SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL 9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M., TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017 401 YORK AVENUE, NORQUAY BUILDING

Present: Jim Derksen, Jim Baker, Scott Jocelyn, Judy Redmond, Doug Momotiuk, Brad Fulton, John Wyndels (DIO)

Regrets: Jesse Turner, Ralph Groening, Yvonne Peters, Lanny McInnes

Yvonne Peters has resigned from the Accessibility Advisory Council. She forwarded an email to Minister Scott Fielding and a second one to members of the council. Yvonne had made her decision more than a month ago, but she agreed to remain on until the council's report containing recommendations on a proposed accessibility employment standard was forwarded to the government. She has been with the council from its inception and was anxious to pursue other activities.

Lanny McInnes has left the Retail Council of Canada and has also resigned from the council. The Secretary to the council was informed of his decision several days earlier. Lanny has also served on the council from its inception. The departure of the Chairperson and one of its longest serving members is a great loss to the council. In addition, there are three positions on the council up for re-appointment in June 2017. The Minister has asked for a Briefing Note regarding the re-appointments.

The council's report and recommendations were forwarded to members on March 28. Council members were given one week to provide comment. With the exception of some clarification required by the AMM, little comment was provided by members. The report was submitted to the Minister on April 4. The next step in the process is the Government's preparing its own proposed employment standard. There is no defined time period within the legislation that states when the Government must have a proposed standard prepared by.

Following an earlier council meeting, the Secretary had made a series of additions and amendments to the Information and Communication Terms of Reference. Members wanted further clarification to a number of sections. All suggested changes will be forwarded to the Secretary for preparation of a new draft that will be distributed prior to next council meeting.

A list of potential candidates had been forwarded to council members at the March meeting. The names of other additional candidates were to be forwarded to the Secretary. Calls will be made to potential candidates to determine their commitment and availability to serve on the committee.

The next meeting date had not been determined.