Advisory Committee on Accessibility

Terms of Reference

1. Authority

The Advisory Committee on Accessibility was established by a resolution of Council on 1999 May 03 (report TTP99-19, HET99-19).

2. Mandate

To ~~make recommendations~~ provide strategic advice and make recommendations to City Council ~~through the SPC on Community & Protective Services~~ and City Administration ~~on policy and systems issues impacting people with disabilities~~ in addressing issues, needs, and services for people with physical, sensory, and cognitive disabilities; including, but not limited to: infrastructure, transportation, technology, communication, affordable/accessibly housing, social and economic accessibility issues in order to provide a high level accessible City services for people with disabilities.

~~To be a resource to City Council and City Administration in addressing physical, transportation, communication, social and economic accessibility issues to provide a high level of accessibility for people with physical, sensory, and cognitive disabilities.~~

3. Reports To

To make recommendations to City Council through the Standing Policy Committee on Community & Protective Services annually on policy and systems issues affecting people with disabilities and our aging population.

4. Composition

Total Membership: ~~13~~ 14
Appointed/nominated by Council: ~~13~~ 14
Approved by the Advisory Committee: ~~13~~ 14

- six members with disabilities representing a range of people with physical, sensory and cognitive disabilities
- ~~one~~ two members representing the seniors' community
- three citizens-at-large members who may or may not have a disability, but who are interested in access ~~issues~~ and disability initiatives
- three members of City Administration (e.g., Planning & Development, Calgary Transit and Calgary Recreation)

Council appoints ACA members based on recommendations presented to Council by ACA.

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5. Resources

- Administrative Contact: Administrative Assistant, Calgary Neighbourhoods
- Resource Staff: Issue Strategist, Calgary Neighbourhoods
- ~~Calgary Neighbourhoods~~
- ~~Calgary Parks~~
- ~~Calgary Police Service~~
- ~~Calgary Recreation~~
- ~~Calgary Transit~~
- ~~Customer Service & Communications~~
- ~~Human Resources~~
- ~~Infrastructure & Information Services~~
- ~~Intergovernmental & Corporate Strategies~~
- ~~Planning & Development~~

6. Term

- ~~2 years terms (Subsequent terms would be staggered)~~ A member's term will be one or two years to allow for staggering.
- A public member may serve a maximum of ~~six~~ nine consecutive years.
- ~~Despite the above, a~~ A public member may serve until his or her successor is appointed. The service of a public member beyond the appointed term shall not count toward the limit on the length of service set out above if the additional service is one year or less.
- When an appointment is made to fill a public member vacancy:
  - If the balance of the term to be served is one year or less, that service shall not count toward the limit on the length of service; and
  - If the balance of the term to be served is more than one year, that service shall count toward the limit on the length of service.
- A public member may serve more than ~~six~~nine consecutive years by a two-thirds vote of Council.
- Terms expire in October at the Organizational Meeting of Council

7. Quorum

50% + 1

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8.   Meetings

- Frequency: Monthly
- Day: Third Thursday
- Time: 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- Location: Maude Riley Boardroom, 7th Floor, Municipal Building