

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2021
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
(ONLINE FORUM)

Present: John Graham (Chairperson), Scott Jocelyn, Kelly Cook, Laurel Repski, Brad Robertson, Josh Watt, Dianna Scarth, Kris Cowley, Lucia Madariaga-Vignudo, (Accessibility Compliance Secretariat), Emily Walker and Colleen Watters (MAO)

Absent: Nil

Summary:

The chair welcomed everyone and went over the agenda for the meeting.

The Assistant Director of Compliance under The Accessibility for Manitobans Act provided a presentation and overview of the work of the Secretariat, activity highlights and future projects.

The Accessibility Compliance Secretariat was established in 2019 to monitor and oversee compliance with The Accessibility for Manitobans Act. The Secretariat works with regulated public and private sector organizations and is separate from the Manitoba Accessibility Office. The Secretariat provided an overview on recent activity highlights.

By way of updates to Council, the government is committed to working on the recommendations from Council's Five-Year Review of the Customer Service Standard, including an implementation plan. The secretary is part of the implementation team and will provide regular updates to Council on the team's activities. The secretary reached out to the federal government regarding the Information and Communications Standard. The federal government is currently working on their outdoor spaces standard and could benefit from Manitoba's expertise regarding the Design of Public Spaces Standard.

Action: The Manitoba Accessibility Office and a council member with expertise on the Design of Public Spaces Standard will meet with the federal government to outline Manitoba's standard development process.

The Council discussed suggested changes on the proposed Information and Communication Standard.

Action: Council will submit feedback by December 3, 2021 or as soon as possible.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.