City of Edmonton Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) Meeting Minutes July 12, 2021

Google Meet 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Present:K. BoydC. BrenneisC. JonesS. KlassenP. KoconT. LaRiviere

J. Pisesky P. Reeves M. Vatour

Z. Weeks

Regrets: S. Amer J. Caza C. Lamoureux

I. Stefaniuk-Gaudet N. Sunderji T. Rice

Staff: M. Chow H. Craig A. Szafranski

Notes	<u> </u>	Action
1.	Call to order	
	At 4:35 pm	
2.	Approval of agenda	
	Agenda of June 14, 2021 with amendments	
	Moved by P. Kocon	Carried
3.	Approval of minutes	
	Minutes of June 14, 2021	
	Moved by S. Klassen	Carried
4.	City Council update 1) Snow and Ice Policy i. The Snow and Ice Policy is being presented to Council on June 30. The report will be available online on Thursday	
5.	Old Business 1) Public Spaces Bylaw i. No update yet.	
6.	New Business 1) Parados Strategic Session i. A meeting has been scheduled on August 17, 2021 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in lieu of AAC regularly scheduled meetings.	A. Szafranski to send out an email for AAC

ii. At this planning meeting, AAC members will consider content creation: AAC tone, community building, engagement and interactions.

members to think about value statements and Parados report.

2) Remuneration update

- City Council has approved remuneration and expenses for Agencies, Boards and Commissions (ABC's).
- ii. The report was high level and the City Clerk's Office will be working on the procedures portion of the document and will return to Council in late August with the first draft. It may or may not be approved at that time. If it is not approved, then it will go back to Council after the election. No date has been determined yet.
- iii. No direction has been set on how remuneration will be paid out, the details need to be determined.
- iv. The City of Edmonton Policy C575D on ABC's will be updated on the COE website this week.
- 3) Engagement with the Community
 - i. AAC members are wondering how to connect with the missing "voices" within the disability lens.

Move to Community Engagement for further discussions.

- 4) Event Accessibility: Imagine VanGogh (letter/events guide)
 - The Imagine VanGogh exhibit is missing some accessibility features, such as seating for those who are unable to stand for long periods of time.
 - ii. T. LaRiviere contacted the exhibit and they reported back that seating was not considered due to COVID and social distancing, but did not consider the accessibility implications.
- C. Jones to begin to write a letter to exhibit organizers to request seating.
 - iii. H. Craig had a meeting with COE Events organizers on how we can encourage non city operated organizers to consider accessibility in their planning. COE events staff will promote the AAC Events guide and AAC checklist to event organizers. In future years, COE will look at requesting an accessibility plan for festivals/events to be submitted with their applications.

7. Administrative/Executive Update

- 1) AAC Code of Conduct draft
 - The City Clerk's Office is working on creating a Code of Conduct document for all ABC's to follow.
 - ii. AAC and Administration are creating a more tailored Code of Conduct for AAC members. The communication 'values exercise' will help inform this process.
- 2) SII Director sharing

Move to the September AAC meeting.

- The Social Identity and Social Inclusion section is getting two new team leads. One will be on Social Equity and Gender and will assist AAC Administration in the future.
- ii. A. Corbould, City Manager, is meeting with various ABC's and sharing his perspective on his vision and priorities (i.e. Affordable housing, homelessness and inclusion).

8. Other Committee Work

- 1) Intake update
 - Two requests have come through for Intake: Ribbon of Green and Parking services (automated parking management and accessible placard in-take program).
 - ii. Administration will book an Intake meeting in September.
- 2) Policy Review update
 - i. Policy members reviewed the AAC Checklist for updates to align with the COE's Access Design guide.
 - ii. Policy will break over August and return in September.
- 3) Community Engagement update
 - CE was unable to meet quorum due to low member attendance and requests members to provide notice if you are unable to attend the meetings.
 - ii. Reviewed the Parados quote and provided some direction to the planning session in August.
 - iii. Elections accessibility update Administration left the meeting for AAC members to continue to discuss.

9. AAC Calendar

10. Round Table/Social Media

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

Next Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on September 13, 2021.