

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes
July 8th, 2024 | 5:00pm
Edmonton
Edmonton Tower
10111 - 104 Ave RM 320

Invited Attendees

T.LaRiviere, D.Antaya-Moore, Z.Weeks, B.Belsek, C.Brenneis, M.Dancsok, D.Rudolph, S.Mason, K.Ewig, T.Flores, M.Tindall, D.Achuroa
Council Reps: Clr. J.Wright
Staff: A.Szafranski, H.Craig
Guests: H.Craig, Y. Subramonian
Regrets: P.Rzechowka, K.Thomas, T. Bauer, Clr. K.Tang,

1.0 Introductions and Welcome

2.0 Review	TIME / LENGTH	Assigned to:
2.1 Agenda Review/Approval Motion: K.Ewig To approve the agenda as presented. Carried U	5:00pm	T.LaRiviere
2.2 Review/Approval of Previous Minutes Minutes June 10th Motion: K.Ewig To approve the minutes of June 10th as presented. Carried U	5:02pm	T.LaRiviere
2.3 Indigenous Land Acknowledgement	5:05pm	Z.Weeks
2.4 Ice Breaker - postponed How's your Five?? work/love/play/sleep/eat	5:10pm	T.LaRiviere

3.0 New Business	TIME / LENGTH	Assigned to:
3.1 Policy C602 - Accessibility for People with Disabilities Yogi Subramonian, Accessibility Plan Implementation Lead Heather Craig, Accessibility Coordinator	5:15pm	Y.Subramonian/ H.Craig
The following questions were posed to the AAC members: 1. How do you feel the City of Edmonton treats people with disabilities? 2. Have you noticed any improvements in the past few years? 3. From your perspective, what does accessibility currently look like at the City of Edmonton? What is it like today?		

<p>What is working? What is not working?</p> <p>4.What can accessibility look like for the City of Edmonton? 5. What would an accessible City look like for you?</p> <p>Generally speaking the committee felt that there was movement in the right direction, but always room for improvement. The policy itself is a key to a better direction. Accessibility needs to be a pre thought in City work.</p> <p>Full notes to be received in a 'What We Heard Report'.</p> <p>There will be an online survey opening July 23rd until August 13th where members of the public can also provide feedback.</p> <p>A Council Memo is being provided July 19th, which will be publicly available 30 days after receipt by Council.</p> <p>Action: AAC to share direct link to the survey through Social Media channels.</p>		

4.0 Standing Items	TIME / LENGTH	
<p>4.1 Council Advisor Updates Council is on recess for the next 4 weeks. There is a rethink on Public Spaces Bylaw. Work is underway to hire a new City Manager.</p>	6:15pm	Clr. Tang/Clr.Wright
<p>4.2 Chair Updates 1. Bringing agenda items forward - process All members can bring topics forward to the AAC to be considered on the agenda. Please bring things forward through admin or through the Executive or a subcommittee chair. This allows for internal debate, positioning and key messaging if an issue is to be brought forward to Council.</p>	6:30pm	T. LaRiviere
<p>4.3 Community Engagement Sub Committee Update Tyler North from Excel Society came to talk about the work of Excel. It was very informative. Worked on housing posts for Social Media.</p>	6:40pm	Z.Weeks
<p>4.4 Policy Subcommittee Update Discussion on single use bylaw and unintended consequences; letter being drafted to be sent to Council. AAC submitted a POSSE request for information regarding a denied transit stop request - appropriate follow up measures are being taken.</p>	6:45pm	D.Antaya-Moore
<p>4.5 Administration Update:</p>	6:50pm	A.Szafranski

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. August - no meeting 2. Social Development Branch restructuring 3. Please submit parking receipts - simply send a picture of the receipt in. 		
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5.0 Other Reports	TIME / LENGTH	
5.1 Edmonton Transit Service Advisory Board Update		
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6.0 Upcoming Items
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. August 26 - CoE Minimum Shelter Standards 2. August 28th - Ride transit Program Funding Gap 3. Sept 16 - Public Spaces Bylaw 4. Sept 16 - Community Safety & Wellbeing Pillars 5. Sept 17 - Rider Experience on Paratransit 6. Sept 17 - Old Strathcona Public Realm

Next Meetings		
Date: September 9th, 2024	Time 5:00pm to 7:00pm	Edmonton Tower
Adjourned 7:05pm		