

City of Edmonton
Accessibility Advisory Committee
(AAC) Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2021
 Google Meet
 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Present: S. Amer K. Boyd C. Brenneis
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 I. Stefaniuk-Gaudet M. Vautour Z. Weeks

Presenters: A. Watson

Regrets: S. Beukian J. Caza H. Craig
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Staff: C. Lamoureux A. Szafranski

Notes	Action
<p>1. Call to order</p> <p>At 4:35 pm</p>	
<p>2. Approval of agenda as amended</p> <p>Agenda of December 13, 2021</p> <p>Moved by Z. Weeks</p>	Carried
<p>3. Approval of minutes</p> <p>Minutes of November 8, 2021</p> <p>Moved by Z. Weeks</p>	Carried

4. Leger Housing Report presentation

- i. Reviewed five key areas:
 - a. Evaluating what policy to provide accessible housing
 - b. Determined the supply by builders/developers.
 - c. Understand the challenges related to building/developing accessible housing.
 - d. The demand for accessible housing for people with disabilities.
 - e. Determined the barriers associated with accessible housing.
- ii. What did we do?
 - a. Secondary scan - not a lot out there to understand the supply and demand of accessible housing in the City of Edmonton.
 - b. Conducted thirty nine interviews (end users, developers, home building organizations, non-market developers, and key government developers).
 - c. Conducted four focus groups and what their experiences were like looking for accessible housing.
 - d. Conducted an online survey.
 - e. The City of Edmonton conducted an Insight survey as well.
 - f. And created a comprehensive report on all the findings.
- iii. Mix of demand from the type of users who are requiring affordable/accessible homes (i.e. seniors to mobility users).
- iv. Some other barriers:
 - a. Increased building costs
 - b. Discrimination
 - c. Available to sell to public
 - d. Finding existing inventory
 - e. Accessing supports for retrofits
 - f. Knowledge of accessible features
- v. There is no centralized database for accessible/affordable homes, this would help with finding out what is the actual supply and demand.
- vi. Some organizations that do provide accessible housing find it hard to find appropriate profile users.
- vii. Non market developers need more funding.
- viii. There needs to be a clear definition of what makes a home/unit accessible.
- ix. Accessibility needs to be more inclusive of the varying degrees of needs.
- x. Challenges related to developing accessible homes:

Policy members are reviewing the report and will be meeting with City of Edmonton housing staff.

- a. Minimal regulatory requirements for barrier free or aging in place.
- b. Zoning/community issues.
- c. Lack of information on costs and benefits of accessible homes.
- d. Uncertainty about the demand.
- e. Resistance/inexperience to design approaches.
- xi. Recommendations:
 - a. Edmonton needs affordable/accessible housing.
 - b. Edmonton needs a centralized housing inventory system.
 - c. Edmontonians need education and clarity about accessibility.
 - d. Accessible housing providers need more support.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

1) Planning - January 10, 2022

- i. Recommendations:
 - a. Our regular AAC meeting will be the strategic planning session for January 10, 2022.
 - b. Administration and Executive will be working on the plan for the day.
 - c. Administration will send out some presurvey work to be done (in the first week of January, 2022).
 - d. We will be confirming AAC priorities and leaving room for emerging topics.

7. Administrative/Executive Update

8. Other Committee Work

1) Intake request

- i. Single use plastic items and there will be more information to come.
- ii. AAC can comment till the end of January 2022.

2) Policy Review update

- i. Reviewing the housing report from Leger.
- ii. Requesting meetings from the City of Edmonton housing department.
- iii. AAC checklist is updated and aligns with the updated Access Design Guide. Administration will share with the AAC.
- iv. Group expectations draft document to accompany the City of Edmonton's Code of Conduct, to remind AAC members on our expectations (i.e. orient new members). Will share with the AAC.

3) Community Engagement update

- i. AAC sponsored an IDPD event.
- ii. I. Stefaniuk-Gaudet presented their perspective on intersectionality as it related to disability. Will share the recording.
- iii. Working on social media strategy which will begin in January 2022.
- iv. Looking for AAC members to curate some AAC posts in the new year.
- v. Reminder for members to input themes for social media.

9. AAC Calendar

10. Round Table/Social Media

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Next Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be December 13, 2021.