

**Accessibility Advisory Committee - 2025 Work Plan**

**Mandate**

The mandate of AAC is 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 2025**

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

**Work Plan**

| <b>Goals</b> | <b>Timeline</b> | <b>Action Items</b> | <b>Expected Outcomes</b> | <b>Partners/<br/>Stakeholders</b> |
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| <p><b>Goal 1:<br/>TRANSPORTATION:</b><br/>To support a mobility system that provides different ways to move around the City and that evolves as the City evolves.</p> | <p>Ongoing</p> | <p><b><u>Public Transit:</u></b><br/>Continue to engage on issues related to persons with disabilities within the Edmonton Transit System, buses, LRT/LRV, DATS, On Demand Transit.<br/><b><i>Action:</i></b> <i>To invite ETS to the AAC to discuss the initiative to change paint colors at transit centres to blue.</i><br/><b><i>Action:</i></b> <i>Follow the admin response to the DATS Audit.</i><br/><b><i>Action:</i></b> <i>Follow the Arc Card roll out and response in the disability community.</i><br/><b><u>Vehicle for Hire:</u></b><br/>Follow the advancements of the Vehicle for Hire Workplan, particularly the 2025 Fee and Fare Review Project; enforcement data.<br/><b><i>Action:</i></b> <i>Invite Vehicle</i></p> | <p>Administration continues to be engaged and responsive to transportation issues and concerns brought forward through the AAC. Public transportation continues to improve access for people with disabilities.</p> <p>Long term goal of a sustainable model for Vehicle for Hire that improves the lives of those seeking accessible transportation.</p> | <p>Edmonton Transit Service Advisory Board<br/>DATS Advisory Group<br/>ETS Administration</p> <p>Vehicle for Hire Staff</p> |
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|  |  | <p><i>for Hire staff to AAC Meeting for update Q1.</i></p> <p><b><u>Accessible Parking:</u></b><br/>To continue to track data on accessible parking placards and parking violation trends in Edmonton.<br/><b>Action:</b> <i>Explore opportunities to promote awareness of accessible parking bylaws.</i><br/><b>Action:</b> <i>Continue to follow changes in the E-Park App System related to accessible parking.</i></p> <p><b><u>Snow and Ice Control:</u></b> To continue to monitor snow and ice control as it relates to the AAC 5 priority areas.<br/><b>Action:</b> <i>Follow the recommendations coming from the Assisted Snow Removal</i></p> | <p>There is a decrease in the misuse of accessible parking stalls through education and enforcement.</p> <p>Snow and ice control measures continue to improve so that barriers are reduced for people with disabilities during winter seasons. Assisted Snow Removal Program decreases the number</p> | <p>Community Standards/Service Alberta</p> <p>Parks and Road Operations</p> <p>Community Standards</p> |
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|   |                | <p><i>Pilot.</i></p> <p><b><u>Complete Streets:</u></b><br/>                 There will be a Complete Streets Policy update in June 2025. As well, Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards are being updated.</p> <p><b><i>Action:</i></b> <i>Policy Lead to present at the AAC Main Meeting prior to June 2025.</i></p> | <p>of enforcement actions, and improves sidewalk clearing.</p> <p>To be informed and provide any feedback to the policy and construction standards proposed.</p> | <p>Integrated Infrastructure Services Section - Project Lead</p>  |
| <p><b>Goal 2: ACCESSIBLE HOUSING:</b> Nobody is in core housing need.</p> | <p>Ongoing</p> | <p>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, legislation, centralized site matching supply</p>  | <p>AAC will continue to advocate for accessible housing throughout the housing spectrum.</p>   | <p>Affordable Housing and Homelessness Section</p> <p>Housing Action Team</p> <p>Mayors Task Force on Housing</p> <p>Zoning</p> |

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|  |   | <p>and demand; breaking down barriers to new ideas and understandings.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> <i>Learn and participate in the renewal of Policy C601: Affordable Housing</i></p> <p><b>Action:</b> <i>Review and promote the Accessible Housing Guidebook.</i></p> <p><b>Action:</b> <i>To continue to look for ways to be part of the housing conversation.</i></p> |  | <p>Barrier Free Alberta</p> <p>Premiers Council for People with Disabilities</p> |
| <p><b>Goal 3: POLICY C602:</b> Accessibility for People with Disabilities. Policy and Corporate Actions.</p> | <p>2024/25 will be the renewal of the Policy, Corporate Actions for the next 4 years.</p> | <p>To create a culture of acceptance and inclusion to enable full participation of Edmontonians.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> <i>Members of the C602 team will come to an AAC meeting to share and validate the planned corporate actions.</i></p> <p><b>Action:</b> <i>Policy C602 is presented to Council in May 2025. Provide</i></p>                                   | <p>Actively engage in the development of Policy C602, and the accompanying Corporate Action Plan to ensure that City of Edmonton Policies, Programs and Infrastructure are accessible.</p> | <p>Corporate Accessibility Committee and associated staff</p>                    |

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|   |         | <i>support either by letter or in person to the Council.</i>   |  |  |
| <p><b>Goal 4: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:</b> To intentionally interact with members of the disability community through partnerships; listening to individuals and through research communities.</p> | Ongoing | <p><b>Action:</b> <i>To maintain one Social Media Channel. Facebook has proven to have the best audience for the disability community.</i></p> <p><b>Action:</b> <i>AAC members are to attend two community events during 2025 representing the AAC.</i></p> <p><b>Action:</b> <i>To continue to invite disability serving organizations to the Community Engagement subcommittee meetings to have informal conversations.</i></p> <p><b>Action:</b> <i>To promote the City of Edmonton Service Dogs Standards when publicly available.</i></p> <p><b>Action:</b> <i>To host an online all candidates forum to provide</i></p> | <p>Provide strategic information to the disability community and receive feedback from the broader community. Each member participates and shares the work of the AAC in the larger community. Build relationships in the community and share the work of the AAC. Hear about triumphs and challenges in the community.</p> <p>To ensure that elected officials (and candidates) are</p> | <p>Third Party Service Provider</p> <p>AAC Members</p> <p>AAC Community Engagement Sub Committee</p> |

**Attachment 3**

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|  |  | <i>candidates with information about issues facing the disability community in Edmonton.</i> | informed and connected to disability matters and the AAC. |  |
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## Sub-Committees for Council's Consideration

|   | <b>Name of the Sub-Committee</b>  | <b>Rationale</b><br><i>Why is this sub-committee required? What are the action items the sub-committee will be doing? What resources are required from the City of Edmonton/ Administration to run the sub-committee? Provide any other details regarding the need for the sub-committee.</i>  | <b>Composition of the Sub-Committee</b><br><i>Will the sub-committee membership include non-members (YES/NO)?<br/>If non-committee members will be on the sub-committee, include rationale as to what specialized expertise they will provide to the sub-committee. How many committee members will be on the sub-committee?</i> |
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| 1 | Policy review Subcommittee        | The Policy Subcommittee is necessary to support Goal 1,2,3 by being the initial review of many policy areas and bringing forward recommendations to the full AAC Membership. AAC Main meetings have rarely had time for full 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 an expectation to sit on one of the two subcommittees. Approximately ½ the AAC Membership will sit on the Policy Subcommittee.  |
| 2 | Community Engagement Subcommittee | 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.   | AAC Members through the recruitment profile indicate an expectation to sit on one of the two subcommittees.  |



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|  |  | <p>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. 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.</p> | <p>Approximately ½ the AAC Membership will sit on the Community Engagement Subcommittee.</p> |
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