



**Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes
February 8, 2022 via Zoom
(16:00 – 18:00)**

Attendees:

Chair – S. Jennings

Co-Chair – S. Hough

Members – C. Paisley, L. Bartram, C. Marks

Council Liaisons – S. Potts

Staff – A. Mas, A. Galiev (EDI Lead), Jenna Dutton (Social Planner)

Guests – R. Bayley

Regrets – P. Singh, N. Moss, A. Love, B. Isitt

1. Meeting Called to Order at 4:10pm

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by C. Marks

Seconded by L. Bartram

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of Minutes from November 2021 Meeting

Moved by L. Bartram

Seconded by C. Marks

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Remarks from the Chair

S. Jennings thanks everyone for joining the meeting and for their ongoing contribution to the Committee.

5. Business Arising

5a. Final AAC Term Meeting (March 8)



All members present expressed interest in extending the current AAC term. The Committee has spent a lot of time responding to City-led requests and putting systems in place and has not had enough time to work with the community. Extending the term would allow for better continuity for the current Committee and for a better transition to a new Committee.

Interim committee was put in place primarily because there was an expectation that there would be a broader Intersectional Lived Experience Advisory Group, which has now been put on hold until the completion of the Governance Review.

MOTION – That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) recommends to Council that:

The term of the AAC, due to expire in April 2022, be extended until the Governance Review is concluded and a new advisory committee structure is implemented. Staff work with the AAC to update the terms of reference for Council approval.

Moved by L. Bartram

Seconded by C. Paisley

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Potts will take this motion to Council because it is time sensitive.

All members present expressed interest in continuing on the Committee if the term is extended.

5b. Inclusion Event (formerly Walk N Roll Rodeo)

Members discussed organizing an Inclusion Event to raise awareness about disability and accessibility. Concerns were raised about simulating blindness as it can create negative assumptions and stereotypes. Other more positive educational components could be involved instead.

There is some evidence that these events do not always have the intended outcome and can sometimes have a negative impact.



Concerns were raised about using the term Rodeo, with the Committee deciding to shift language to “Inclusion Event.”

MOTION – to table Inclusion Event to next AAC term.

Moved by C. Marks

Seconded by L. Bartram

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5c. Accessibility Action Log

Discussion on implementation of Accessibility Log.

ACTION ITEM: A. Mas to update Accessibility Action Log and share with Committee along with AWG Prioritization system.

5d. Short Term Action Plan Feedback

L. Bartram compiled feedback for Short Term Action Plan, which identified 9 action items from the Plan that should be revisited by the Committee. Two items (accessible documents & scent reduction policy) have not been approved by the Committee. Six actions were identified as ongoing but staff have not provided updates. One item was deferred (accommodation policy), which L. Bartram believes is important and should be prioritized and not deferred. Recommendation to review these items and add them to future agendas. Request to move these items to the action log.

ACTION ITEM: J. Dutton to inquire about work on accessibility in heritage buildings and share with A. Mas.

6. New Business

6a. Governance Review Update

Tabled to March 8 meeting.

7. Next Meeting Agenda & Date – March 8



- Governance Review Update
- Communications Protocol
- Action Log Priorities

8. Adjourned – 5:44pm