

Advisory Committee on Accessibility (ACA) 2015 Accomplishments

GOAL 1. TO HAVE THE PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE OF PUBLIC SPACES BE ACCESSIBLE AND UNIVERSALLY DESIGNED.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2015	The City of Calgary's Access Design Standards have been implemented in a number of Corporate projects.
STAKEHOLDER(S)	Calgary Neighbourhoods, Calgary Parks, Calgary Roads, Calgary Recreation, Transportation Infrastructure and Council.
PROJECTS & INITIATIVES	Barrier-free design reviews were completed with the following projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bend in the Bow Redevelopment at Inglewood Bird Sanctuary - access features • 17 Avenue Corridor Project (SW/SE) curb cuts, barrier-free path of travel and audible signals • Planetarium redevelopment for an art space - access component features • 12 Street South East Bridge Project disability access, barrier free path of travel and safety features for those with vision loss

GOAL 2. TO HAVE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES BE MORE INCLUSIVE FOR CALGARIANS WITH DISABILITIES.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2015	All City transportation projects went through Accessible Transportation reviews using the Access Design Standards to accommodate people with disabilities.
STAKEHOLDER(S)	Calgary Neighbourhoods, Transportation Planning, Planning & Development.
PROJECTS & INITIATIVES	Collaboration on accessible transportation projects including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RouteAhead, Green Line 45 Station design reviews for access on South East line • Review of pilot project for rebuilding curb cuts with tactile strips in Kensington, along 10 Street North West. • ACA representation on the Taxi & Limousine Advisory Committee (TLAC) resulted in 189 total accessible licenses to date, with the potential of more to come with the new Transportation Network Companies. • Pedestrian Strategy "Step Forward" recommendations on barrier-free path of travel, sidewalk hoarding, crosswalk safety, accessible/audible signals, curb cut design and underpass planning. • ACA supported Roads and Transit in selecting 350 priority sites for snow and ice clearing of bus stops, bus pads and windrows in response to the 2014 June 18 Snow and Ice Control Annual Report. • Reviewed 23 Audible Pedestrian Signal requests from 311 for safe street crossings for those with vision loss. • Provided feedback on all 2015 bikeways and cycle track installations.

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GOAL 3. TO EDUCATE BUSINESS UNITS AND COUNCIL ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION FORMATS.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2015	Accessible communication formats were introduced at The City for the inclusion of people with disabilities.
STAKEHOLDER(S)	Customer Service & Communication, Calgary Emergency Management Agency and Calgary Police Service.
PROJECTS & INITIATIVES	<p>Alternative formats that enhanced customer service included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Calgary brand is the correct font and color contrast for people with vision loss. • Encouraged the standard provision of sign language interpretation, captioning, Braille materials, large font, plain language and narrative descriptions at City-hosted engagement sessions and events. • Persons with Disabilities Guide for emergency preparedness. • Vulnerable Populations Registry.

GOAL 4. TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2015	Accessible Corporate Leadership.
STAKEHOLDER(S)	City Clerk's Office, Calgary Neighbourhoods, Calgary Emergency Management Agency, Calgary Police Services and Planning & Development.
PROJECTS & INITIATIVES	<p>Demonstrated leadership through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing four nominated buildings for the Mayor's Award for Accessibility and selecting MacPherson Place as the award winner. • Hosting a breakfast to celebrate 'International Day of Persons with Disabilities' on December 03. • Incorporating strategies in the Seniors Age-Friendly Strategy that align with barrier-free design in the areas of transportation and communication accessibility. • Chartering Councillor Farrell's Notice of Motion, NM2015-16 - Improving Calgary. • Completing the Vulnerable Persons Registry.

GOAL 5. TO DETERMINE AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE HOUSING OPTIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2015	Advancing accessible and affordable housing to increase the number of units in Calgary.
STAKEHOLDER(S)	Real Estate & Development Services, City Manager's Office.

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PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

Promoted accessible/affordable housing through:

- Incorporating the need for more accessible, affordable units into the Community Affordable Housing Strategy.
- Providing input into City Charter discussions promoting barrier-free design standards that exceed the Alberta Building Code.