: Councillor Wright, Councillor Tang, Sharon, Autumn, A.Szafranski

Guests: Y. Subramanian, S. Young, Z. Jabeen

Captioning: J. Wilkes

Regrets: Z. Weeks

Call to order - T.LaRiviere called the meeting to order at 5:05pm

1. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: B.Belsek

To approve the agenda as presented.

Carried U

1. Approval of the Minutes

Motion: S.Mason

To accept the minutes of May 8th, 2023 as presented.

Carried U

[May Minutes](#)

4. Land Acknowledgement

I.Stephaniuk-Gaudet provided a thoughtful acknowledgement.

5. New Business

2023-2026 Capital Infrastructure Projects

[Presentation](#)

Y.Sabramanian and S.Young from the Cities Integrated Infrastructure Section provided a comprehensive presentation on capital projects. *The AAC has an **action** to provide IIS with the priority projects the AAC may wish to have more engagement on.*

6. Council Updates

a. Councillor Wright

- i. Inquiry about accessible parking standards - admin to follow up
- ii. The Vehicle For Hire bylaw is scheduled this week.

b. Councillor Tang

- i. Safety and Wellbeing updates will happen this summer
- ii. The City is working to find its role in VFH bylaws
- iii. It's helpful to have a representative from AAC present at Councillor Reports to hear from AAC directly (online or in-person)
- iv. The conversation regarding preventative houseless measures will be revisited by City.

7. Chair Update

- a. Need to review Capital Infrastructure Projects
- b. Two AAC members attended Gateway Association event

8. Old Business

- a. AAC Strategic Plan
[Strategic Plan](#)
- b. Snow & Ice Control 2022/23 Review Report, presenting on Monday the 19th
 - i. Key concerns:
 - 1. Snow clearing of accessible areas and sidewalks, including from homeowners and not just from City property

9. ETSAB - update

- a. Completed Winter Accessibility and Mobility Report. This can be passed on to AAC
- b. The two subcommittees that we would be working on in the fall are Ridership Improvement Strategies (to identify what areas of improvement ETS can make) and Evaluation of the Community Transit Team (about researching the function of this program to similar regional programs). This is a partnership between Edmonton and Bent Arrow)
 - i. **Action:** The presentation will be passed on to AAC

10. Administration/Executive Update

- Summer availability
 - (July 4, 5, 10 or Aug 8,9,14)
 - We will meet in July and take August off
- Photos for review - Action: please review the photos taken in May for public use.
- The IIS area is using the AAC video made with Parados for their internal training

11. Other Committee Work

- a. Policy Review - update
 - i. The 6 most relevant policies from the auditor that would be most relevant to AAC
 - ii. The AAC sent a letter and the Accessibility Event Guide to organizations associated with Pride
 - iii. The National Stroke Month was the highest engagement post for May
 - iv. Virtual (video, digital wayfinding) Accessible City Building Tours, we could go to Roger's Place first
- b. Community Engagement - update
 - i. How to structure the committees to be more on point
 - ii. Infographics were put together regarding the Housing Report, will be sending on our social media
 - iii. P. Rzechowka has a documentary that we have not yet discussed
 - 1. It was shared on Facebook and Twitter through AAC
 - 2. 20 minute documentary about Patrycia's experiences with MS
 - 3. Only available on TV
 - 4. Supposed to come out during the fall to try and get into festivals
 - 5. We'll do a potential Zoom watch party TBD at a different date

12. Round Table

- a. There was a question regarding how the business license in the City of Edmonton could influence accessibility requirements

- b. Change the camera view so that people online can see the people in the room
- c. Are people with disabilities receiving support for evacuating?
 - i. The police, fire department, and other services are available to help evacuate/transport individuals with disabilities overseen by AHS and other organizations to provide extra care and prioritize individuals with disabilities

13. AAC Calendar

- a. Vehicle for Hire - bylaw update June 13th
- b. City Clerk's Governance Review of Advisory Boards and Commissions - June 13th
- c. Snow and Ice - 2022/23 operational performance report back to council - June 19, 2023
- d. Assisted Snow Removal - Information Report - July 11, 2023
- e. Affordable Housing Strategy - Oct 30, 2023
- f. Co-mingling Paratransit and On Demand Transit - Nov 28, 2023

14. Adjournment - meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Time of next meeting: July 10th, 2023 at 5:00pm