**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS**

**ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 1:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

**SECOND FLOOR EXECUTIVE BOARDROOM**

**NORQUAY BUILDING, 401 YORK AVENUE**

**Present:** Jim Baker (Chairperson), Jim Derksen, Jesse Turner, John Graham, Scott Jocelyn, Dianna Scarth, John Wyndels (DIO)

**Absent:** Judy Redmond, Doris Koop,Marin Harder

The T of R are established to assist the standard development committees. They are designed to guide and direct the discussions of the committee, while at the same time identifying the scope, process and other factors to be observed in the development of a proposed standard. Members of the Council may keep their principals or constituents apprised of various matters under consideration. That does not include the widespread distribution of council documents for public input and feedback. Until the T of R are finalized by the Minister and made public, they are not to be widely distributed documents. The council recommends that we clarify the roles of appointed individuals on the council.

The Information and Communications (IC) prosed standard that the committee has been working on was circulated to the council prior to the council meeting, as well as the Secretary’s rationale for the number of unresolvable issues. The council requested the proposed standard in its current state to better understand the reasons behind the unresolvable issues. A number of the council members acknowledged the differences between committee members and the Secretary and clearly understood why proposed standard remains in limbo. As has already been discussed with the council, we are awaiting the posting of a proposed Information and Communications standard from Ontario, which is currently conducting a five-year review of the standard. We are hoping this will provide some guidance and provide a clearer understanding of how to proceed.

The council is addressing the Terms of Reference for both the Transportation and Built Environment standard development committees. There are some questions concerning the list of transportation vehicles and conveyances. A larger discussion was had regarding what vehicles could be identified. Would and/or could the standard apply to Ride Share Services, such as Uber?

Conflict of Interest, change the first sentence to read, “Where a committee member feels they are in a conflict of interest or a concern is raised about a potential conflict of interest with respect to any matter before the committee, the member must immediately contact the chairperson to discuss the issue and the potential conflict”.

The meeting ended at 12:00 p.m. The next meeting of the council is scheduled for Monday, June 4 at 1:30 p.m.