

Motion following Notice of Motion

Accessible Alberta Act – Letter Request

THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write a letter of support to the Premier of Alberta, the Minister for Community and Social Services, the Minister for Seniors and Housing, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Service Alberta, the Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, as well as the MLA's for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville and Sherwood Park advocating for an update and enhancement of current legislation in Accessible Alberta Act that will better reflect the needs for current and future Albertans, and to streamline the access to accessibility information on Government of Alberta websites and brochures.

Background

At the June 15, 2021 Council meeting Councillors Robert Parks and Katie Berghofer jointly served Notice of Motion to be presented at the June 29, 2021 Council meeting.

Given that the Accessible Canada Act was passed in 2019 in both the House of Commons and the Senate of Canada with unanimous support, and several other provinces in Canada including both Ontario and Manitoba have passed their accessibility acts over the past five years, Alberta sticks out as its disability policy currently exists as a patchwork of various legislation.

Further, Strathcona County's appointed Accessibility Advisory Committee presented to the June 8, 2021 Priorities Committee Meeting advocating for an Accessible Alberta Act that would unify and update Alberta legislation to better reflect the needs of current and future Albertans.