



Advisory Committee on Aging

Room 4402, 4th Floor, Jubilee Centre
9909 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray, AB T9H2K4

Thursday, May 11, 2023
2:00 PM

Agenda

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
3. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**
 - 3.1. Advisory Committee on Aging Meeting - April 13, 2023
4. **New and Unfinished Business**
 - 4.1. Administrative Updates
 - Snow Angels
 - Senior's Week
 - Age-Friendly Work Plan
 - Accessibility Audit
 - 4.2. Wood Buffalo Regional Library – Strategic Planning Engagement
 - 4.3. Workplan Committee Update
 - 4.4. Senior's Resource Committee Update
 - 4.5. Age-Friendly Gathering Update
 - 4.6. Aging in Place Update
 - 4.7. Advisory Committee on Aging June Meeting Schedule
 - 4.8. Emerging Issues and Trends
 - 4.9. Information Updates

Adjournment

Minutes of a Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging in room 4402 at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, April 13, 2023, commencing at 1:00 PM.

Present:

Henry Hunter, Chair, Wood Buffalo Housing Representative
 Janice Eisenhauer, Public - At - Large
 Carolyn Evancio, Seniors Resource Committee Representative
 Clement Mercredi, Indigenous Representative
 Darline Reid, Alberta Health Services Representative
 Ken Saunderson, Golden Years Society Representative
 Denise Wilkinson, Senior At Large - Urban

Absent:

Luana Bussieres, St. Aidan's House Society Representative
 Ken Ball, Councillor

Administration:

Heidi Major, Department Administrator, Community and Protective Services
 Toni Elliott, Senior Manager, Community Services
 Isela Contreras-Dogbe, Supervisor, Development Controls and Permitting
 Sonia Soutter, Manager, Senior Legislative Officer
 Destiny Hilliard, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Chair Henry Hunter called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be amended by adding agenda item 4.7 - Aging in Place;

THAT the Advisory Committee on Aging waive any requirements to serve notice relative to the addition; and

THAT the Agenda be adopted, as amended.

RESULT: CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Ken Saunderson
SECONDER: Denise Wilkinson
FOR: Eisenhauer, Evancio, Hunter, Mercredi, Reid, Saunderson, Wilkinson
ABSENT: Bussieres, Ball

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Advisory Committee on Aging Meeting - March 9, 2023

MOTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Advisory Committee on Aging Meeting held on March 9, 2023 be accepted as presented.

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Henry Hunter
SECONDER: Ken Saunderson
FOR: Eisenhauer, Evancio, Hunter, Mercredi, Reid, Saunderson, Wilkinson
ABSENT: Bussieres, Ball

4. New and Unfinished Business

4.1. Administrative Updates

Snow-Angels

Heidi Major, Department Administrator, provided an update on the Snow Angels program noting that there are currently 115 homes registered for the program and for the first time there are back up volunteers assigned to residences when volunteers are not available.

Age-Friendly Work Plan

Isela Contreras-Dogbe, Supervisor, Community and Protective Services, provided an update on the Age-Friendly Work Plan noting internal stakeholders who contributed to building an age-friendly community have been identified and a plan has been created to introduce the age-friendly work plan, so they can identify their department's short-term and long-term goals.

Accessibility-Audit

Isela Contreras-Dogbe, Supervisor, Community and Protective Services, provided an update on the Accessibility Audit noting the Accessibility Working Group meeting will be held on April 24th. It was further noted the Accessibility Working Group will work with

facilities and property owners to schedule audits and that accessibility training is ongoing.

4.2. Senior's Resource Committee Updates

Carolyn Evancio, Committee Member, provided an update on behalf of the Senior's Resource Committee noting the activities for Seniors Week in June have been scheduled.

Committee Members discussed concerns of seniors living in rural areas and the disadvantage they have in attending Seniors Week activities due to limited transportation. The Committee stressed the significance of senior's events being inclusive of all communities in the region.

4.3. Workplan Committee Update

Heidi Major, Department Administrator, provided an update on the Workplan Committee noting the working group met on March 27th in which the revised assessment tool was reviewed and approved. It was further noted that the application for age-friendly designation is being worked on and that accessibility training is ongoing.

4.4. May 9th Age-Friendly Gathering

Carolyn Evancio, Committee Member, provided a brief overview of the Healthy Aging Alberta group noting this group is a community-based, seniors serving sector initiative that focuses on developing a coordinated sector in Alberta by bringing together community-based organizations to focus on priorities for healthy aging in the community.

It was further noted that this group will be hosting an event at the Golden Years Society. Through discussions the Committee emphasized the importance of including senior's events in the rural communities and discussed how this event could be extended to the rural communities. Administration committed to reaching out to other organizations that already provide services to seniors in the rural areas to find out if there are any opportunities for events over the summer and in the future in the rural communities.

4.5. Emerging Trends and Issues

Committee Member Carolyn Evancio, noted that vaccinations are now given at local pharmacies rather than at public health locations, as a result, there is now a fee for administering vaccines.

4.6. Information Updates

No information updates were given.

4.7 Aging in Place

Committee Members discussed the feasibility of a facility that would house seniors who do not qualify for the living arrangements currently offered at Rotary House or Long-Term Care housing, to address the needs of the increasing senior population.

Henry Hunter, Chair, noted that a letter, advocating to the Provincial Government for this type of facility, with copies to the local Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) will be drafted and brought back to the Committee at the next meeting for review prior to a recommendation going forward to Council to request a letter of support in this regard.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Chair

Administration Update

Presenter: Heidi Major

Department: Community and Protective Services

Meeting Date: May 11, 2023.



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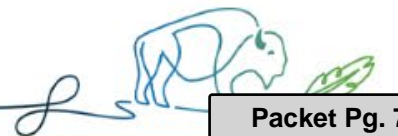
Snow Angels Program

Update

A year end event will be planned to take place after Seniors' Week.

A summary of the program for the 2022 and 2023 winter season will be created and provided to ACoA

A kick-off event is planned for the fall as a way to engage previous volunteers and bring community awareness to the program



Seniors' and Elders' Week Updates

Update

Monday, June 5:

- Opening Ceremonies and Council and Mayor's lunch for Seniors' and Elders' Week, followed by bingo hosted by the Legion

Tuesday, June 6:

- Tuesday Tailgate Part and Lunch – St. Aidan's Salvation Army, Wood Buffalo Regional Library
- Seniors Lunch – Janvier

Wednesday, June 7–

- Regional Recreation Corporation events:
 - Social Art, Gentle Yoga, Zumba Gold
 - Walk and Stretch – Anzac
 - Walk and Stretch – Conklin
- BBQ Lunch and Bingo – Fort Chipewyan

Seniors' and Elders' Week Updates

Update

Thursday, June 8:

- Rotary House WHB - BBQ, Car Show, Live Music, Big Blue
 - Elders' Fair – Fort McKay
 - Seniors Lunch – Conklin

Friday, June 9:

- Heritage Society's Seniors' Week Lunch, followed by 60+ Impact Awards

Saturday, June 10:

- Golden Years Society – Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by The Rotary Club of Fort McMurray

An official calendar will be published with further details, such as times, locations and registration.

Accessibility Audit

- Update – Urban Matters presentation



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RMWB ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT

Work Plan and Timelines

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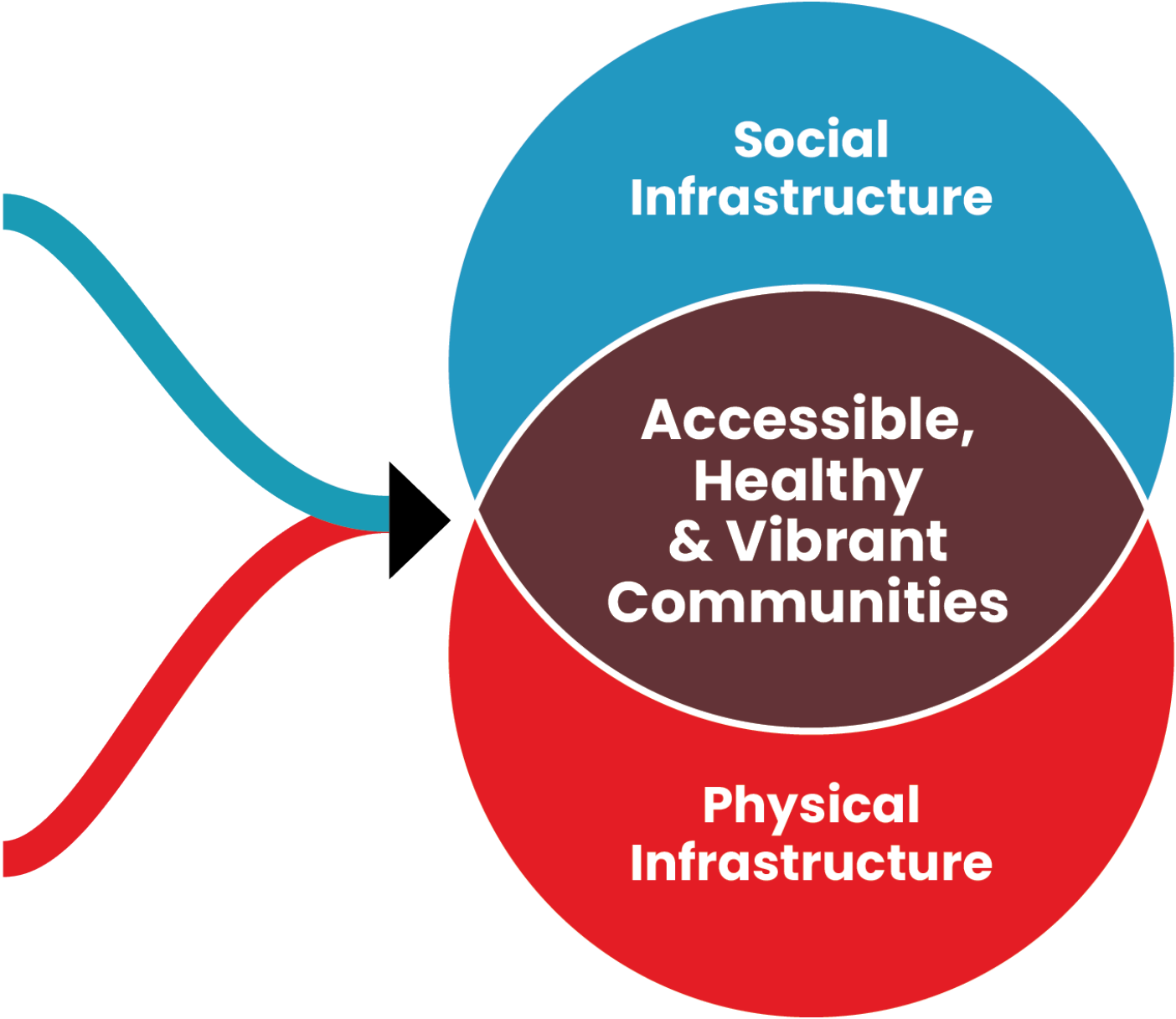
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Introduction

- Urban Matters CCC is a social enterprise dedicated to co-creating inclusive communities where everyone has the opportunity to thrive
- We are part of the Urban Systems Ltd. family, which means we draw upon a very wide range of expertise and resources
- We are a Community Contribution Company (CCC), which means that we dedicate a minimum of 60% of our profits to support community-led projects that advance systems change. We've donated more than \$625,000 since 2016.
- We work to break down barriers to meaningful social and community change by sharing our knowledge as social planners and community development consultants

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Attachment: Urban Matters (Administrative Updates)

OUR WORK SPANS ACROSS THE SPECTRUM OF SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH.



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& SOCIAL
CONNECTIVITY



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CHILDHOOD
DEVELOPMENT &
EDUCATION



FOOD
AVAILABILITY &
SECURITY



CLIMATE
CHANGE & THE
ENVIRONMENT

LINKING CONTRIBUTION TO IMPACT GOALS

OUR IMPACT GOALS



Support community-led systems change efforts intended to cultivate social cohesion and foster community resiliency.



Leave the systems that we interact with in better shape once we move on.



Inspire others to be systems-oriented and to value lived experience.

Project Overview

- Accessibility audit of selected buildings in the RMWB, including municipal and private-owned
- Builds off great work happening by looking at accessibility on a site-specific level to identify deficiencies in policy or form and recommend solutions
- Project is an opportunity to build community awareness and buy-in, as well as new relationships between the RMWB and partners

Work Plan

Phase 1: Kick Off (March – May)

- Is about understanding the context and setting the stage for success
- Project start up meetings and managing timelines and expectations
- Identifying and reviewing background documents for contextual knowledge, environmental scan on best practices (summary memo)
- Overlaps with Phase 2, which is about identifying buildings to be audited

Work Plan

Phase 2: Planning (April – June)

- Identify which buildings are to be audited and begin scheduling site visits
- Connecting with various RMWB Committees to learn more about the municipality's approach to and hopes for enhancing accessibility
- Engaging with property owners to build enthusiasm and willingness to participate in the process
- Developing an audit checklist that is accessible and engaging for the public, RMWB staff, and private businesses to utilize
- Exploring how to collect and present audit findings (e.g. online mapping)

Work Plan

Phase 3: Site Visit (late-May – July)

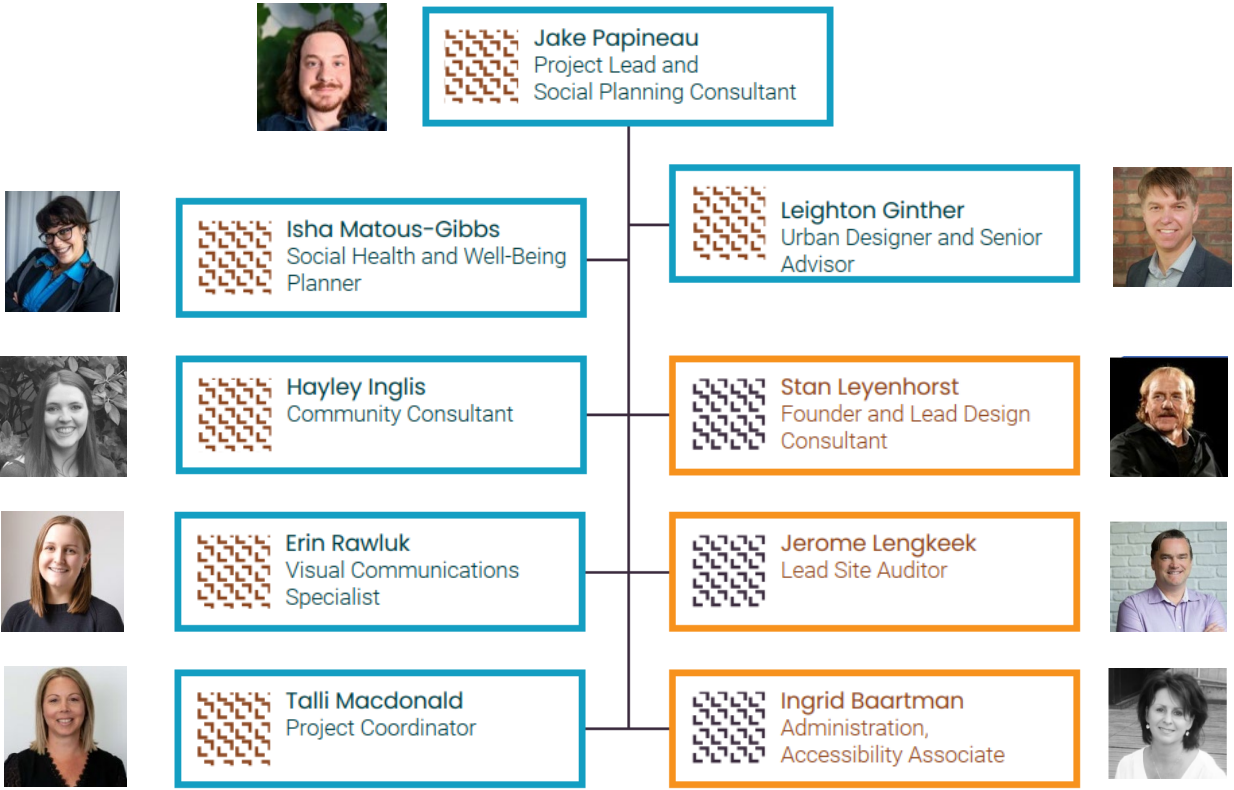
- Multi-day visit to the RMWB to audit selected buildings
- Project team debrief and begin developing audit summary reports
- Meet and greets with building owners, Committees, etc.
- Potential for other public engagement activities (e.g. coordinating with RMWB communications staff on publicizing audits, etc.)
- Finalize and present audit report findings for discussion

Work Plan

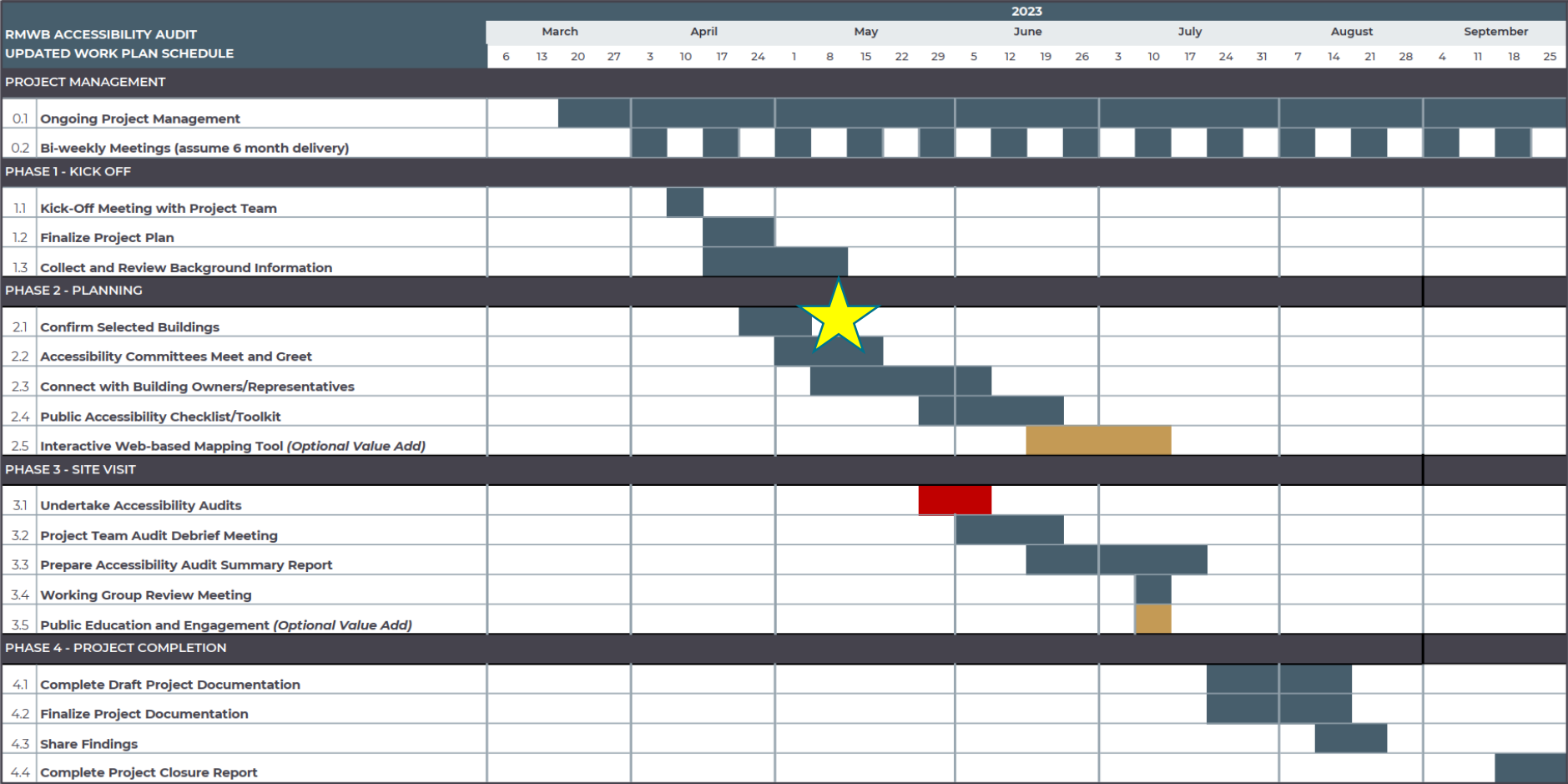
Phase 4: Project Completion (July-Sept)

- Development of a report that:
 - Discusses accessibility and best practices from a municipal perspective (context documents, environmental scan) – where the RMWB is at
 - Presents an overview of audits and identification of gaps - where buildings or policy is deficient
 - Articulates recommendations to improve accessibility – what the RMWB can do
 - Summarizes engagement or other stories through site visits – what we heard in the field

Project Team



Timelines



THANKS!
QUESTIONS?

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