

**City of Edmonton**  
**Accessibility Advisory Committee**  
**(AAC) Meeting Minutes**  
**June 13, 2022**  
 Google Meet  
 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

**Present:** D. Achuroa                      D. Antaya-Moore                      K. Boyd  
 C. Brenneis                              M. Dancsok                              S. Klassen  
 P. Kocon                                      T. LaRiviere                              D. Rudolph  
 P. Rzechowka                              C. Sneddon                              I. Stefaniuk-Gaudet  
 C. Tang                                        M. Vautour                              C. Wright  
 Z. Weeks

**Guests:** E. Black                              A. Osman

**Regrets:** B. Belsek

**Staff:** H. Craig                              C. Lamoureux                              A. Szafranski

Notes	Action
<p><b>1. Call to order</b></p> <p>At 4:33 pm</p>	
<p><b>2. Approval of agenda with amendments</b></p> <p><b>Agenda of June 13, 2022</b></p> <p>Moved by S. Klassen</p>	<b>Carried</b>
<p><b>3. Approval of minutes</b></p> <p><b>Minutes of May 9, 2022</b></p> <p>Moved by D. Antaya-Moore</p>	<b>Carried</b>

#### 4. Land Acknowledgement

- i. June is [National Indigenous History Month](#), Mayor Sohi's message was shown to AAC members.

#### 5. [Affordable Housing Needs Assessment Presentation](#)

- i. A housing needs assessment is gathering information to better understand the housing needs of individuals who are living in Edmonton. This will help to identify existing and projected gaps in affordable housing; then help prioritize solutions for local housing challenges. This will help to inform the shape and direction of future policies.
- ii. The Housing needs assessment will be available for the public (i.e. members of the housing sector and members of the public).
- iii. Housing needs are broken down into the following factors:
  - a. Five income categories
  - b. Household size
  - c. Thirteen priority population groups (there is a lot of intersectionalities among the groups)
  - d. Trends in supply of affordable housing over time
  - e. Population projections over time
- iv. The first phase of the needs assessment (Fall 2021) was reviewing the city-wide assessment and quantitative data. What information exists that is available through Statistics Canada and CMHC? Phase 2, conducted 50 interviews with community organizations who work within the housing sector and work directly with individuals listed in the priority population groups. Focusing on developing a better understanding of the needs of those priority population groups.
- v. Currently in phase 3, which is interviewing individuals and their lived experience narrative/story interviews. The Housing Sector is working with two consultants. This phase should be completed in July 2022. The Needs Assessment will be presented to Council at the end of September 2022.
- vi. The AAC will work with the Housing Sector on consistency of definitions (i.e. accessible/visitable/barrier free/universal design).

#### 6. City Council update

- i. The 102 Avenue pedestrian pilot has opened for the 2022 summer (between 99 and 103 street). City Council encourages AAC members to check it out.
- ii. River Valley planning and modernization (Ribbon of Green and River Valley RVP) has been active on social media between conservationists and mountain bikers.

A. Szafranski will add 102 Ave pedestrian pilot to the CE agenda.

- iii. LRT testing occurred at the Millwoods Town Centre for AAC members and the public. The City Council is looking to see suggestions to be incorporated for TransEd.
- iv. Recently, City Council passed some higher level motions on rental license providers (advocacy on renter rights).

**7. Chair update**

- i. A. Szafranski and T. LaRiviere met with End Poverty Edmonton to discuss alliances and how the AAC and EPE can work together (i.e. housing).
- ii. T. LaRiviere, H. Craig, S. Klassen, P. Kocon and H. Quan (from CoE housing) met the 'Shovel Ready Group' (Non Profit Housing Providers) to discuss accessible housing concerns in Edmonton. Possibly explore federal, provincial and municipal legislation around accessible housing. A working group could be developed.
- iii. T. LaRiviere spoke at the Community and Public Services Committee Council meeting on the Community Safety and Well-Being strategy framework.
- iv. Councillor Tang and T. LaRiviere met with the coordinators of the Calgary Scope Society and the Alberta Disability Workers Association to discuss strategies on how to support the campaign of increasing disability support workers rate of pay.

Z. Weeks will draft a letter for the AAC to support the campaign.

**8. Old Business**

**9. New Business**

- 1) Administration update
  - i. C. Bobong-Fon will be joining the Social Identity and Social Inclusion team as a new team lead.
- 2) Governance review - City Clerk's Office
  - i. A Governance review will be done by Q4 2022. The City Clerk's Office will be interviewing Chairs/Vice Chairs in July/Aug. They will review governance structure, accountability, terms of reference, policy development and how committees report back to council, etc.
- 3) Violence and Disability Community
  - i. Community members have been approaching M. Vautour with reports of abusive situations from their cohabitants/roommates within their homes. M. Vautour is asking if these members receive help? When they go to report these concerns, the issues get brushed aside due to their disabilities.
  - ii. Meeting at the end of June (virtual meeting). M. Vautour to send more information.

**10. Administrative/Executive Update**

<p>1) Summer meetings</p> <p><b>11. Other Committee Work</b></p> <p>1) Intake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. An Intake meeting for Click and Push was booked for June 21 from 4:45 to 5:45 pm. Administration will send out information prior to the meeting.</li> </ul> <p>2) Policy Review update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Vehicle for Hire committee met to discuss the progress of the work plan for 2022/2023. It focused on the upcoming mandatory training within the bylaw/training provisions. VFH stated that there is a proposal from a group of taxi drivers saying they are struggling to make a working wage and looking at different options on how to support drivers. AAC members suggested that if the CoE is providing funding, they should be able to ask for improvements on accessibility.</li> <li>ii. The CoE Housing Section is looking at how they can use the granting process to drive accessibility. AAC members met with the 'Shovel Ready Group' which is a group of non-profit housing providers. They were transparent on their shortcomings and how they market accessible suites and houses that are available.</li> </ul> <p>3) Community Engagement update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. CE is currently working with Parodos on bolstering the AAC's social media presence. Initially it is working out well. CE has agreed to provide extra funding for boosting posts.</li> <li>ii. Encouraging all AAC members to follow AAC on social media and share any interesting ideas to post on social media. Ideas can be sent to A. Szafranski.</li> <li>iii. Next month is Disability Pride month and CE members will promote this with Instagram stickers that Z. Weeks created.</li> <li>iv. CE is looking to create simple videos of interviewing members of the community on topics of disability.</li> <li>v. CE is drafting a letter to support the advocacy work of Alberta disability workers association.</li> <li>vi. CE is planning to present on accessibility to the Edmonton foundation of community leagues in June.</li> <li>vii. Brainstorming ways that the AAC can be more intentional about the intersections of disability and indigeneity beyond land acknowledgements.</li> </ul> <p><b>12. AAC Calendar</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. CoE Housing Section at CPSC June 27, 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Needs assessment will be presented at the Community and Public Services Committee on June 27, 2022.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Administration to send out a doodle poll for summer meetings.</p>
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- ii. VFH Bylaw goes to Council on June 20, 2022.
- iii. The next phase of the Snow and Ice Report will go to Council on June 27th.
- iv. [Lunch&Learn Supporting Newcomers with Disabilities](#)

**13. Round Table/Social Media**

**14. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

**Next Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be TBD.**