Accessibility

Current Proposed Actions

Bylaw:

- identify and engage stakeholder groups and seek their input into the work of the Committee;
- conduct research and prepare reports on issues or opportunities related to design principles of public facilities and spaces (including private development);
- provide an accessibility lens on Strathcona County policies, programs, or services;
- work with Administration to develop and maintain a community dialogue about enabling independence in moving through and participating in public spaces and facilities;
- provide advice to Council and Administration on policies and programs to improve outcomes for people with accessibility considerations in Strathcona County.

Mandate:

- Solicit public feedback from individuals with disabilities and recommend how accessibility issues may be addressed in various County initiatives.
- Engage or liaise with other stakeholder groups, such as Voice of Albertans with Disabilities, to access the most current and pertinent information to facilitate discussions and recommendations.
- Monitor federal and provincial government directives and regulations and provide insights on potential implications for Strathcona County residents.
- Provide advice and recommendations on how to help educate the business community on actions that

Examples from other Municipalities

- To make recommendations to City Council through the SPC on Community & Protective Services on policy and systems issues impacting 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.
- Also serves as the selection committee for Advisory Committee on Accessibility's Annual Awards – recognizes the contributions of individuals, groups and organizations who work to create a more inclusive and accessible city.
- Identify and engage stakeholder groups and seek their input into the Committee's work.
- Conduct research and prepare reports on effective mitigation or modification strategies (for matters within the Committee's mandate) that would help individuals with disabilities to more fully participate in the community.
- Examine City information regarding current, and at the City Manager's request and where confidentiality issues permit, proposed, City facilities and infrastructure, programs, public services, activities and policies, to identify where they could create issues or barriers for individuals with disabilities.
- Work with the City Manager to develop and maintain a dialogue about matters of concern to individuals

promote greater accessibility.	with accessibility concerns.

Seniors

Current Proposed Actions	Examples from other Municipalities
 identify and engage stakeholder groups and seek their input into the work of the Committee; conduct research and prepare reports on issues or opportunities related to seniors' matters; provide a seniors' lens on Strathcona County policies, programs, or services; work with Administration to develop and maintain a community dialogue about seniors' physical, emotional, and social wellbeing; provide advice to Council and Administration on policies and programs to improve outcomes for seniors in Strathcona County. Mandate: Solicit public feedback from seniors and recommend how seniors' issues may be addressed in various County initiatives. Engage or liaise with seniors' stakeholder groups to seek feedback on seniors' issues and opportunities and to access the most current and pertinent information to facilitate discussions and recommendations. Monitor federal and provincial government directives and regulations and provide insights on potential implications for Strathcona County residents. 	 advises Council on matters presently under consideration which affect older adults and their families; monitors City programs to ensure that the needs of older adults and their families are considered; works co-operatively with Civic Departments, Boards, and Commissions whose activities affect older adults and their families; provides advice and information to Civic Departments, Boards, and Commissions; disseminates information on civic matters affecting older adults and their families; encourages and facilitates feedback through existing channels from older adults and their families on civic matters affecting them; brings to the City Council matters identified by it as requiring action by the City; deals with any matters which may be referred to the Committee by Council; produces an annual work plan with specific objectives by no later than March of each year, in consultation with its Council and staff liaisons, for distribution to Council and civic departments for information

 Recommend seniors issues that could benefit from 	
broader public engagement.	

Youth

Current Proposed Actions Examples from other Municipalities research and write policy proposals for Council's **Bylaw:** develop and maintain relationships with individuals and review; organizations addressing issues or opportunities relating to co-ordinate community events that profile local Youth youth; issues; promote initiatives to support the wellbeing of youth in receive direction from Council on work or reports it Strathcona County: requires on Youth matters; conduct research and prepare reports on issues or develop and maintain relationships with individuals opportunities important to youth; and organizations addressing issues of concern to provide a youth lens on Strathcona County policies, Youth; programs, or services; promote initiatives to support the well-being of work with Administration to develop and maintain a community dialogue about matters important to youth in Strathcona County; and educate Youth on City governance, procedures and provide advice to Council and Administration on policies policy making; and programs to improve outcomes for youth in Strathcona provide networking opportunities for Youth; County. consult with City administration and other organizations supporting Youth initiatives; Mandate: establish the General Assembly, maintain the registry • Review and provide advice to Council on the findings of individuals participating in the General Assembly, and recommendations of the Youth Needs and Assets and oversee its meetings; Assessment due to Council in 2019. if requested by Council, recommend individuals for • Engage and liaise with youth and youth groups to appointment to the City's civic agencies; access diverse youth perspectives and provide inform Council of initiatives of other levels of insights to Council. government that could affect Youth and advocate for • Monitor federal and provincial government directives the City in the manner directed by Council if Council and regulations and provide insights on potential directs implications for Strathcona County residents. Act in an advisory capacity to City Council, the City of Become informed of and connect with groups and Lethbridge and community partners on issues

relevant to youth and the community.

communities successfully engaging with youth for

shared learning.

• Provide advice on engagement strategies that would be effective for reaching youth.

- Conduct relevant research and consultation that addresses current, emerging and future concerns of Lethbridge youth.
- Provide a forum to address and discuss concerns that affect youth in Lethbridge. Provide regular updates on activities, respond to inquiries, forward recommendations, and raise awareness of issues affecting youth to City Council.
- The Council will research and provide input into policy proposals for Council's consideration, in reference to matters that impact youth in the community;
- receive and act on direction from Council on youth matters;
- develop and maintain relationships with individuals and organizations that focus on youth matters;
- solicit feedback from youth in the community when appropriate at their discretion or at the direction of Council;
- advise Council on initiatives that support the wellbeing of youth; provide a way for youth to experience city governance, procedures and policy making;
- consult with City Administration and other organizations supporting youth initiatives and other municipalities;
- inform Council of initiatives of other levels of government that could affect youth and where appropriate advocate directly to those levels of government; and report to Council at least once per year.