

ACDI 2014 - A Year in Review

Committed to a Strong Committee

- Developed, monitored and achieved the 2014 ACDI Goals
- 5 ACDI members attended the Collective Impact Medicine Hat Workshop
- Position Descriptions developed for:
 - Transit Advisory Committee Representative
 - Social Development Advisory Board

Guest Speakers: In the Pursuit of Understanding Processes & Opportunities

- Lee Ramsdell – Hearing & Hearing Assistive Technology
- Craig Maunder, Operations Support Superintendent, Municipal Works – Municipal Snow Removal Plan: Process and Priorities
- Stacey Fishley, Traffic Sergeant, Medicine Hat Police Service – Mobility devices, the Traffic Safety Act, and Pedestrian Safety.
- Richard Sieppert, Transit Manager, Medicine Hat Transit – Special Transit Service
- Shelley Ross, Chief Librarian, Medicine Hat Public Library – Library Accessibility, Services, and Talking Books

Working with Departments: to Achieve Greater Accessibility & Inclusion

- Municipal Works - 14 areas were recommended, reviewed, and prioritized with regard to accessibility. These priorities and rationale were forwarded to Municipal Works for their consideration in their 2014 work schedule.
- Parks & Recreation Accessibility Audits were conducted at:
 - Kin Coulee Park,
 - Hillside Cemetery, and
 - Veteran's Memorial Park
- Parks and Recreation – ACDI wrote letters of support for the Parks and Recreation accessibility projects to:
 - the Government of Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund,
 - the Alberta Government's Community Facility Enhancement Program, and
 - Alberta Recycling's Municipal Demonstration Grant Program.
- Medicine Hat Regional Event Centre - provided feedback around accessibility features including lighting for the stairs.
- Parks and Recreation – Why Playgrounds are Important for Children on the Autism Spectrum report was accepted and included as part of the Request for Proposal for the 2015-2016 Playground Projects.

- Esplanade Arts and Heritage Centre – disability awareness training for the Esplanade volunteers.
- Parks & Recreation – contributed to the Grand Opening of the Kiwanis Central Park Water Playground.

Advocating for Accessibility and Inclusiveness in the community

- Emergency Preparedness – hosted a Table Top Exercise for disability serving agencies to think through the particular needs of their client groups and develop emergency plans.
- Disability Fact Sheet – updated and distributed.
- Alberta Transportation Strategy – contributed to the discussion
- Service Dogs – contributed to the provincial discussion
- International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) – members contributed to the committee, led participatory disability awareness sessions for the children at St. Patrick's School,
- Accessible Medicine Hat and Words with Dignity Bookmarks – created and printed