



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT **2019/2020**

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A MESSAGE FROM HIS WORSHIP, MAYOR DON IVESON

We are at a crucial point in Edmonton's history. We are becoming a big city of over a million people while also preparing for one million more with the development of the new City Plan. This plan is about our spaces and places and how people move around the city. It addresses what we need to do together to adapt and succeed in the coming decades. As our city continues to expand and evolve, and as we prepare to welcome another one million people, we need to ensure people of all abilities are part of our success.

Now, more than ever, it is crucial that we have strong city-building voices such as the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC). The AAC has been an important partner in developing the City Plan, providing advice that helps to ensure Edmontonians of all abilities are represented at the decision-making table. The AAC is critical to our ability to proactively address any issues, needs and services related to all persons with disabilities.

Thank you to the members of the AAC for another great year of work and for your unwavering dedication to building a safe, barrier-free city. These efforts help to improve livability for those living and working with disabilities, and make Edmonton a better and more vibrant place to live.

Yours truly

Don Iveson
Mayor





REPORT FROM THE CHAIR, JASON PISESKY

As Chair of our AAC, I am proud to report the many accomplishments that our dedicated and diverse members have achieved in the past two years.

Since joining the AAC as our official City Council liaison, City Councillor Andrew Knack has been a valuable component of the AAC. He has provided guidance on upcoming discussions and reports going before City Council which may affect citizens with disabilities. He also provides guidance on how best to tackle certain issues and topics. He has been vocal in motivating us to appear before City Council. Our hope is to continue to grow this relationship in the coming months and years. In particular, Councillor Knack was instrumental in allowing the AAC to operate during the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic. He served the administrative function that was left empty when City Council voted to cease offering administrative support to boards and committees. He connected us with city administration and made sure we had the latest issues before us to consider and work on.

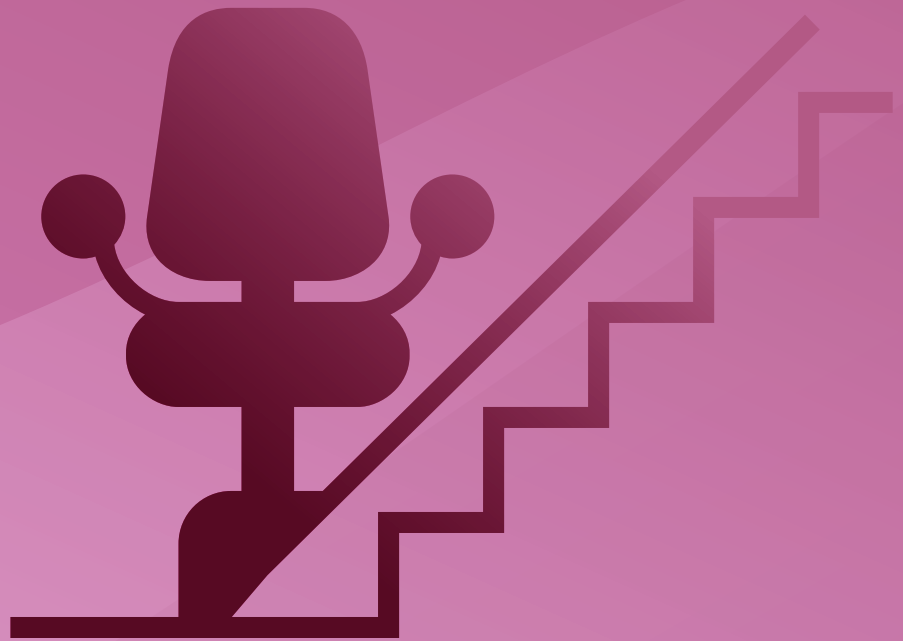
Over the past two years, we undertook many projects that helped to position Edmonton as a leader in accessibility and inclusivity. Our hardest challenge was staying focused, due to the large and diverse number of issues encountered by people with disabilities.

Even before the passage of Policy C602 "Accessibility for People with Disabilities", the AAC was noticing an increase in requests for our time. In light of the looming changes to the City's accessibility

policies (culminating with the passing of Policy C602 in fall 2019), one of the more recent big changes to the AAC has been the piloting of a new Subcommittee: the Intake Subcommittee.

The goal of this new subcommittee was to help filter requests and meet with interested stakeholders, to hear their issues and determine and define our relationship with them going forward. The Intake Subcommittee experiment was a success, as it allowed us to meet with many more people and it had the "inflow" of work go through a larger and more diverse set of members. I am happy to report that the Intake Subcommittee had moved from a pilot to an official Subcommittee and we hope it allows the AAC to meet the needs of disabled Edmontonians for years to come.

Outside of structural changes, our efforts have focused on a few key areas over the past two years. Policy C602 was a big focus throughout 2019. Going forward, we hope to be involved in the development of department planning to include accessibility, and we feel our new structure will allow us to be involved on an even greater number of projects than we have been in the past. In contrast, perhaps unsurprisingly, 2020 was dominated by the pandemic and its impact on disabled Edmontonians. Despite the fact that we lost administrative support in early 2020, the AAC decided to continue operating as best as possible, which allowed us to work on issues related to masks, reopening and service delivery.



Over the past two years the AAC has also put considerable time into transit issues in the city. collaborated with ETSAB and DATS on many issues, including: LRT trains, bus network redesign, Smart Pass, signage, accessible taxis, and DATS issues. Accessible housing has also been a focus of the AAC, with a pilot subcommittee being experimented with to network with City administration and stakeholders. The AAC's goal is to change the conversation from "affordable housing" alone, to "accessible and affordable housing".

The AAC put a lot of energy into hosting our second annual National Accessibility Awareness Week in 2019, which included accessible home tours, a presentation from Amazing Race Canada contestants Lowell and Julie Taylor, a performance by a Fringe alumna, Carlyn Rhamey, on what life is like with ADHD and the Mayor's Awards. It was a highlight of the year to have all of City Council attend the Mayor's Awards, even if only briefly, and to have Mayor Iveson say a few words at the event named in his honour.

At a meeting in late 2019 the AAC voted to move the Mayor's Awards to the Protocol Office, to be melded together with the City of Edmonton's Salute to Excellence and Youth Council awards into the Edmonton Awards. We will continue to work with the Protocol Office to ensure the accessibility piece of their event meets our high standards. We are excited about combining the accessibility awards with non-accessibility awards for a truly inclusive award event. Unfortunately, due to the covid-19 pandemic, the 2020 Edmonton Awards was cancelled. The state of the

event in 2021 is still undetermined. Hosting events to engage our communities is a big part of the AAC's role in Edmonton, but we were limited in this capacity in 2020. Going into 2021, we are trying to determine the best way to keep engaged and hit the ground running once restrictions are lifted in the future.

As Chair, I am proud and humbled at the rich perspective our members bring to our Committee work and how with each of them, their number one goal is to help ensure that the City of Edmonton becomes a place that excels at inclusion for all. I hope you enjoy learning more about the work our AAC has done by reading the following annual report for 2019 and 2020!



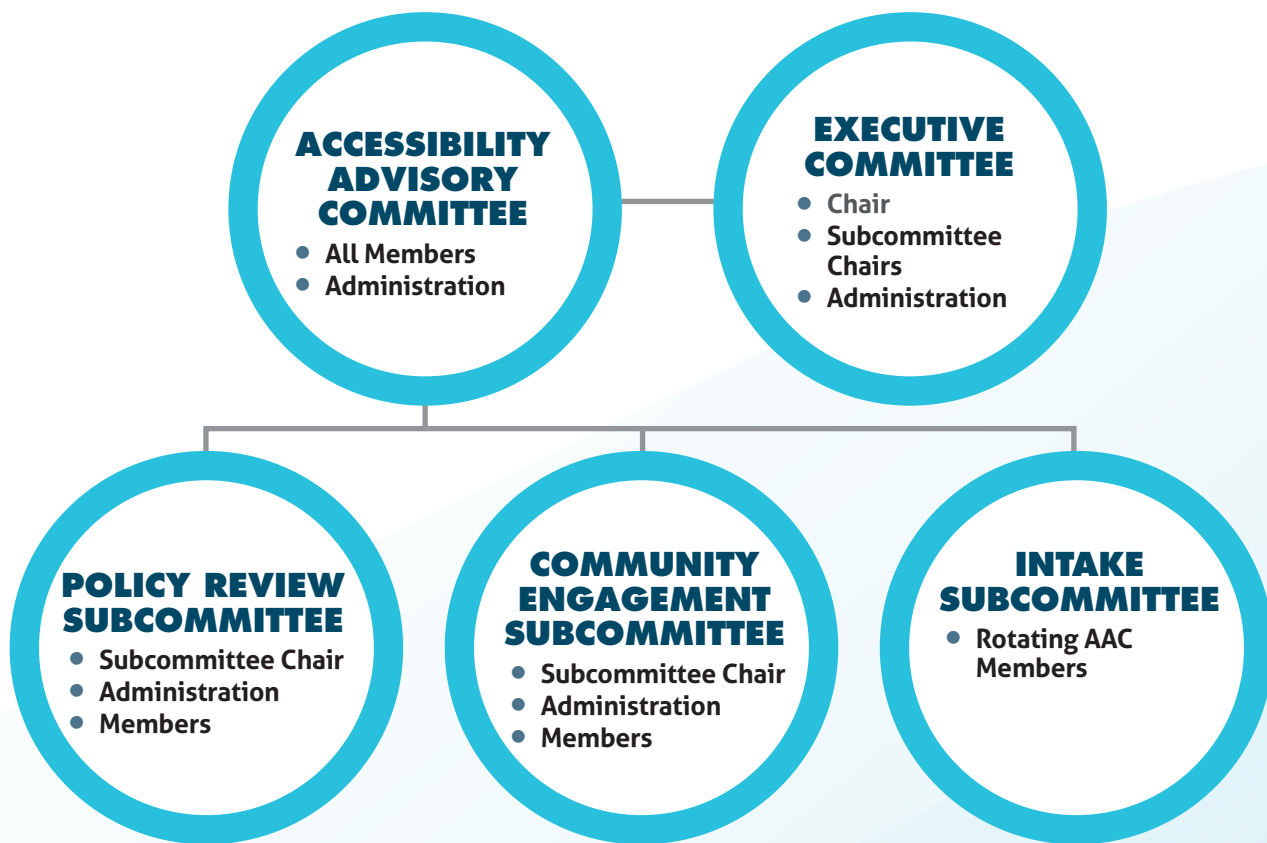
MANDATE AND ROLE OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

As an advisory body to Edmonton City Council, the AAC seeks to understand the unique accessibility and inclusivity needs of the Edmonton community, and how these needs relate to City Council's strategy and policy direction. The AAC undertakes a significant role in helping City Council address the manner in which its strategies and policies impact people with disabilities and provides advice on best practices for engaging Edmontonians with disabilities.

To undertake its mandate in the area of providing policy advice to City Council and City Administration, the AAC has identified the following as priority areas:

- 1. Advise** City Council and City Administration on policies, potential policies, or changes to existing policies that affect access and inclusion for persons with disabilities.
- 2. Participate in and support events** and opportunities that enhance overall awareness of inclusion and accessibility issues in Edmonton.
- 3. Engage** with broader communities of persons with disabilities in a meaningful way, and ensure that the AAC has the necessary information to undertake its advisory role.
- 4. Educate City Council, City Administration and the public** on issues and best practices around inclusion and accessibility.







2019 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Reappointments

- Janet Davies-Davis
- Jessica Ferguson
- Crystal Jones
- Tonia LaRiviere
- Rinita Mazumder
- Chris Minchau
- Mark Orbell
- Jason Pisesky
- Paige Reeves
- Vanessa Van
- Zachary Weeks

New Appointments

- Chitra Bakshi
- Kassi Boyd
- Sheri Klassen
- Tracey Rice

Outgoing Members

- Erin Jackson
- Aleem Jaffer
- Edward Lavallee
- Shelley Thompson

The AAC extended Zachary Weeks' tenure with the AAC by one year because of AAC succession issues and then provided mentorship and proficient knowledge transfer to the upcoming chair/vice chairs.

Many other activities were undertaken by the Committee in 2019. The following pages outline the activities of Subcommittees and the various events hosted by the AAC. Thank you to all of the AAC members and City staff for their support and hard work this past year.





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- Paige Reeves
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New Appointments

- Susan Amer
- Carleen Brenneis
- Jaime Caza
- Patricia Kocon
- Nadeem Sunderji

Outgoing Members

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Due to COVID-19, The Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) was informed in May 2020 that the Citizen Services Department temporarily suspended Administration's support to committees of Council. The AAC made the decision to continue meeting without Administrative support. Administration was able to resume providing support to the AAC in November 2020. Thank you to all of the AAC members and City staff for their support and hard work this past year.





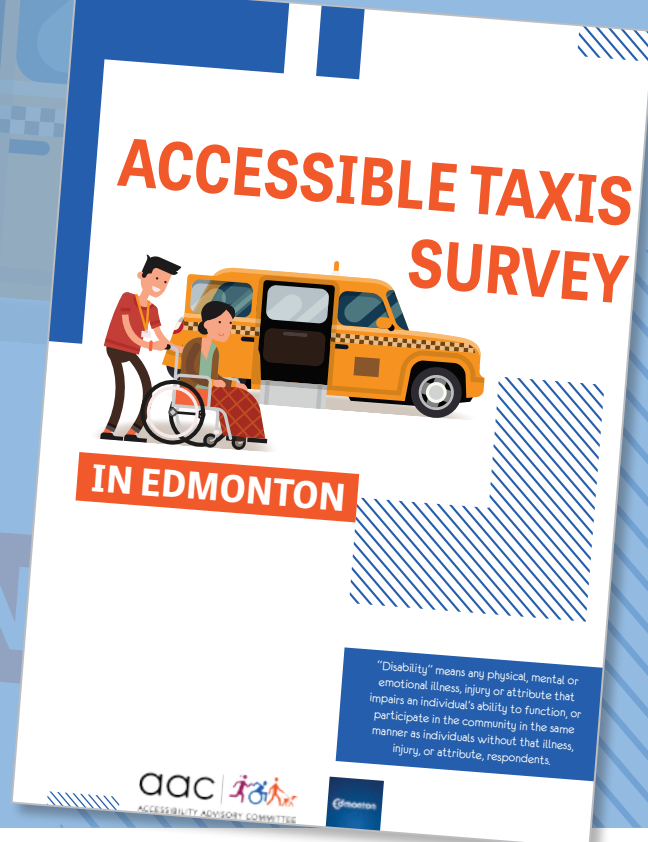
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Overview of the 2019 accomplishments:

- Strengthened our social media presence by diversifying our social media team
- Attended DATS Stakeholder meetings and provided possible solutions
- Successfully coordinated and provided input into the AAC last Mayor's Awards; helped move forward with the option of moving the Mayor's Awards to the Protocol office
- Developed a self advocacy presentation
- Met with City Plan administration for an update and to provide advice on engaging with the community
- Waste Management presented on how to improve the assisted waste program
- Hosted a City Council luncheon event
- Reviewed the "Accessibility Events" guide and provided feedback
- Review and discussion of AAC events
- Promoted social media training sessions
- Update from the PE Charter with Policy C602
- Did a review of the Community Engagement subcommittee and its functions



POLICY REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE



Overview of the 2019 accomplishments:

- Presented an Accessible Taxi Report to Community and Public Services Committee, AAC will continue to work with City Administration on our initiatives (training, centralized dispatch and incentives)
- Met with the Presidents of the Greater Edmonton Taxi Alliance and United Taxi Group to learn about the driver perspective and concerns around accessible taxis
- Presented a Snow and Ice Control report to (C409J) Community and Public Services Committee
- Worked with City Administration on designing a pilot program to assist disabled Edmontonians with Snow Removal
- Met with Peter Ohm, Chief City Planner to discuss accessible design in infrastructure and development both historically and prospectively. We look forward to working with him in the future as Policy C602 gets integrated into the City's administration
- Met with David Flannigan, Supervisor, Safety Codes Permits and Inspections to discuss the balance between Building Codes and Enforcement
- Contributed to the DATS report: Principles of Services for DATS — Contracted Service, Pickup Time and Impact of Snow and Ice Policy (CR_6537)
- Met with Charles Kelly, Vice-Chair of ETSAB to discuss collaboration and transit communication
- Contributed to the Bus Network Redesign, First Kilometre/Last Kilometre and new transit service standards and effective methods of communicating those changes
- Contributed to two ETSAB reports: Safety and Security on Transit, and Advertising
- Met with City Administration and a representative from The Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charity regarding a new inclusive playground project planned for Clareview District Park that has been gifted to Edmonton from The Jumpstart Charity. Provided feedback on the new Park
- Provided support for Policy C602 "Accessibility for People with Disabilities" to Community and Public Services Committee, AAC agreed to oversee its implementation and contribute to its success
- Met with Nupur Thakor to follow up on the AAC's perspectives on the issues discussed in the Snow and Ice report
- Members of public/citizen attended a meeting presenting concerns regarding the lack of River Valley Accessibility. The Policy subcommittee followed up, in October 2018 a motion was passed to examine options on the current status of river access (CR_6542)
- Supported Skills Society, Lift Interactive, and the City of Edmonton seeking participants for ride-alongs and phone interviews regarding EPark
- Committee members attended a session hosted by City admin on Corporate Accessibility Plan Public Engagement Charter
- Provided input on safety issues regarding the electric bus
- Provided feedback to City regarding the ETS Drop Off Zone Pilot
- Provided feedback to City regarding Deaf Child Sign Installation
- Met with and provided feedback to City regarding Assisted Waste Program
- Preliminary discussions on single use plastics



OVERVIEW OF THE 2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Continued to update Accessibility Advisory Committee Operating Guidelines and Procedures
- Worked with City staff on the new Edmonton Awards (pre-COVID-19)
- Featured in media on several occasions. Topics included: Mask Exemption Card and Edmonton City Plan
- Continued to engage/consult with various City of Edmonton departments on accessibility-related projects (i.e. COVID-19 response, Policy C602, City Plan, Waste Services, Snow and Ice, Bus Network Redesign, First Kilometer/Last Kilometer, Touch the Water Promenade and the Emily Murphy Park renewal project)
- Continued to support Administration on accessibility-related matters as they arose (i.e. Taxi Vouchers, Edmonton's 2026 FIFA Men's World Cup bid, Accessible Taxi Training, Escooters and Accessible Event Guide)
- Established relationship with Anti-Racism Advisory Committee (ARAC)
- AAC members reviewed and provided accessibility feedback for the Stanley Milner Library





PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES POLICY C602

Being accessible is more than just having wheelchair access. Accessibility is about the inclusion of every Edmontonian and elimination of barriers that could prevent them from participating in the city.

The City of Edmonton's Accessibility for People with Disabilities Policy C602 was approved by City Council on September 24, 2019. This policy now gives clear direction on the next steps the City must take so all Edmontonians have equal access to participate in the city.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) worked closely with City Administration throughout the development of the policy and are currently involved with the policy implementation. Members have been involved in designing and participating in public engagement activities and have reviewed plans at each stage along the way.

We will continue to engage with City Administration and liaise with the disability community to ensure the City is making incremental changes and improvements to everything we do to address barriers to accessibility, ensuring a better life for all Edmontonians.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee looks forward to seeing the Corporate Accessibility Plan come to reality in 2021.





COVID-19 AND THE AAC

The AAC were concerned about Edmontonians and accessibility while COVID-19 was occurring. Here are some examples of how AAC members ensured Edmonton and beyond was looking at accessibility and inclusion for all.

Crystal Jones, AAC Member, sent a Letter to Mr. Tyler Shandro (Alberta Minister of Health) and Dr. Deena Hinshaw (Alberta Chief Medical Health Officer) regarding concerns that COVID-19 messages and announcements were not reaching the deaf community. In response, starting March 16, 2021, an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter was present during Provincial COVID-19 briefings. The City of Edmonton is also now providing ASL services at its public briefings.

The AAC wrote a letter addressed to Ms. Rajan Sawhney MLA, UCP and cc'd Ms. Marie Renaud MLA, NDP in regards to the UCP governments proposed changes from public sector care to private sector care for individuals with developmental disabilities. The AAC asked that the Provincial Government reconsider this move, and also expressed concern about the lack of consultations and

emphasising the importance of thorough and adequate consultations. The timing of this change was during the COVID-19 pandemic and posed a greater risk to the health and safety of the individuals and families impacted by this decision. The letter was tabled in the legislature.

On September 14, 2020, Jason Pisesky and Tonia LaRiviere went to the City Council public hearing to express concerns regarding the lack of inclusion of accessibility items in its current City Plan draft. A 15 page comprehensive report was put together highlighting the concerns and suggestions that were submitted to City administration and City Council. The main concerns were regarding accessible housing and transit (specifically a need to add mention of the para-transit network).





EVENTS

National AccessAbility Week (NAAW) 2019

National AccessAbility Week celebrates the contributions of people with disabilities and functional impairments. The celebration recognizes the efforts of individuals, communities and workplaces to enhance inclusion by removing barriers. NAAW aims to act as a tool for social change by creating conversations around the issues of education, transportation, housing, employment and recreation across the Country.

Events were planned throughout the week of May 28th to June 3rd to celebrate and recognize the efforts of individuals and groups making our communities more welcoming and accessible.

May 28th The ADHD Project

Award-winning storyteller Carlyn Rhamey shares the trials and triumphs of growing up a little bit “special” and embracing what makes us different; a hilariously honest journey exploring ADHD and celebrating neurodiversity. Enter Carlyn’s world of chaos, creativity, and combat with her mind in this one-hour theatrical production.

June 1st Accessible Home Tours

The AAC's home tours continued in 2019 with great success. Over 100 Edmontonians had the opportunity to explore the homes and features of two accessible homes in Edmonton. Key accessible design strategies we featured included no-step entrances at the front door, elevators to make vertical access accessible, and wet room designs for the bathroom areas

Our aim was to bring together city officials, builders, and citizens to explore what currently exists in accessible housing and to imagine how some of these features could be incorporated into standard building practice. We hope to grow these tours in the future.



EVENTS

June 3rd

Live with Heart, Lowell and Julie Taylor

In this motivational presentation, Julie and Lowell Taylor discuss Lowell's visual impairment and how their positivity, teamwork and love help turn obstacles into opportunities. Lowell was the first blind contestant on The Amazing Race, and now his sights are set on competing in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games in Road and Track Cycling. Together they share their life stories and the challenges of going blind, living with a blind husband, and the support needed along the way. They prove that positivity can outshine a disability – that negativity can be more debilitating than a disability.

City Council Luncheon

The AAC held the City Council luncheon on February 21, 2019. The AAC invited Mayor Iveson, City Councillors and the Executive Leadership Team to its annual luncheon in the Heritage room at City Hall. A short presentation and quiz game highlighted 2019 AAC successes. AAC members and Council spent their time discussing these and other issues of accessibility. It was also an opportunity to get to know each other in an informal setting.





EVENTS

Mayor's Awards

The 2019 Mayor's Awards took place on May 9, 2019 at City Hall. There were nineteen nominees in total from which six winners across all categories were chosen. Quinn Ohler from Global TV hosted the event with Councillor Scott McKeen in attendance and helped to pass out the awards. All of City Council stopped in at the end of the awards to provide congratulations to the winners. The 2019 award winners were:

Mayor's Award for Outstanding Service

- Martin Van Keimpema of the Bonnie Doon Bowling Lanes

Mayor's Award for Accessible Homes and Buildings

- Royal Glenora's Dr. Bill Black Auditorium

Mayor's Award for Employers (Paid Employment)

- IKEA Edmonton

Mayor's Award for Employers (Volunteer)

- KARA Family Resource Centre

Ewen Nelson Award for Self-Advocacy

- Amy Willans

AAC incorporated a panel discussion between the award winner for 2019. The discussion covered topics of accessibility issues and innovations; winners speaking from both professional and personal experience. During these discussions, our aim was to raise awareness of common goals, frustrations and aspirations of our diverse community.



NETWORKING

Listed below are the activities the Committee's members were engaged in. Members volunteered over 1400 hours to committee work in 2019. Members volunteered 1300 hours to committee work in 2020.

Guests Attending Monthly AAC meetings 2019

Presenters (General meeting)

- Yogaleskshmi Shubramonian — Policy C602 update (x3)
- Lorraine Doblanko — Pedestrian Activated signals
- Lisi Monro, Damian Griggs, Devon Hampshire — Accessible Parking presentation
- Gabrielle Donoff — Plan Edmonton
- Yogaleskshmi Shubramonian /Kyla Fisher/ Victor Tanti — Policy C602 update
- Angela Hobson, Dallas Karhut — Bike Plan
- Alexis Finlay, Jordan Daniels, Randall Sonneberg, Phillip Thai, Andy Afonso, Tamish Silvester — Metro Line LRT
- Aurea Siemens and Michele Perret — Waste Services presentation
- Lyall Brenneis — Exhibition Lands
- Alice Leung — Legislated Public Notification Methods
- Christel Kjenner — Housing discussion
- Nupur Thakor, Janet Tecklenborg — Snow and Ice
- Nupur Thakor, Tanya Laughren, Valerie Dacyk, Paul Marinkovich — Snow and Ice
- Ettore Iannacito and Ray Au and Fick Gudelj — Bus Redesign Network
- Ettore Iannacito, Ray Au, Vicki Gudelj — First KM/Last KM
- Katherine O'Connor — discuss snow removal
- Barb Ireland — PE Charter
- Ettore Iannacito, Ray Au, Vicki Gudelj — Final Draft Bus Stop Signage presentation
- Judy Wilson — Protocol Office

Guests Attending Monthly AAC meetings 2020

2020 Presenters (General meeting)

- Tony Flores, Advocate for Persons with Disabilities
 - Councillor Mike Nickel, on DATS vouchers
- Ali Lam, House of Blue Skies: Accessibility Policy C602
- Janna Plewes, Carol Cass and Sarah Hoyles with Paths for People: McKernan and Garneau for All Coalition - Bike Lane/Home/Community Accessibility
- Paul Schmold - DATS Vouchers
- Lisi Munro, EPark
- Trevor Illingworth, Zoning Bylaw
- Natalie McGill and Omar Sheikh, Citizens voicing their concerns re: accessibility in Edmonton



NETWORKING

Conferences/Meetings Attended by Committee Members 2019

- Tonia LaRiviere — Pacific Rim Conference (March 4 – 5, 2019)
- Paige Reeves — Nordic Network of Disability Research (May 8 – 10, 2019)
- Tonia LaRiviere — Transit Oriented Development Symposium (June 20, 2019)
- Tonia LaRiviere and Kassi Boyd — City Board Training (June 22, 2019)
- Tonia LaRiviere — Community Garden Accessibility Research Project (July 17, 2019)
- Crystal Jones — Stride Advocates Human Rights Workshop (July 20, 2019)
- Tonia LaRiviere — Accessibility Professional Network Conference (October 31 – November 1, 2019)
- Paige Reeves — TASH Conference (December 4 – 7, 2019)
- Tonia LaRiviere and Kassi Boyd — Live Active Strategy Breakfast/ Sport Inclusion (December 9, 2019)

Conferences/Meetings Attended by Committee Members 2020

- Tonia LaRiviere — Webinar: The Cost of Accessibility Rick Hansen Foundation (RHF)
- Jason Pisesky — Focus Group for testing new voice types for transit automated stop announcements
- Tonia LaRiviere — Webinar: Understanding Barrier Free Renovations (RHF)
- Tonia LaRiviere — virtual town hall with Albertans with Disabilities Albertans Advocating for Change Together
- Tour of Stanley Milner Library on accessibility concerns
- Snow and Ice Control Council Report, feedback meeting
- Tonia LaRiviere — Webinar: Accessibility - Accessibility Legislation in Alberta hosted by Alberta Accessibility Legislation Advisory Group
- Accessibility Advisory COVID19 mask exemption card meeting
- Tonia LaRiviere — Webinar: Adaptable Housing Standards — Universal Design in Action (RHF)
- AAC members met with Marie Renaud, MLA St. Albert to discuss the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) program concerns and how it relates to municipal concerns.
- Touch the Water Promenade meeting
- AAC Met with Partnerships & Event Attractions with COE to discuss Human Rights Plan for FIFA bid.

Presentations done by Committee Members in 2019

- Janet Davies-Davis and Crystal Jones — Volunteer Professional Development Training on inclusion and accessibility (May 25, 2019)
- Crystal Jones — Presented at Social Media training on Accessibility in social media (September 21, 27, 2019)
- Crystal Jones presented at Accessibility Public Engagement Charter workshop on accessibility (September 23, 2019)



NETWORKING

Council Meetings — AAC Speaking to Council

- Jason Pisesky, Tonia LaRiviere and Chris Minchau — presented AAC Annual report (April 3, 2019)
- Jason Pisesky and Tonia LaRiviere — spoke at Community and Public Services Committee to the 6.2 Snow and Ice Report (June 26, 2019)
- Jason Pisesky and Tonia LaRiviere Presented Taxi report to Community and Public Services Committee (September 18, 2019)
- Crystal Jones, Tonia LaRiviere and Jason Pisesky spoke in support of the Policy C602 at Community and Public Services Committee (September 18, 2019)

AAC Members Representations on the Following Community Committees and Boards

- Rotary Employment Partnership Steering Committee (through Inclusion Alberta) (Paige Reeves)
- Rotarian in the Rotary Club of Edmonton Whyte Avenue (Paige Reeves)
- Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Northern Alberta — Chris Minchau
- Edmonton Sled Hockey Club — Vice-President — Chris Minchau
- Working groups under VAD and iVAD (Adults with Disabilities) and the Employment Group — Chris Minchau
- Connect Society's Board — Crystal Jones
- Arthritis Society of Alberta / Northwest Territories Board of Directors — Director — Tonia LaRiviere
- Festival of Trees — Publicity and Media Chair — Tonia LaRiviere
- ETSAB — Jason Pisesky and Chitra Bakshi
- Housing Working Group (Paige Reeves and Tonia LaRiviere)

2019 Media requests

- CBC on Accessibility — Zachary Weeks (January 17, 2019)
- Global Edmonton — NAAW events — Chris Minchau (May 31, 2019)
- Global Edmonton requested a comment on Accessible Parking — Paige Reeves (July 19, 2019)
- CTV Edmonton "Making Comedy for the Deaf" Crystal Jones (October 9, 2019)
- Postmedia on DATS pick up times phone interview — Chris Minchau (November 14, 2019)
- CBC Edmonton AM — "Advocating for Accessibility on Social Media" Crystal Jones (December 10, 2019)

2020 Media requests

- Alison O'Hara on accessibility and DATS/ Taxi training (Jason Pisesky)
- Adrienne Pan with CBC Radio Active, addressing the concerns the AAC spoke to at the City Plan public hearing — Tonia LaRiviere (September 15, 2020)
- Charles Rusnell with CBC Radio, Senior Investigative Reporter/ Editor CBC Investigates thoughts on the voucher system for Taxis — Jason Pisesky (October 15, 2020)

Between January 1 to November 28, 2019

3,062 parking tickets issued

by the City of Edmonton to people parked illegally in designated Accessible Parking Stalls; a decrease from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2018 which had 3,190 tickets issued for the same violation.



ACCESSIBLE PARKING AWARENESS

The Accessibility Advisory Committee took on a focused social media campaign for the month of December to spread awareness. Collaborating with the City of Edmonton, Edmonton Police Service and other community groups to raise awareness of accessible parking stalls and their importance to the community.



168,655
active Parking Placards
as of March 31, 2019

159,611
active Parking Placards
as of April 1, 2018

161,484
active Parking Placards
as of April 1, 2017

153,804
active Parking Placards
as of April 1, 2016

146,418
active Parking Placards
as of April 1, 2015

139,401
active Parking Placards
as of April 1, 2014

121,000
active Parking Placards
as of March, 2011

78,000
active Parking Placards
in 2008

20,000
active Parking Placards
in 1992



SOCIAL MEDIA



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AACyeg

The post where we announce that the @CityofEdmonton is working on a new parking management program for the delivery of curbside accessible parking for Parking Placard holders with Skills Society Action Lab and Lift Interactive — this post reached **11.1K people**.

The post where the @steadwardcentre is hoping to engage various stakeholders and gain perspectives on play and inclusion in Alberta reached **1573 people and counting** as it was recently posted.

The post where City council just approved an extra \$928K for DATS transit in 2019 and \$709K in 2020 reached **2,474 people**.

Beginning of January 2019, we had
628 people follow AAC page and at
the end of December 2019, we have

▶ **772**
followers.



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635
followers

up from 497
in 2018

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