

City of Edmonton
Accessibility Advisory Committee
(AAC) Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2022
 Google Meet
 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Present: K. Boyd C. Brenneis J. Caza
 C. Jones S. Klassen P. Kocon
 T. LaRiviere J. Pisesky P. Reeves
 T. Rice I. Stefaniuk-Gaudet C. Tang
 C. Wright Z. Weeks

Presenters: A. Grant S. Ozust A. Siemens
 Y. Subramonian S. Young

Regrets: S. Beukian H. Craig N. Sunderji
 M. Vautour

Staff: C. Lamoureux A. Szafranski

Notes	Action
1. Call to order At 4:42 pm	
2. Approval of agenda Agenda of February 14, 2022 Moved by C. Jones	Carried
3. Approval of minutes Minutes of December 13, 2021 Moved by S. Klassen	Carried

4. City Council update

- i. The Community and Public Service Committee approved the Anti-Racism strategy. There will be collaborative working in the future, to shape the intersectionality perspective. It goes to City Council on February 22, 2022.
- ii. Councilor Tang received some emails on Policy C602 as well as a scheduled Bylaw review on Animal Bylaw that may include service animals.
- iii. Councilor Wright reviewed the Ribbon of green modernization strategy. Councillors were asking questions on the multi-use trails and if they would allow other modes of transportation besides foot traffic. AAC members are encouraged to fill in the [online survey](#). It is open till February 28, 2022.

5. Snow and Ice Control update

- 1) [Snow and Ice Administration came to an AAC Intake meeting on January 20, 2022](#)
 - i. This presentation will not be the finalized version of the report to Council, presenting proposed options to AAC for feedback.
 - ii. Administration is following up on a motion from Council:
 - a. Administration will return to committee in April 2022 with options to increase the service standard in the Snow and Ice Control Procedure. This report will include: any equipment, staffing and budget changes required to increase the standard, with a greater emphasis on safety, efficiency and connectivity. Administration will conduct engagement sessions to gather feedback from the Accessibility Advisory Committee, Edmonton Transit Service Advisory Board, the Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council and the Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton Committee.
 - iii. Looking at the clearing of roadways (Freeways, arterials, collectors, industrial, residential and alleys) and active pathways (City-maintained sidewalks, stairs, bus stops, multi-use trails, bike lanes).
 - iv. In 2020, a two phase parking ban was introduced.
 - v. Some current challenges:
 - a. Edmonton's population and road size are increasing, but the budget and fleet and size has remained marginally the same within the last 5 years.
 - b. Edmonton weather is unpredictable.
 - vi. [Within the presentation](#), it shows the comparison and contrast of the proposed options.
 - vii. Many different proposed actions to help ensure priority increase of snow removal in Edmonton. Such as: increasing

community league snow removal and creation of a snow removal assisted program.

viii. Questions:

- a. If there is more snow and ice removal, what other areas of Edmonton become affected? Is there a budget to cover off these additional expenses? (i.e. Currently there are only 27 officers for the City to review sidewalk concerns).
- b. If there are increased applications of calcium chloride on the sidewalks, what will the corrosive impact be on mobility aids?
- c. With the high level of windrows and increased snow covering of curb cuts, will this be taken into consideration for the report?

6. Old Business

7. New Business

1) [Policy C602 update](#)

- i. Review of the policy implementation to date; corporate governance model; status updates on the corporate accessibility plan; what is the plan for monitoring and evaluation and collaborating with the AAC.
- ii. The Accessibility Policy was approved by City Council on September 24 of 2019.
- iii. The administrative procedure and directive were approved by the Executive Leadership Team in October 2019.
- iv. The directive requires all departments to develop accessibility actions which will be incorporated into a 3 year corporate accessibility plan.
- v. An E-learning course on accessibility for City of Edmonton employees was created in 2020. At the end of 2021, 529 staff have taken the training.
- vi. H. Craig will provide an update on 311 accessibility concerns at a future meeting.
- vii. To date there are 12 out of the 64 actions completed. I.e. Elections office have completed their actions prior to the municipal election in 2021.
- viii. The actions are to be completed by 2024.
- ix. Policy C602 updates will be quarterly.
- x. AAC raised concerns about external events not being accessible (i.e. Van Gogh and Monet with the lack of benches to sit down on). Events staff are encouraging them to use the [accessibility guide](#) that AAC members have reviewed.
 - a. How can the COE promote the guide more?
- xi. The AAC toured the Stanley Milner Library in 2020 and raised many concerns with EPL (i.e. concerns with the washrooms

<p>and with bookshelves sticking out). Most recently members of the community raised concerns with the kitchen in the Library. AAC members did not have the opportunity to tour as it was not completed in 2020. No further communication on the status of the AAC's concerns was ever brought back to the AAC. Administration will follow up with why there was no official communication back to the AAC.</p> <p>xii. Concerns with the City of Edmonton hiring process and how it affects people with disabilities to take on full-time work. A review of the AbilitiesatWork program may be needed.</p> <p>xiii. EPS and EPL are at arms length from the City of Edmonton, how to encourage EPS and EPL to follow the CoE lead in accessibility?</p> <p>xiv. Councillors C. Tang and C. Wright to Council to review the implementation of Policy C602.</p> <p>xv. Review what can be incorporated in requests for the 2023 to 2026 budget.</p>	
<p>8. Administrative/Executive Update</p> <p>1) Chair/Subcommittee Chair elections</p> <p>2) Work Plan updates</p> <p>3) Budget requests</p> <p>i. Administration created a budget for the AAC for the 2022 term. Each pot of money is left generic to allow flexibility on spending for the 2022 year.</p> <p>ii. CE is making a large request for social media support for eight months. CE will be requesting support from the Social Identity and Social Inclusion section for full time social media support with other Committees of Council (i.e. WAVE, CEYC and ARAC).</p>	<p>Tabled - a follow up email to be circulated</p> <p>Tabled - a follow up email to be circulated</p>
<p>MOTION: To approve the budget for the AAC committee budget for the term of January 1st, to December 31st, 2022.</p> <p>2nd Z. Weeks</p> <p>Majority Vote</p>	<p>Unanimous</p>
<p>4) Meetings in person/online</p>	<p>Tabled - a follow up email to be circulated</p>
<p>9. Other Committee Work</p> <p>1) Intake request</p> <p>2) Policy Review update</p>	<p>Tabled</p> <p>Tabled</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Accessibility Checklist ii. AAC group expectations <p>3) Community Engagement update</p> <p>10. AAC Calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Individual committee work. <p>11. Round Table/Social Media</p>	Tabled
<p>12. Adjournment</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.</p> <p>Next Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be March 14, 2022.</p>	