

Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) - Appointment and Reappointment Recommendations

Members	Appointment Term*
<u>Appointment (2)</u> Karima Ewig Samantha Mason	May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024 May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024
<u>Reappointments (13)</u> David Achuroa Dana Antaya-Moore Bobbi Belsek Carleen Brenneis Marie Dancsok Patricia Kocon Tonia LaRiviere Douglas Rudolph Patrycia Rzechowka Cynthia Sneddon Ilara Stefaniuk-Gaudet Marcy Vautour Zachary Weeks	May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024 May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024 May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024 May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024 May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024 May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024 May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024 May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024 May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024 May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024 May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024 May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024 May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024

Here is a brief public introduction as provided by the appointees:

Karima Ewig

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Karima is a Residential Coordinator at Excel Society. She was born in Alberta, but raised in Toronto. Karima brings nine years of education and over fifteen years of experience in the field of disabilities. Karima's advocacy stems from her lived experience with epilepsy and challenging the stigma around it.

Karima has had the opportunity to partake in many awareness campaigns for epilepsy. She currently is the Chair of the Board of Directors for Epilepsy York Region in Ontario. Karima has served as a member in the past for the National Youth Forum in Ottawa to promote an Accessible Canada, Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee and many different National campaigns promoting epilepsy awareness.

Karima moved back to her home province in 2020, for new opportunities of growth. She found herself quickly purchasing a home, and has now turned it into a support home, where she supports two individuals on a daily basis with community

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participation and integration. When Karima is not at work, she is exploring the City of Edmonton and finding new avenues to gain involvement in the disability community.

Samantha (Sam) Mason

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Sam Mason (they/she) was born and raised in Edmonton (amiskwacîwâskahikan). They have been the Accessibility Coordinator at Voice of Albertans with Disabilities since 2018 and in that position have done accessibility audits of many Edmonton landmarks and built relationships with many citizens that are committed to accessibility.

Graduating from MacEwan University in 2015 with a Bachelor of Commerce, Sam has brought their skills in marketing, economics and sociology to the non-profit sector as she has always been passionate about improving the lives of others. Sam believes every business, industry and service can be improved when there is a focus on accessibility.

Sam is the current chair for the Coalition for Justice and Human Rights where they continue to push for equality and justice for all people. Sam is increasingly engaged in anti-poverty work and advocating for both accessible and affordable housing. They believe in the principles of harm reduction and intersectionality and practice meeting people where they are at and understanding that everyone's experiences differ.