

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Edmonton

Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2025
5:00 pm
Edmonton Tower
3rd Floor
Meeting Area
10111 104 Ave NW

Youtube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/@accessibilityadvisorycommi9809/streams>

Google meeting Link: meet.google.com/bhe-mbde-ayb

Invited Attendees

Attendees: David Achuroa, Dana Antaya-Moore, Carleen Brenneis, Marie Dancsok, Dreena Davis, Karima Ewig, Tyson Joyce, Tonia LaRiviere, Stephannie Leach, Sam Mason, Daniel Purcell, Douglas Rudolph, Zachary Weeks, Kimberly Wood

Regrets: Katie Thomas

Guests: Adrian Benoit (Architect - GEC Architecture), Scott Ashe, Douglas Sernecky, Bruce Johnston, Heather Craig, Yogi Subramonian, Victoria Unruh, Sean Buchanon

City Admin: Carissa Lamoureux

1.0 Introductions and Welcome

2.0 Review	
2.1 Agenda Review/Approval	Call to order at 5:10 pm MOTION: C. Brenneis motions to approve the October 15, 2025 Agenda Carried (U)
2.2 Review/Approval of Previous Minutes	MOTION: D. Davis motions to approve the September 8, 2025 meeting minutes Carried (U)
2.3 Indigenous Land Acknowledgement	Tabled

3.0 Presentations	
3.1 Rapid Housing presentation	- Different social agencies run each different project. Holyrod is being run by Homeward Trust. Requests for proposals will be open in the next 3 to 4 months. - Received feedback that washrooms would be more beneficial for all if it was zero entry.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Studio apartments work better for those who were formerly houseless as they did not utilize separate rooms. - Learnings with Indigenous groups resulted, instead of moving quickly to solve problems, consultations will allow for a more thorough result in planning. - There will be a post occupancy consultation to see how the lighting worked for them. Should see how the lighting works at night time for those who are low vision. - Send further questions to Administration to pass on. <p>ACTION: AAC would request a tour of one of the projects before clients move in.</p>
3.2 Access Design Guide presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reviewed the feedback that was provided previously as part of the policy update and lessons learned through the City's accessibility work in the past four years and also through the projects that are being worked on. - There have been updates to the minimum requirements from the 2023 Alberta code and want to ensure that the Access Design guide is above and beyond building code. <p>ASK: Looking for feedback on the updated version of the guide and for AAC members to answer guided questions from the presentation.</p> <p>ACTION: Send further feedback to Administration to pass on.</p>

4.0 Standing Items	
4.1 Election reminder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reminder to exercise your right to vote on October 20, 2025. - Voting stations can be found at this link due to the Canada Post strike.
4.2 Chair Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AAC members attended the Disability Employment Awareness Month Connect event put on by Goodwill. - Reminder to those to fill out their letters of intent due October 26,

	<p>2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recruitment has a shortened timeframe (first two - three weeks in January). The shortlisting will happen in early February and interviews in March. - Current AAC workplan will be in place until summer 2026.
4.4 Policy Subcommittee Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion around writing a welcome letter to introduce AAC to the new Council.
4.5 Community Engagement Subcommittee Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The candidate forum was canceled. - Posting online for social media.
4.6 Administration Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - City Administration Information update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Governance framework still underway. - Current AAC Budget update: \$13,421 left \$31,079 as of end of September - Transportation is provided for all AAC meetings and if attending events as an AAC member - Request from Norquest / VAD (more information TBD) for IDPD. Administration will send information to Executive for consideration. - Working with Diffabilities to create a contract for social media.
4.7 ETSAB Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feedback session - ETSAB and Edmonton Association for the Deaf (EAD) - Walk-through at ETS transit stations (black-yellow colour scheme) - Miscellaneous inquiries - DATS update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Move the ETSAB update after the Rapid Housing presentation. - Transit is looking into the future of accessibility of transit centres. - Will follow up on uneven surfaces in transit centres. - Put forward the idea of different colours for mobility levels on arc cards. - Will undertake a project with AAC members to review curb cut colours with those who are low vision. - Possibility of a presentation from the DATS Service Manager.
	Adjournment 7:26 pm

6.0 Upcoming Items

1. October 20, 2025 - Municipal Election

Next Meetings

Date: November 10, 2025

Time 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Location Edmonton Tower