

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS  
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016  
SECOND FLOOR BOARDROOM  
NORQUAY BUILDING, 401 YORK AVENUE**

**In attendance:**

Yvonne Peters (Chairperson). Jim Derksen, Lanny McInnes, Scott Jocelyn, Jim Baker, Judy Redmond, Jesse Turner, Dave Schellenberg, Doug Momotiuk, Ralph Groening

**Regrets:**

None

A letter drafted by the Chairperson of the council to be sent to the Minister was circulated with all other documents prior to the meeting. It calls for adequate resources of the DIO in order to effectively carry out the implementation of the Act. In addition to suggested revisions to the language of the letter, it is suggested that the letter call for a meeting with the Minister to discuss the issue further. It will be signed by the Chairperson.

The discussion paper, containing the proposed accessibility standard for employment, was circulated prior to the meeting as well. With the exception of some capitalization and punctuation corrections, the council approved the discussion paper to be posted on the Disabilities Issues Office (DIO) website, [www.accessibilitymb.ca](http://www.accessibilitymb.ca). The Terms of Reference for the standard development process mandate that the proposed standard be posted 60 days before public consultation. The public consultation will be on Wednesday, January 18 for 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Viscount Gort. The event will be webcast allowing individuals not able to attend in person to participate online.

Several names were given to serve as the facilitator for the event. Individuals that we have used on previous occasions are unavailable. Council members are asked to forward the names of any other possible facilitator who should be considered to the Secretary. He will approach the suggested names to determine their interest and availability.

The Secretary has also been asked to prepare a side-by-side of the Ontario Information and communication Standard and the Terms of Reference for the next standard development process. Several names were given as possible candidates to serve on the Information and Communication standard development committee. Similar to the employment development committee, the group will be made up of individuals with the expertise in the area of providing accessible information and communication, including individuals from the disability community. The council was again asked to forward the names of other possible candidates to the DIO, who have already established a list of individuals who should be considered. The list will be prioritized at the next meeting.

The next Accessibility Advisory council meeting will be Tuesday, January 10, 2017.