

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2025
5:00 pm Edmonton
VIRTUAL ONLY

Invited Attendees

T.LaRiviere, D.Antaya-Moore, C.Brenneis, M.Dancsok, D.Rudolph, S.Mason, K.Ewig, K.Thomas, D.Achoura, Z.Weeks
Council Reps:
Staff: P. Sigauke, A.Szafranski
Guests: T.Dennehy, Y. Subramonian, H. Craig. T.Bauer, L.Pinchbeck
Regrets: B.Belsek, Clr. K.Tang

1.0 Introductions and Welcome

2.0 Review	TIME / LENGTH	Assigned to:
Meeting to order 5:04pm 2.1 Agenda Review/Approval 1st. D. Antaya-Moore Motion: To move the agenda of the previous meetings U- approve	5:00pm	Z.Weeks
2.2 Review/Approval of Previous Minutes Motion: To approve the minutes of the previous meetings 1st. C. Brennis U- approve January Minutes	5:02pm	Z.Weeks
2.3 Indigenous Land Acknowledgement	5:05pm	Z. Weeks
2.4 Ice Breaker - How's your Five?? work/love/play/sleep/eat	5:10pm	Z.Weeks

3.0 New Business	TIME / LENGTH	Assigned to:
3.1 Policy C602 Presentation on the updates to Policy. Copy of the presentation is on the agenda for those needed.	5:15pm	Yogi/Heather/Roger
3.2 Edmonton Transit Services - Transit Centre Curb Painting Initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The motivation and reasons for choosing blue as the 	5:45pm	Trevor Dennehy

<p>curb color.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How this change aims to enhance accessibility for riders, particularly those with visual impairments. • Any feedback received from the community since the implementation began. • and discuss our concerns from an accessibility <p>Director of LRT operations, T.Dennehy</p> <p>The "Get on Board" campaign explored painting curbs to increase visibility. Previous efforts used yellow paint; however, recent testing of blue, white, yellow, red, and orange showed that blue provided the best contrast.</p> <p>Feedback on the blue curb has been mixed. So far, one curb has been painted blue, with more planned. Yellow paint was determined to lack sufficient contrast with concrete. The blue curbs aim to assist visually impaired individuals.</p> <p>The group is researching transit curb color standards and will install tactile facilities. A site walk with CNIB is scheduled for Friday to conduct further testing. Previous testing involved visually impaired employees and transit.</p>		
<p>3.3 City of Edmonton Corporate Guidelines for Service Dogs CoE Weblink</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Guideline was approved by the City Manager and is now listed in the Guidelines section on the City's Corporate Policies website. We will also be offering training to ensure that staff are aware of the guideline, and are able to use the resource in their roles. <p>H.Craig</p> <p>This is the final public update on this matter. Concerns were received from the public and staff members. It was advised that the process was not optimal. Direction was sought from city staff, and collaboration with the province ensured alignment. Consultation with organizations yielded substantial engagement. The ELT approved the matter in January. The first guide will be posted on the page, and a communications guide is available. This was intended for internal use only.</p>	6:15pm	A.Szafranski

4.0 Standing Items	TIME / LENGTH	
<p>4.1 Council Advisor Updates</p> <p>Email from Councillor Tang, AAC to bring responses on friday and then info sent to councillor tang on monday</p>	6:20pm	Clr. Tang
4.2 Chair Updates	6:20pm	T. LaRiviere

24 applications for the next run!		
<p>4.3 Community Engagement Sub Committee Update</p> <p>Barrier free Alberta, gave an update on the organization that works in Alberta.</p> <p>Stepping back on social media presence. Where we are at with social media support with Parados.</p> <p>We will be stepping back on that. Facebook is the primary with a lot of followers and Instagram is in flux. Can either spend money or have the committee maintain the social media.</p> <p>M.Dancsok-Canadian mental health association. Mental health strategy coordinator with job opportunity. CMHA as well. Next agenda for community engagement. Figure out who is involved with this as well.</p>	6:30pm	Z.Weeks
<p>4.4 Policy Subcommittee Update</p> <p>Changes in how accessible parking happens. The big ask is that one parking stall be identified as only accessible for wheelchair users. Potentially looking at a letter to the council and highlighting some of the items as they go. Positive changes around accessibility</p>	6:40pm	D.Antaya-Moore
<p>4.5 Administration Update:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pooja Sigauke, Advisory Board Coordinator 2. AAC Executive Elections - March 2025 	6:45pm	A.Szafranski

5.0 Other Reports	TIME / LENGTH	
5.1 Edmonton Transit Service Advisory Board Update	6:50pm	Joshua Jackman

6.0 Upcoming Items
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Feb 18 - Admin Response to Dedicated Accessible Transit Service Audit 2. Mar 10 - Accessibility Advisory Committee - 2024 Annual Report & 2025 Workplan 3. Mar 11 - Accessibility Advisory Committee - Membership Report & Candidate Shortlist 4. Mar 12 - City Policy C601 - Affordable Housing Investment Guidelines 5. Mar 18 - Council Member Appointments to Civic Agencies 6. April 1 - Options for Regulating Congregate Sleeping Areas for Shelters 7. April 14 - Accessibility Advisory Committee Interviews & Appointment Recommendations 8. Q1 2025 Public Spaces Bylaw 9. June 3 - zoning bylaw - 1 year review 10. October 20, 2025 - Municipal Election <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 11. Mar 2/26 - Equitable Recreation Programming

Next Meetings		
Date: March 10, 2025	Time 5:00pm to 7:00pm	In Person/Edmonton Tower
Adjourned at 6:57pm		