

# Accessibility Advisory Committee



Meeting Minutes  
March 11th, 2024 | 5:00pm  
Virtual ONLY

Invited Attendees
<p>T.LaRiviere, D.Antaya-Moore, Z.Weeks, D.Akanpentiba-Achura, B.Belsek, C.Brenneis, M.Dancsok, P.Rzechowka, D.Rudolph, P.Kocon, S.Mason, K.Ewig</p> <p>Council Reps: Clr. K.Tang, Clr. J.Wright</p> <p>Regrets: I.Stefaniuk-Gaudet, C.Sneedon, M.Vautour</p> <p>Staff: A.Szafranski</p> <p>Guests: K.Bosch, Y.Subramonian, E.Dening, A.Afonso, A.Tankard</p>

## 1.0 Introductions and Welcome

2.0 Review	TIME / LENGTH	Assigned to:
<p>2.1 Agenda Review/Approval</p> <p><i>Motion: C. Brenneis</i> <i>To approve the Agenda as presented.</i> <i>Carried U</i></p>	5:05pm	T.LaRiviere
<p>2.2 Review/Approval of Previous Minutes <a href="#">February Minutes</a></p> <p><i>Motion: D.Antaya-Moore</i> <i>To approve the minutes of February 12th as presented.</i> <i>Carried U</i></p>	5:07pm	T.LaRiviere
<p>2.3 Indigenous Land Acknowledgement <a href="#">5 Tips for Allyship</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AAC shared learnings from Indigenous Bent Arrow training.</li> </ul>	5:09pm	A.Szafranski

3.0 New Business	TIME / LENGTH	Assigned to:
<p>3.1 <a href="#">Commonwealth Stadium Rehabilitation</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Life cycle replacement of assets that are failing, but to ensure that the stadium operational with modernization components to keep it competitive</li> <li>- Completed schematic design phase of the project</li> <li>- Start design development in March, 2024</li> <li>- Project site overview:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stadium site access</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	5:10pm to 5:45pm	Kurt Bosch Eugene Dening Andrew Afonso Andrew Tankard Yogi Subramonian

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Accessible seating</li> <li>- Public washrooms and food service areas</li> <li>- Drinking fountain upgrades</li> <li>- Stair upgrades</li> <li>- Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Accessible consultations is done in-house</li> <li>- Accessible seating will now be (from 562 Alberta Design Guide seats to 310 (including companion seats) Alberta Building Code) - due to a lack of physical space. Accessible seats will now be throughout the stadium. Companion seats will now be behind/beside accessible seats - will it be identified? Will take it back to look into.</li> <li>- Issues with lack of group seating</li> <li>- Will redo wayfinding and signage to get attendees moving throughout the stadium easier/LRT</li> <li>- Ensure seating along the long walkways</li> <li>- Look to ensure safety for persons with disabilities access during crowded events</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
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4.0 Standing Items	TIME / LENGTH	
<p>4.1 Council Advisor Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thank you to T. LaRiviere for making recommendations for new AAC members and presenting at Council</li> <li>- AAC two subcommittees were approved</li> <li>- March 19, 2024 report - Surface parking lots that are not attached to any building do not have code requirements for accessible parking spaces (parkades are gravel). This could lead to a public hearing</li> <li>- Assisted snow clearing have been moved to April 8, 2024</li> <li>- City Hall has started to open up for private events</li> <li>- Commingling DATS/On-Demand report - Councillor Stevenson put forward a motion about improving DATS</li> <li>- Issues with snow clearing sidewalks/pathways/windrows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A. Szafranski to follow up</li> <li>- Look to revisit Snow and Ice policy</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		<p>Clr. Tang/Clr.Wright</p>
<p>4.2 Chair Updates <a href="#">AAC Annual Report 2023</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presented AAC Annual report and 2024 work plan</li> <li>- Audit will be done on Recreation Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consider to make an action item</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Room for improvement for members to come to meetings more prepared and attendance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AAC will take a more proactive approach to help members</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Redesign of Whyte Ave and Strathcona <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Go to Council in August</li> <li>- Proactive with Council and Admin to ensure high accessibility standards</li> <li>- Ask the right questions during the April meeting and be engaged</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		<p>T. LaRiviere</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A. Szafranski to look into a presentation of sorts for 76 Avenue</li> </ul>		
<p>4.3 Community Engagement Sub Committee Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Access Now</a> is hosting a crowdsourcing mapping event on March 21, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AAC will support on social media</li> </ul> </li> <li>- March 21 kick off/March 24, 2024 data collection day</li> <li>- Social Media Content Creation Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AAC is now on Instagram</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Google Form - quotes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Will help out with content creation on social media</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		Z.Weeks
<p>4.4 Policy Subcommittee Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Three letters emerged are being written <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clearing of Valley Line LRT platforms and tactile strips of snow</li> <li>- Announcement of Mayor’s Housing Task Force and Housing Secretariat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Will send out soon</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Mental Health Addictions report (Feb 26) - Motions for the Mayor to send letters to Ministers and Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Follow up letter of support of the Mayor writing the letter and recognition of placing importance on mental health in the disability community</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>		D.Antaya-Moore
<p>4.5 Administration Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AAC Executive Elections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anyone can put their names forward</li> <li>- AAC current chairs have put their names forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No other nominations from the floor</li> <li>- T.LaRiviere, D.Antaya-Moore, Z.Weeks, are nominated as the next AAC Executive by acclamation</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>- Office of the Advocate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Mental Health Feedback</a> survey is open to May 15, 2024</li> <li>- <a href="#">Eventbrite Link</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>- CoE Presentation to Deaf &amp; Hard of Hearing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- April 6th, 2024 1:00 to 3:00pm</li> <li>- Administration will be doing a presentation on Employment, etc.</li> <li>- Two AAC members are welcome to attend</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <a href="#">LRV Seating survey</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public engagement on seating arrangements on March 19, 2024</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		A.Szafranski

5.0 Other Reports	TIME / LENGTH	
5.1 Edmonton Transit Service Advisory Board Update	Tabled	

6.0 Upcoming Items
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. March 18th - Safe &amp; Inclusive Public Spaces</li> <li>2. March 18th - Assisted Snow Clearing Program Pilot Project - Stakeholder feedback</li> <li>3. ?? - Comingling of DATS/On Demand Report</li> <li>4. April 15 - Equitable Recreation Program Audit - Admin Response</li> <li>5. April 23 - Spring Operating Budget Adjustment</li> <li>6. May 2nd - Licenses for E-scooters &amp; E-Bikes</li> <li>7. August 13 - Old Strathcona Public Realm</li> <li>8. Sept 16 - Public Spaces Bylaw</li> <li>9. Sept 17 - Rider Experience on Paratransit</li> <li>10. Auditors Report - Recreation Program Inclusive Audit</li> </ol>

Next Meetings		
Date: April 8th, 2024	Time 5:00pm to 7:00pm	Location TBD