

# Accessibility Advisory Committee



Meeting Minutes  
 Sept 9th, 2024 | 5:00pm  
 Edmonton  
 Edmonton Tower  
 10111 - 104 Ave RM 320

## Invited Attendees

T.LaRiviere, Z.Weeks, B.Belsek (joined 5:40pm), C.Brenneis, D.Rudolph, S.Mason, K.Ewig,, M.Tindall, K.Thomas, D.Achuroa  
 Council Reps: Clr. K.Tang, Clr. J.Wright  
 Staff: A.Szafranski, H.Craig  
 Guests: C.Etmanski, S.Ashe, R.Comia, L.Pinchbeck  
 Regrets: D.Antaya-Moore, T.Flores, P.Rzechowka, M.Dancsok

## 1.0 Introductions and Welcome

2.0 Review	TIME / LENGTH	Assigned to:
<b>Call to Order at 5:04pm</b> 2.1 Agenda Review/Approval <b>Motion: K.Ewig</b> <i>To accept the agenda as presented.</i> <b>Carried U</b>	5:00pm	T.LaRiviere
2.2 Review/Approval of Previous Minutes <a href="#">July Minutes</a> <b>Motion: D.Achuroa</b> <i>To accept the minutes of July 8th as present</i> <b>Carried U</b>	5:02pm	T.LaRiviere
2.3 Indigenous Land Acknowledgement K.Thomas provided an Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.	5:05pm	K.Thomas
2.4 Ice Breaker - How's your Five?? work/love/play/sleep/eat AAC members shared something happening in their life around the 'five' themes' above.	5:10pm	T.LaRiviere

3.0 New Business	TIME / LENGTH	Assigned to:
3.1 Affordable/Accessible Housing Guide The Affordable Housing Section is working on an Accessible/Affordable Housing Guide to support the applicants in the City's Housing Grant Programs to wade through the available resources in a simple, user friendly, plain language guide. The intent is not to create new technical resources, but use already best practices available. By providing good upfront resources and	5:15pm	Carleen Etmanski/Lara Pinchbeck

<p>myth busting which support applicants to think about accessibility from the initial concept to support their potential end user, and potentially minimize downstream costs . The Guide is being released in November, and an early copy could be shared with the AAC for Feedback.</p>		
<p>3.2 Affordable Housing Investment Program  <b>City of Edmonton - Role in Affordable Housing (Background/Context)</b>  <i>Some key points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i><u>Comprehensive Housing Role:</u> The City of Edmonton plays a key role in addressing the full spectrum of housing needs, from shaping land use planning and zoning to directly supporting the creation and maintenance of affordable housing. This involvement is essential because the private market alone cannot meet the housing needs of all Edmontonians.</i></li> <li>● <i><u>Affordable Housing Investment Program:</u> As the City's primary initiative for affordable housing, this program provides grants that cover up to 25% of construction costs for new affordable housing developments and the repair of existing units. In return, developers must ensure that units remain below market rates for 25 to 40 years, contributing to long-term affordability</i></li> <li>● <i><u>Indigenous-Led Housing Funding:</u> Recognizing the importance of culturally appropriate housing, the City has established a dedicated funding stream for Indigenous-led projects. This stream offers up to 40% of construction costs, with \$5 million allocated annually until 2026, to support the development of Indigenous-owned, environmentally sustainable housing.</i></li> <li>● <i><u>AH in Edmonton</u> (here's a recent presentation that may be helpful)</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Policy C601</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i><u>City Policy C601</u> - Affordable Housing Investment Guidelines was approved on August 21, 2018, and took effect on January 1, 2019.</i></li> <li>● <i>The Policy governs the City's approach to affordable housing investments, grants, and land dedication.</i></li> <li>● <i>Long-Term Target: Supports the goal of 16% affordable housing in all Edmonton neighbourhoods, ensuring adequate housing choices for all residents.</i></li> <li>● <i>Administration has begun work on a fulsome review of Policy C601, as per five-year review timelines outlined in the Policy. An analysis of Policy C601 governed programs was completed as part of phase one of this work.</i></li> </ul>		<p>Rionel Comia/Scott Ashe</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A revised policy, City Policy C601 - Affordable Housing Investment Guidelines, is scheduled to be presented to Community and Public Services Committee in Q1 of 2025.</li> </ul> <p>The resources below was shared by Lara Pinchbeck.  <a href="https://affordablehousingsolutionslab.com/activities/equity-and-inclusion-in-housing-and-design/">https://affordablehousingsolutionslab.com/activities/equity-and-inclusion-in-housing-and-design/</a></p>		
<p>3.3 Sept 17 - Rider Experience on Paratransit  Action: Rider Experience on Paratransit report will be shared with AAC Members with a reply expected by Thursday, Sept. 12th.</p> <p>A further discussion insued about Arc Card rollout. There are resources available as well as opportunity for the Arc team to come out to non profits. Arc Card team is looking to come to AAC Policy with an update.</p>		

4.0 Standing Items	TIME / LENGTH	
<p>4.1 Council Advisor Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treat Accessibly in Summerside Neighbourhood October 20th 1:30pm to 4:30pm.</li> <li>• There are openings on the City of Edmonton Police Commission. Closing date Sept 22. Applications are through the CoE Taleo Portal  <a href="https://recruitment.edmonton.ca/job/50277/Edmonton-Police-Commission-Member">https://recruitment.edmonton.ca/job/50277/Edmonton-Police-Commission-Member</a></li> </ul>	6:15pm	Clr. Tang/Clr.Wright
<p>4.2 Chair Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair met with City Staff regarding the upcoming Assisted Snow Removal Pilot for winter 2024/25</li> </ul> <p>Motion: S.Mason  To accept the resignation from the AAC from Taylor Bauer.  Carried U</p>	6:30pm	T. LaRiviere
<p>4.3 Community Engagement Sub Committee Update  Meeting was canceled. For consideration - members moving over from Policy Review to Community Engagement, or considering a different day and time.</p>	6:40pm	Z.Weeks
<p>4.4 Policy Subcommittee Update  Policy Review received a memo from Vehicle for Hire providing updates on the industry wide driver training roll out.  An update from the Old Strathcona Public Realm was received and the group was pleased that what was heard and changed in the report was clearly identified.</p>	6:45pm	D.Antaya-Moore
<p>4.5 Administration Update:</p>	6:50pm	A.Szafranski

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Social Development Branch restructuring - no current updates are available as the restructuring moves ahead.</li> <li>2. Pulse Check Survey - 4 question survey will be sent out after the meeting for members to complete.</li> </ol>		
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5.0 Other Reports	TIME / LENGTH	
5.1 Edmonton Transit Service Advisory Board Update Sept 17 ETSAB Report/Admin Response - Perceptions of LRT Safety		Joshua Jackman
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6.0 Upcoming Items
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sept 16 - Public Spaces Bylaw</li> <li>2. Sept 16 - Community Safety &amp; Wellbeing Pillars</li> <li>3. Sept 17 - Rider Experience on Paratransit</li> <li>4. Oct 8th - Old Strathcona Public Realm</li> <li>5. Nov 13th - Supplemental Operating Budget Adjustment</li> </ol>

Next Meetings		
Date: October 21, 2024	Time 5:00pm to 7:00pm	Edmonton Tower