

December 19, 2023  
5:30-8:00pm

Attendees
<p><b>Present:</b> Areezah, Echo, Rhiannon, Jaycee, Maria, Allison, Santana, Olubusola, Thy, Anita, Jacqueline  <b>COE:</b> Christine, Autumn, Sharon, Councillor Wright  <b>Parados:</b> Marliss, Randy  <b>Regrets:</b> Julianne, Del, Nadia, Kirat, Councillor Rutherford  <b>Leave of Absence:</b> Tiwa</p>

1.0 Introductions and Welcome	TIME / LENGTH
1.1 Co-Chairs	5:30-5:40pm

2.0 Land Acknowledgement	TIME / LENGTH
2.1 Echo	5:40-5:45pm

3.0 Review	TIME / LENGTH
3.1 Agenda Review Approval Rhiannon motions to approve the December 2023 Agenda. Seconded by Thy. Motion carries.	5:45pm
3.2 <a href="#">Approval of Previous Minutes</a> Anita motions to approve the November 2023 Minutes. Seconded by Santana. Motion carries.	5:45pm

4.0 Councillor Advisors	TIME / LENGTH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 4.1 Council Updates</li> <li>● Tax increase 6.6 percent yet to be confirmed in April.</li> <li>● Last week EPS made an announcement of encampment clearing. Our concern is how appropriate are the spaces houseless people are being moved to? There are plans to have a</li> </ul>	5:45-6:00pm

<p>women's only space.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Places bylaw (i.e. firework, loitering) special hearing on February 2nd. WAVE could come and speak, someone with lived experience, experience in public safety, queer youth experience.</li> <li>• Fire Services to supplement the EMS service is a motion Councillor put forward with the concern of whether or not the City is being properly compensated by the province.</li> <li>• C. Rutherford put a motion about E-scooters and E-bikes sometime in May.</li> <li>• We will get more information on affordable housing and Indigenous Housing Grants.</li> <li>• Audit Committee in March on equitable recreational program such as women only swim times at recreation centres.</li> <li>• Jan 20 strategic planning day will talk about different priorities of Council.</li> <li>• Subcommittees for WAVE will be addressed in WAVE's Annual and work plan report in March.</li> <li>• Affordable housing report is on Jan 15 to City Council</li> <li>• Recommend when WAVE sends correspondence to Council add main points from report in letter</li> <li>• Links in letters are good to include in letters and correspondence that WAVE sends to City Council.</li> </ul>	
<p>4.2 Q&amp;As</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affordable Housing Strategy on January 15th.</li> <li>• Public Spaces Bylaw will be dealing with loitering, fireworks, transit safety.</li> <li>• Anecdotal evidence will be more useful to present to Council regarding the Public Spaces Bylaw and safety from the perspective of gender diversity.</li> </ul>	6:00-6:10pm

<b>5.0 Updates</b>	<b>TIME / LENGTH</b>
<p>5.1 Co-Chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter from WAVE to City Council regarding concerns about women and safety in public spaces.</li> <li>• Membership Evaluations.</li> <li>• WAVE chat.</li> <li>• Recap of some of the great work WAVE has done in 2023.</li> </ul>	6:10-6:20pm

<p>5.2 Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strategic Planning Date is on Sat, Jan 20, 2024 from 10am-4/4:30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Working with Y-Station to facilitate the discussions.</li> <li>○ Will be sending out survey by Friday or just after the holidays to gather perspectives from Committee members.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Indigenous teaching on Allyship with Bent Arrow is on Sat, Feb 10, 2024.</li> <li>● Autumn last meeting with WAVE.</li> </ul>	6:20-6:25pm
<p>5.3 Parodos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Social media stats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Instagram followers have doubled.</li> <li>○ Averaging 9000 per month.</li> <li>○ 13,000 on Facebook.</li> <li>○ 5000 followers on Twitter.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	6:25-6:30pm
<p>5.3 Q&amp;A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What will be happening with Parodos and our Social Media next year? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Parodos' contract ends on Dec 31 and they are waiting to hear back on whether their contract will be renewed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	6:30-6:35pm

6.0 Indigenous Learning Moment	TIME / LENGTH
<p>6.1 In small groups, we will be sharing ways we're each living and breathing ReconciliAction. You can share something new you have learned, a course you've taken, or an indigenous program or business you're supporting. The idea behind sharing in small groups is to create momentum and inspiration amongst our group to take ReconciliAction. Take everything you've heard today to keep the momentum going to generate more and new ideas for ReconciliAction</p>	6:35-6:45pm

7.0 Discussion	TIME / LENGTH
<p>7.1 Washrooms in public spaces:  <a href="https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/public-washrooms">https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/public-washrooms</a></p>	6:45-6:55pm

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christine will look into inviting the project manager who works on the City of Edmonton’s public washroom strategy to share more about the survey and work on this strategy.</li> </ul>	
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8.0 Subcommittee Updates	TIME / LENGTH
8.1 Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The last Equity in Motion had a turnout of 75+ people.</li> <li>Next episode of Equity in Motion (Profit and Non-Profit Sectors) is coming together at the YWCA on Jan 31.</li> </ul>	6:55-7:00pm
8.2 Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drafted a letter on transit safety.</li> </ul>	7:00-7:05pm
8.3 Reconciliation and Allyship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Looking at what the subcommittee will look like in the future.</li> <li>Having quarterly check-ins with the Indigenous Relations Office with the City of Calgary to better understand and help with the work they’re focusing on.</li> <li>Will be continuing the allyship training through Bent Arrow.</li> </ul>	7:05-7:10pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Next Meetings in 2024		
Date	Time	Location
January 16, February 20, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18	5:30-8:00pm	Heritage Room, City Hall