

# ACDI 2018 – A Year in Review

## *Committed to a Strong Committee*

- Developed, monitored and achieved the 2018 ACDI goals.

## *Pursuing an Understanding of Progress, Processes and Opportunities*

- Maureen Mudry, Manager of Parks and Development, shared the accessible capital projects completed in 2017 as well as describing the upcoming accessibility projects for 2018.
- Simon Amos, Manager of Community Access, shared the future strategic development plans for the City of Medicine Hat Transit Services and gave an update on recent accomplishments.
- Henry Claussen, License Inspector, Planning and Development Services, gave an update on the six-month accessible taxi trial project that Deluxe Central Taxi. This project was possible thanks to the use of a donated van.
- Jim Genge, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services, spoke about the cannabis stakeholder engagement survey and its importance to future cannabis-related decisions made by the City.
- Donna Stein of BIRS (Brain Injury Relearning Services) gave a presentation on the services and programs available through that agency.
- ACDI members Toni Freimark and Azeez Badrudeen gave a presentation about vision issues including suggestions for changes that would make functioning easier for individuals with various vision impairments.
- Monica Braat shared the mandate of Inclusion Medicine Hat, which is to advocate for those with developmental disabilities and to provide education, recreation, and employment opportunities so that their lives can follow the same path as others in the community
- Several ACDI members attended a webinar entitled “Engaging Planners as Livable Communities Allies” along with COMH Planning and Development Services staff. The webinar discussed the need for more collaboration between all sectors of society when planning communities in order to

create communities that meet the needs of residents with all ages and abilities.

### ***Achieving Accessibility and Inclusion by Working with Departments***

- Worked with Municipal Works Department to review, recommend and prioritize accessibility improvements on various streets, avenues and thoroughfares in the Northwest Crescent Heights area.
- Accessibility audits of Crescent Heights Pool and aspects of Kin Coulee Park were carried out by ACDI for the Parks and Recreation Department.

### ***Advocating for Accessibility and Inclusion in the Community***

- Members of ACDI assisted with the planning and implementation of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities at Crestwood School.
- ACDI worked with Emergency Management Department staff to host an Emergency Preparedness Workshop for agencies with vulnerable populations. The theme of this year's workshop was "Designing Emergency Exercise Training for Your Team".
- ACDI hosted an Accessible Housing Tour for Canadian Home Builders Association and other key stakeholders.
- "Sidewalk Safety" and "Did You Know" information cards and "Accessible Medicine Hat" bookmarks were distributed to the public to help enhance public awareness of disability issues and problem solutions.