

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2025
5:00 pm
Edmonton Tower
3rd Floor
Meeting Area
10111 104 Ave NW

Invited Attendees

Attendees: David Achuroa, Dana Antaya-Moore, Carleen Brenneis, Marie Dancsok, Dreena Davis, Tonia LaRiviere, Stephannie Leach, Sam Mason, Daniel Purcell, Douglas Rudolph, Zachary Weeks, Kimberly Wood, Tyson Joyce
Council Reps: Cllr. Keren Tang
City Admin: Carissa Lamoureux & Britt Frandsen
Guest: Joshua Jackman (ETSAB)
Regrets: Karima Ewig & Katie Thomas

1.0 Introductions and Welcome

2.0 Review

2.1 Agenda Review/Approval	Call to order at 5:03 pm MOTION: D. Antaya-Moore motions to approve the July 14, 2025 Agenda 2nd T. Joyce Carried (U)
2.2 Review/Approval of Previous Minutes	MOTION: D. Antaya-Moore motions to approve the June 11, 2025 meeting minutes 2nd C. Brenneis Carried (U)
2.3 Indigenous Land Acknowledgement	K. Wood gave the land acknowledgement
2.4 Ice Breaker	Question: What will you learn to do this summer?

3.0 New Business

3.1 Administration onboarding	- Look into updating the priorities. - Include evidence-based into the priority number 4.
3.2 Meeting Norms	- Possible updates:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Avoid acronyms (could use a footnote on every page) - Remove hierarchy <p>- Executive and Administration will review meeting norms and will share the updated version with AAC members.</p>
3.3 Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AAC members reviewed the 2024 - 2025 Strategic Plan to see if the plan needs to be updated for the next term. - What surprised/excited you from the discussion? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completed one of the actions: painting of bus stop floors. D. Rudolph will share an update in the next couple of days. - Surprised how quick the training for Vehicle for Hire began. They received positive feedback on the training and there seems to be a positive impact on the drivers. - Since Policy C602 is now an expectation for the City of Edmonton Administration, more areas are coming to the AAC. - AAC is looking into hosting an all candidate forum for the fall. Community Engagement to work via email and bring back to the September main AAC meeting. - There is a new fresh perspective from the new AAC members. It is making the committee more diverse! - Great connection with ETSAB and a rep coming to the AAC meetings. - Looking forward to snow angels for the next winter season.
3.4 Work Plan review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AAC members reviewed the 2025 work plan to see if the plan needs to be updated for the next term.

4.0 Standing Items

4.1 Council Advisor Updates	- Tabled
4.2 Chair Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There was a presentation last week on accessible housing. Administration sent out a feedback document that is due on July 20, 2025. Will be invited back to future meetings. - Office of the City Clerks sent a response on AAC concerns with meeting with guests and providing feedback with no quorum is not allowed. There are concerns that the whole committee is not providing their voice. If this occurs, AAC will have to look into alternative ways of providing feedback.
4.4 Policy Subcommittee Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation from the Office of the City Clerk was insightful and many learned information on quorum. Executive and Administration have been invited to a governance presentation in September. More presentations will occur in the near future. - Complete streets update was passed by Council. S. Mason shared that there is a lot of discussion on the definition of accessibility. Council is hopeful this will be positive for the future. - The next meeting date is on September 1 (Labour day). S. Mason will confirm if moving to September 3rd.
4.5 Community Engagement Subcommittee Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thank you to the new members who joined. - Primary discussion was on the direction of social media for the AAC. Previously, the AAC used a formal company called Parodos to provide social media, who created content, scheduling and responded to comments. - Due to a smaller budget, AAC members reached out to diffabilities who support persons with disabilities. - Before the AAC can officially move forward to hiring Diffabilities, members need to present a business case for CoE procurement. Z. Weeks has written a draft for review.

	- AAC members endorse moving forward with the business case for social media. Administration and Executive will discuss next steps.
4.6 Administration Update - City Administration Information update	Tabled
4.7 ETSAB Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ETSAB has created two working groups: ARC card and Fare Funding gap. - Looking for feedback on the ARC card. <p>Adjournment at 7:09 pm</p>

5.0 Upcoming Items

1. August 11, 2025 - Amendments to Animal Licensing and Control Bylaw
2. August 11, 2025 - Improved Accessibility Active Pathway Snow Removal and Sidewalk Repair
3. August 12, 2025 - Bylaw Amendment to Vehicle for Hire Bylaw 17400 - Fee and Fare Updates

Next Meetings

Date: September 8, 2025	Time 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Location Edmonton Tower
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