

Accessibility Advisory Committee



Meeting Minutes
January 13th, 2025 |
5:00pm Edmonton
Edmonton Tower
VIRTUAL ONLY

Invited Attendees
T.LaRiviere, D.Antaya-Moore, Z.Weeks, C.Brenneis, M.Dancsok, D.Rudolph, S.Mason, K.Ewig, K.Thomas, D.Achuroa Council Reps: Clr. K.Tang Staff: A.Szafranski Guests: J.Jackman Regrets: B.Belsek

1.0 Introductions and Welcome

2.0 Review	TIME / LENGTH	Assigned to:
Call to Order 5:05pm 2.1 Agenda Review/Approval Motion: D. Antaya-Moore <i>To approve the agenda with the addition of a discussion on a condolence letter to Kuno the Service Rottie.</i> Carried U	5:00pm	T.LaRiviere
2.2 Review/Approval of Previous Minutes Motion: K.Thomas <i>To approve the minutes of November 18th as presented.</i> Carried U November Minutes Notes from December are reflected in the Workplan.	5:02pm	T.LaRiviere
2.3 Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Presented by K. Thomas.	5:05pm	K.Thomas
2.4 Ice Breaker - How's your Five?? work/love/play/sleep/eat	5:10pm	T.LaRiviere

3.0 New Business	TIME / LENGTH	Assigned to:
3.1 Edmonton Police Commission General Information about the Police Commission Shazia provided a presentation about the Police Commission. AAC members asked specifically about officer training specific to disability; emotional support for complainants; intersectional approaches with race/mental health/gender/disability. There may be some sharable information from the City's 2024 Engagement	5:15pm	Shazia Amiri

with disability community. The AAC may consider writing a letter of 'advocacy' to the Police Commission. AAC members were encouraged to reach out if they had thoughts after the meeting.		
3.2 AAC Annual Report 2024 Link Please review (requires approval and submitted to the Clerks Office by month end) Report was reviewed; NDP Inclusion Event to be added.	5:45pm	Allyson
3.3 AAC Annual Workplan 2025 Link Please review (requires approval and submitted to the Clerks Office by month end) Workplan was reviewed. It is based on the AAC Strategic Plan as well as Council priorities. 3.4 Letter of Condolence It was agreed that the AAC would draft a letter of condolence to Marla Smith regarding the passing of her service dog Kuno, who was a great disability advocate. <i>Action: Executive</i>	6:00pm	Allyson

4.0 Standing Items	TIME / LENGTH	
4.1 Council Advisor Updates The City supported a resolution at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities supporting a motion from Disabilities without Poverty. Members shared that there has been some public/media coverage of accessible parking during snow removal parking bans. There were some queries about accessibility in parks/active pathways, specific to snow removal practises.	6:00pm	Clr. Tang/Clr.Wright
4.2 Chair Updates Motion: <i>T.LaRiviere</i> <i>To accept Patrycia Rzechowka's resignation.</i> Carried U <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The AAC will be recruiting four new members to start in May. The Chair recently participated in a CBC Story about winter access for people with disabilities. Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council is looking for intersectional connections with Urban Indigenous/Newcomers/low income/disability 	6:15pm	T. LaRiviere
4.3 Community Engagement Sub Committee Update In writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 27th Barrierfree Alberta - everyone to be invited AAC will be moving to Facebook only. Social Media details are not finalized yet. 	6:40pm	Z.Weeks
4.4 Policy Subcommittee Update In writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C601 - Affordable Housing - some members participated in a 1.5 hour session about the Policy update. 	6:45pm	D.Antaya-Moore
4.5 Administration Update:	6:50pm	A.Szafranski

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pooja Sigowkay, Advisory Committee Coordinator 2. ECVO Letter - AISH recommendations 3. Vehicle for Hire Newsletter - Action: invite VFH to come to a meeting, particularly to speak to the fare review process. 4. AAC Executive Elections - March 2025 5. ETS/CNIB Media Release - AAC member concerned that blue curbs are not necessarily industry standard. Action: AAC to invite ETS to come to speak about this. 6. AAC Survey Results <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AAC has a full and common understanding of the roles and responsibilities of an advisory committee to City Council. 3.85/5 2. AAC members understand the committee's mandate and purpose. 4.125/5 3. The AAC structural pattern (Main committee, subcommittees, executive and staff) is clear. 4.875/5 4. The AAC has clear goals and actions resulting from relevant and realistic strategic planning. 4.375/5 5. The AAC maintains good two way communication to the community 4.0/5 6. The AAC meetings facilitate focus and progress on important committee matters. 4.625/5 7. The AAC regularly monitors and evaluates progress toward strategic goals. 4.625/5 8. Each member of the AAC feels involved and interested in the committees work. 4.0/5 9. All necessary skills, stakeholders and diversity are represented on the board. 3.376/5 10. Does City staff provide adequate support to the activities of the AAC? 4.75/5 		
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5.0 Other Reports	TIME / LENGTH	
5.1 Edmonton Transit Service Advisory Board Update		Joshua Jackman
5.2 It was brought forward the Government of Alberta abruptly ended its contracts with 4 disability advocacy groups. The Self Advocacy Federation is the Edmonton based group, which supports individuals that fall outside of PDD.		

6.0 Upcoming Items
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Feb 18 - Admin Response to Dedicated Accessible Transit Service Audit 2. Mar 12 - City Policy C601 - Affordable Housing Investment Guidelines 3. April 1 - Options for Regulating Congregate Sleeping Areas for Shelters 4. Q1 2025 Public Spaces Bylaw 5. June 3 - zoning bylaw - 1 year review 6. October 20, 2025 - Municipal Election

- a. Nomination Period Jan 1 - Sept 22
- b. Election Advertising May 1 - Oct 20
- c. Election Period (close of nominations/end of voting) - Sept 22 - Oct 20

Meeting Adjourned 7:00pm

Next Meetings

Date: February 10th, 2025	Time 5:00pm to 7:00pm	VIRTUAL ONLY