

Accessibility Advisory Committee



Meeting Minutes
 May 13th, 2024 |
 5:00pm Edmonton
 Tower 3rd Floor
 Meeting Area 10111
 104 Ave NW

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, K.Thomas, Taylor Bauer, D.Akanpentiba-Achura Council Reps: Clr. K.Tang, Clr. J.Wright Staff: A.Szafranski, S.Wadi Guests: R.Popplestone, G.McMeekin Regrets: P.Rzechowka

1.0 Introductions and Welcome

2.0 Review	TIME / LENGTH	Assigned to:
2.1 Agenda Review/Approval Motion: To Accept the Agenda for May 13th as presented. Carried U	5:10pm	T.LaRiviere
2.2 Review/Approval of Previous Minutes April 8th Minutes Motion: To accept the minutes from April 8th as presented. Carried U	5:0pm	T.LaRiviere
2.3 Indigenous Land Acknowledgement https://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/initiatives_innovation/community-engagement-indigenous-framework It was highlighted that the City of Edmonton has a commitment to reconciliation.	5:13pm	Allyson
2.4 Ice Breaker - Introductions	5:14pm	T.LaRiviere

3.0 New Business	TIME / LENGTH	Assigned to:
3.1 Office of the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Ryan Popplestone, Manager, Office of the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities. - Presentation is available here. Presentation Greg McMeekin, Advocate for Persons with Disabilities- joined by phone	6:00pm	R.Popplestone/G. McMeekin

3.2		

4.0 Standing Items	TIME / LENGTH	
<p>4.1 Council Advisor Updates</p> <p>-Approved the pilot to help seniors and persons with disabilities clear sidewalks for two years. Councillors had a number of concerns with the project and it may not be economically feasible without assistance from other levels of government.</p> <p>-Police annual report coming to council tomorrow May 14, 2024 that may be of interest to the committee.</p> <p>- Ride transit program numbers of those on AISH using the program has fallen, not sure if its a result of affordability issues and maybe AAC may want to look at it for the May 20th meeting.</p> <p>-Cllr inquired if AAC had discussed the Mayor Housing Action Taskforce and were going to engage with them .</p> <p>-Cllr is waiting to hear more from Cllr rep on the task force to outline their work and priorities.</p> <p>-Cllr thinks HAT with focus on Market ready solutions, is glad Cllr Rurtherfod a champion for the disability community and inclusivity is on the task force.</p> <p>-Cllr encouraged Members to bring ideas and issues forward to them and the taskforce to ensure accessible and affordable housing issues are addressed.</p>	5:45pm	Clr. Tang/Clr.Wright
<p>4.2 Chair Updates</p> <p>Spoke on the snow clearing assistance for those who have disability to avoid fines at committee. Details of implementation of the program have not been distributed and clarity will be given</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spoke on Amnesty International Panel on "Housing as a human right".Brought awareness on accessible housing to those in attendance who are involved in housing advocacy. 	5:52pm	T. LaRiviere
<p>4.3 Community Engagement Sub Committee Update</p> <p>In writing</p> <p>-Meeting was on May 7th, Chair outlined the committee purpose and goals.</p> <p>-Presentation from CNIB spoke focused on their work and their priorities ensuring that their voices are heard.</p> <p>Committee decided on the 4 community groups and orgs that will speak to the committee this year, to ensure the committee has a pulse on the issues.</p> <p>Discussed AACs involvement with the trick or treat event for those with disability and commitment this year to the event.</p>	5:56pm	Z.Weeks
<p>4.4 Policy Subcommittee Update</p> <p>In writing</p>	7:07	D.Antaya-Moore

<p>-City Admin presented on the priority growth areas and sought input from the community regarding the proposed areas. -Letter on snow clearing on LRT platforms is moving forward and will be sent to Council. -Letter on accessible housing will move forward to the HAT task force</p>		
<p>4.5 Administration Update:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CoE Presentation to Deaf & Hard of Hearing - June 22nd 1:00 to 3:00pm 2. Interagency on Inclusive Recreation - June 20th @ Chrysalis Society 3. Captioning <p>Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm</p>	Not done	A.Szafranski

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. May 22nd - Ground Level Entrances for Cluster Housing or Multi Unit Housing 2. May 23rd - Riide Transit Program Funding update 3. June 17th - City Grants to nonProfit Organizations - Gaps & Overlaps 4. June 17th - Infrastructure & Housing Needed for a Growing Population 5. June 18th - Multi Unit Residential Building Design 6. June 18th - New Proposed Principles of Urban Design 7. June 25th - Admin Response to Equitable Recreation Programming Audit 8. August 13 - Old Strathcona Public Realm 9. August 26 - CoE Minimum Shelter Standards 10. Sept 16 - Public Spaces Bylaw 11. Sept 16 - Community Safety & Wellbeing Pillars 12. Sept 17 - Rider Experience on Paratransit

Next Meetings		
Date: June 10th, 2024	Time 5:00pm to 7:00pm	Location TBD
Adjourned 7:00pm		