

Latitude 53 is free to visit.

COVID POLICY

We at Latitude 53 are happy to be a mask-friendly environment. As we open our doors to the community, we highly recommend wearing a mask indoors to limit the spread of COVID-19, and work together to keep our space safe for our immunocompromised and disabled friends. We will be equipped with 2 HEPA air purifiers in our pop-up location at the McLeod building, 10130 100 Street, and a limited capacity to help as well! We have masks and hand sanitizer available for guests near the front door. Latitude staff will wear masks during gallery visits regardless if a visitor chooses to wear a mask. While masks are not required, wearing one is appreciated after known exposure or known respiratory illness. If you are feeling under the weather, please stay home and take a COVID test if you are able.

ENTERING THE BUILDING

Latitude 53 is a single-level gallery, and not barrier free. This is a temporary location and we are actively searching for a space better suited to our community's needs.

Entrance notes:

- A 3 inch tall step with a wooden ramp at the front door to enter the gallery.
- Door is 3 feet wide, juts inward from the walls and could interfere with mobility devices.
- Heavy pull door, swings outwards to the right – no automatic door opener.
- Door handle is about 4 feet off the ground.

If you need assistance with the door, please call the gallery and a staff member will assist you:
780 423 5353

WASHROOMS

We have **one gender-neutral washroom that is not physically accessible** at the back of the building.

- The washroom is located up two irregular-sized steps (21 cm and 37 cm in height). If comfortable, the staff are willing to lend a hand stepping up and down the stairs and lifting an empty mobility device up and down the stairs.
- The washroom is a single-stall washroom with a locking doorknob (push-down handle).
- The toilet seat is 43 cm high (17 inches), and there is a grab bar beside the toilet.
- The sink is 93.5cm high (37 inches) with a shelf surrounding it.
- For those using mobility devices that can go up the stairs, there should be enough space in the bathroom to allow for a fair turn radius on your devices.
- There is a sharps bin in this washroom, which is also above the ground.

- We offer complimentary sanitary napkins and tampons to visitors available in the washroom.

For those unable to access the washroom, we offer our sincere apologies. The Edmonton Public Library is located across the street and available for use (open 9am to 9pm daily).

ENGAGING WITH THE SPACE

There will always be seating available during regular hours in the gallery spaces.

Seating options include:

- Short wooden benches (no back support),
- Grey fabric and metal reinforced chairs at varying widths and weight capacity (400 pounds for the smaller chair and 750 pounds for the wider chairs).
- At this time (November 2023), we are not a fully fragrance-free space. We use fragrance free soaps, hand sanitizer, and cleaning products from [The Unscented Company](#), and discourage visitors from wearing perfumes and scents.

For Blind/low-vision/a non-visual learners:

- If you would like visual descriptions for the pieces in the gallery, please talk to a staff member and they will assist you. Most staff members have taken a workshop in visual description.
- We are working on ways to integrate visual descriptions into the gallery space, both in-person and online.

TRANSIT & PARKING

We are located at **10130 100 St** in Edmonton at street level, next to Woodwork restaurant in the McLeod building downtown. There is no free parking available for gallery guests.

- Located 1 block southwest of Churchill LRT station on the Capital and Valley Lines, across the street from the Westin Hotel
- Nearby bus routes include 2, 5, 8, 73, 111, 131, 201, 401, 411, 511, 523.
- There is a loading zone directly in front of the gallery doors, available for drop-offs. This space is available until 3:30 pm on weekdays.
- Nearby paid parkades: Stanley Milner Library parkade, Rice Howard Parkade.
- EPark street parking available on the streets around the gallery. EPark parking is free for the first 30 minutes, before charging hourly (ranges from \$1 to \$3.50 per hour). Please note that even if you are only parking for 30 minutes or less, you must register your vehicle. This parking becomes free after 6pm unless there is an event at Rogers Place

on the same night. To see if there is an event at Rogers place, please check this website: <https://isthereaneventatrogersplace.ca/>.

EVENT INFORMATION

- Latitude 53 serves alcohol during events.
- There is a possibility for ceremonial smudging during or before events.
- There is a rolling bar and snack bars that will be brought into the gallery space and their placement will vary based on exhibition locations. Safe paths will be created to navigate around them and throughout the gallery space.
- We will provide written dietary information and ingredients on refreshments/snacks at scheduled events.

OFFICE SPACES

The back half of the gallery space is intended for staff use, including working space and storage. Staff desks are approximately 30 inches high. If you need any assistance or have any questions, feel welcome to speak with staff at the opening of this area. If you are coming in to meet with any of the staff and have mobility/space concerns, let staff know when you are scheduling your meeting, and arrangements will be made at that time.

ACCESS REQUESTS & FEEDBACK

If you have any questions related to your own access needs while in the gallery, or if you have any feedback for any of our current accessibility measures/descriptions, [please](#) call 780 423 5353 or e-mail director@latitude53.org