

Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) | 2024 Work Plan

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Mandate of Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)

The mandate of AAC will be to provide advice and recommendations to Council about facilities and other infrastructure, programs, services, activities and policies, for the purpose of improving the City's liveability, inclusiveness and accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

AAC Goals for 2024

- 1. Goal 1: Transportation
- 2. Goal 2: Housing
- 3. Goal 3: Policy C602
- 4. Goal 4: Community Engagement

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Goals	Timeline	Action Items	Expected Outcomes	Partners/ Stakeholders
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TRANSPORTATION: "To support a mobility system that provides different ways to move around the City and that evolves as the City evolves."	On going	Vehicle for Hire: Policy Sub Committee to receive a minimum of two updates per year from VFH and speak at Council Committee to the VFH Annual Report as determined necessary.	Two Vehicle for Hire engagements/updates are completed. Review the Annual VFH Workplan and updates. Long term = sustainable model for VFH that improves the	Vehicle for Hire Staff
		Public Transit: Continue to engage on issues related to persons with disabilities within the Edmonton Transit System, buses, LRT, DATS, On Demand Transit. Action: Policy sub Committee to monitor public feedback and bring forward as required Action: Maintain a strong connection to the ETSAB Board. Action: Maintain a strong connection to DATS Advisory Group.	lives of those seeking accessible transportation. Administration continues to be engaged and responsive to transportation issues and concerns brought forward through AAC. Public transportation continues to improve access for people with disabilities.	Accessibility Coordinator in ETS ETSAB advisory rep. DAG Advisory Group
		Accessible Parking: To continue to track data on accessible parking placard and parking violation trends in Edmonton.	Misuse of accessible parking decreases.	Community Standards/Service Alberta

		Action: Community Engagement Committee to run at least one accessible parking campaign per year. Snow and Ice Control: To continue to monitor snow and ice control as it relates to the AAC 5 priority areas. Action: Engage in the proposed Assisted Snow Removal Pilot. Action: Receive regular updates on Snow and Ice control similar to BIA's.	Annual data collected from CoE Bylaw Enforcement and Service Alberta. Monitor year over years trends. Follow the Pilot Project report due spring 2024 Connect with City Operations to receive information reporting. Barriers dues to snow and ice continue to be reduced for people with disabilities.	Snow and Ice Control Operations Community Standards
ACCESSIBLE HOUSING: "Nobody is in core housing need."	On going	The AAC will continue to advise City Council to be a municipal leader and leverage that leadership to promote accessible housing, through zoning; tax grants; resources, education;	AAC Policy Sub Committee develops a strategy to continue to advocate for accessible housing. Monitor and act on	Affordable Housing Section Task Force on Housing Zoning

		legislation; centralized site matching supply and demand; breaking down barriers to new ideas and understandings. Action: Policy Sub Committee to develop a strategy and action items to continue to advance accessible housing.	opportunities. Long term = nobody is in core housing need.	Barrier Free Alberta Premier's Council for People with Disabilities
POLICY C602: Corporate Accessibility Policy & Corporate Actions To create a culture of acceptance and inclusion to enable full participation of Edmontonians.	On going/ 2024 will be the renewal of Corporate Actions for the next 3 years.	Action: AAC will work with administration to continue to have regularly scheduled presentations, updates and engagement around the implementation of Policy C602. Action: To seek opportunities to work with City Administration on public engagement opportunities to inform the 2025 - 2028 Corporate Actions for Policy C602.	Semi annual meetings with City Staff providing updates on Policy C602 complete Actively engage in the development of C602 Corporate Actions as presented from City Administration.	Corporate Accessibility Committee and associated staff.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: To intentionally interact with members of the disability community through partnerships; listening to individuals and through research communities.	On going	Action: Community Engagement Sub-Committee is to develop an annual plan to formally connect with at least four disability serving organizations. Priority given to groups not represented through the AAC Membership. Action: To send quarterly emails to the AAC contact list. Action: Seek information on how to reach those that are hard to reach in the disability community. Action: To recognise Edmontonians who contribute to the betterment of people with disabilities through established award programs. Action: Community Engagement Sub Committee develops and approves a monthly Social Media Theme calendar for implementation through a third party vendor. Action: Community Engagement Sub Committee to choose and develop a minimum of two Social Media Campaigns, which may include, but not limited to accessible	Maintain and grow the AAC social media audience through increased following and engagement. Complete 2 nominations to the Premier's Awards. Complete a minimum of 4 engagements with disability serving organizations. Complete 4 direct communications with disability serving organizations.	Third party social media support. Members of the public that choose to engage through social media. Stakeholders and community groups that are on a curated list of contacts.
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housing; accessible parking; snow and ice control; Vehicle for Hire to name a few. Action: Community Engagement to continue to monitor the engagement, reach, comments and issues raised through the AAC Social Media Accounts. Action: To make one Social Media post per month on a topic related to something on City Council Agenda.		
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Sub-Committees for Council's Consideration

Row	Name of the Sub-Committee	Rationale	Composition of the Sub-Committee
1	Policy Review Subcommittee	The Policy Review Subcommittee is necessary to support Goal 1,2,3 by being the initiate review of many policy areas and bringing forward recommendations to the full AAC Membership. AAC Main meetings have rarely had time for generative conversations, and the ability to be a 'working meeting'. City administration has historically supported this subcommittee and our	AAC Members through the recruitment profile indicate that members are expected to sit on one of two sub committees. Approximately ½ the AAC Membership will sit on the Policy

		expectation is that this will continue.	Review Subcommittee. Guests and subject matter experts may be brought in from time to time as necessary.
2	Community Engagement Sub Committee	The Community Engagement Sub Committee will be used to support Goal #4 and actively engage with members of the community; organizations and research entities that support people with disabilities. The AAC plan has multiple actions related to engagement including inviting groups to present at Community Engagement; corresponding regularly with the community and planning and engaging in two way dialogue through social media accounts. AAC Main meetings have rarely had time for generative conversations, and the ability to be a 'working meeting'. City administration has historically supported this subcommittee and our expectation is that this will continue.	AAC Members through the recruitment profile indicate that members are expected to sit on one of two sub committees. Approximately ½ the AAC Membership will sit on the Community Engagement Subcommittee. Subject matter experts may be brought in from time to time as deemed necessary.