

City of Edmonton
Accessibility Advisory Committee
(AAC) Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2021
 Google Meet
 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Present: S. Amer K. Boyd C. Brenneis
 J. Caza C. Jones S. Klassen
 A. Knack P. Kocon T. LaRiviere
 J. Pisesky P. Reeves T. Rice
 I. Stefaniuk-Gaudet M. Vatour Z. Weeks

Regrets: N. Sunderji

Guests: J. Albers G. Lieb M. Peters Jones
 T. Ward

Staff: H. Craig C. Lamoureux A. Szafranski

Notes	Action
<p>1. Call to order</p> <p>At 4:30 pm</p>	
<p>2. Approval of agenda</p> <p>Agenda of June 14, 2021 with amendments</p> <p>Moved by Z. Weeks</p>	Carried
<p>3. Approval of minutes</p> <p><u>Minutes of May 10, 2021</u></p> <p>Moved by C. Brenneis</p>	Carried
<p>4. City Council update</p> <p>1) Snow and Ice Policy</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i. The Snow and Ice Policy is being presented to Council on June 30. The report will be available online on Thursday June 17, 2021.</p> <p>2) Bus Network Redesign</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i. On August 11, 2021, Administration will bring back to Council feedback on how the Bus Network Redesign is going thus far, with feedback on the survey.</p> <p>3) Assisted Transportation</p>	

- i. This report ties into a motion made in October 2019. The City of Edmonton was working with the Government of Alberta and community organizations.
 - ii. Report will be on the Council agenda for August 28, 2021.
- 4) Inquiry on sidewalk repairs
- i. Councillor Knack requested a report be generated on sidewalk repairs including:
 - a. Determining sidewalk issues are accessibility related or not (what is the criteria on what is an accessibility issue?);
 - b. The target timeline for repairs of an accessibility sidewalk issue;
 - c. The timeline on repairs that are not accessibility sidewalk issue; and
 - d. Determination of when should sidewalks be replaced versus repaired?
 - ii. Report will be tentative on October 1, 2021.

5. Introduction with Carrie Hotton-MacDonald

- 1) Carrie Hotton MacDonald was unable to make this meeting and will reschedule.
- 2) ETS Advisory Board introduction
 - i. ETS Advisory Board provides advice and recommendations to the Urban Planning Committee from a stakeholder perspective on issues related to public transit. These include ridership; servicing issues; public transit policies; repair, maintenance and accessibility issues; relationships between City projects and public transit; and initiatives of other levels of government and surrounding municipalities that could affect public transit.
 - ii. ETSAB has two reports going forward to Council on June 16, 2021: Inclusive Transit and Vulnerable Populations.
 - iii. Looking for an AAC representative to be a collaborative voice with the ETSAB Board.

Administration to invite C. Hotton-MacDonald to the next AAC meeting.

6. Voter Accessibility Plan

- 1) Accessible Events Guide
 - i. Elections COE Administration presented to the AAC on the draft Voter Accessibility Plan (Confidential document)
 - ii. AAC members provided input on the guide and suggestions on potential community collaborations.

7. Old Business

- 1) [Code of Conduct & Edmonton General Election Memo](#)

Move Election discussion to

- i. Vehicle for Hire have secured a research company (Pivotal) to research the supply and demand for accessible taxis.
 - ii. AAC will share their 2019 insight survey results for analyzing.
 - iii. Pivotal will create a survey which will be sent to three Edmonton dispatch companies and a sample of fifty taxi drivers.
 - iv. Research will also be done with a jurisdictional scan of other municipalities.
 - v. Pivotal will then come back with an analysis of the data and make recommendations for the Vehicle for Hire by September 2021.
 - vi. Vehicle for Hire will come back to the AAC in late summer before the report from Pivotal is completed and ask AAC/WAVE members to review the proposed suggestions.
- 3) Public Spaces bylaw

T. LaRiviere will share an update via email.

9. Administrative/Executive Update

- 1) AAC committee expectations/code of conduct

Tabled till July 12, 2021 meeting.

10. Other Committee Work

- 1) Policy Review update
 - i. On the June 7, 2021 meeting, Policy members welcomed two guest speakers from City Clerk's and E-scooter companies.
 - ii. The City Clerk's Office came and shared what they do, how they connect to Council and how they provide support to Edmonton's ABC's.
 - iii. They also shared on how to speak to Council as an ABC member versus as an individual.
 - iv. They provide limited training opportunities (on how to be an ABC member), but are going to see if other ABC's are interested in future training opportunities.
 - v. Scooter companies Lime and Bird came to discuss accessibility concerns and to inquire about an education campaign.
 - vi. Looking to keep continual combined efforts to tackle accessibility issues and support future educational materials that they create.
 - vii. Bird followed up with an email and shared some of the things they are doing to tackle issues that were raised (i.e. parking concerns, etc).
 - viii. There is an opportunity for an AAC member (or a member of the public) to participate in a safety stroll/ride with an Scooter safety officer, in Edmonton and meet with Scooter users and share accessible concerns.

Let P. Reeves know if an AAC member is interested in the ride along.

<p>ix. Next steps: Policy is looking to meet with bylaw enforcement on what they are doing for Escooter concerns.</p> <p>2) Community Engagement update</p> <p>i. CE worked on the quote for Parados and what members would like to see in the communication plan.</p> <p>3) Intake update</p> <p>i. No Intake meeting occurred.</p> <p>11. AAC Calendar</p> <p>i. Elections accessibility update</p> <p>ii. Summer meetings</p> <p>12. Round Table/Social Media</p>	<p>Administration to create a google doc on elections accessibility to pass on to Elections staff.</p> <p>Administration to send out a doodle poll on summer AAC meetings.</p>
<p>13. Adjournment</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.</p> <p>Next Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on July 12, 2021.</p>	