

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS OF THE  
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2019, 9:30 – Noon  
SIXTH FLOOR BOARDROOM, 613  
NORQUAY BUILDING, 401 YORK AVENUE**

**Present:** Jim Baker (Chairperson), Jim Derksen, John Graham, Martin Harder, Scott Jocelyn, Judy Redmond, Dianna Scarth, Jesse Turner, John Wyndels (DIO), Emily Walker (DIO)

**Absent:** Yutta Fricke (DIO)

Council was granted extensions to the August 31 deadline as follows: **September 30, 2019** to submit report and recommendations for an accessibility standard for IC; **December 31, 2019** to submit reports and recommendations for accessibility standards for DoPS and Transportation. Council plans to submit its IC report to government by early fall and anticipates holding public consultations on the last two standards at that time. Council would then submit all remaining reports to government by **December 31, 2019**, which would allow government all of 2020 to develop its proposed standards and seek 60 days of public feedback before forwarding the standards to Cabinet for enactment.

Council discussed membership terms and who is eligible for re-appointment. The chair will follow up with each member to determine who wishes to stay on. Proposals for a ninth member were considered, including representation from the various perspectives of the disability community. Council will put forward the names of three candidates to the Minister for consideration.

The Council discussed their future role, once all standards have been developed including participating in a mandatory five-year review of the effectiveness of the Customer Service Standard (CSS) in November 2020 as legislated by the AMA and their involvement in compliance. Council is required to meet four times per year and meet with the Minister annually. The future role of Council is a question for the Minister and Deputy Minister.

Council debriefed the May 14 public consultation. The DIO agreed to prepare a summary document for the July meeting to facilitate discussions.

Ontario is updating its IC Standard and is considering having an outside body of experts to provide advice. The IC SDC will keep the government updated on small IC changes

to incorporate on an ongoing basis, rather than waiting five years to update the regulations.

Council raised the issue of costs for standard implementation and will request a cost analysis to guide future discussions.

Council will receive a report from the Transportation SDC at the end of July, and begin reviewing the Transportation standard in August. Council's report will be forwarded to government by the end of September. The Transportation SDC has a meeting during the third week in June.

The DoPS SDC is slightly behind schedule, as the information is very detailed, and it is challenging to develop a standard within a tight timeframe. If more time is required, Council can request a further extension. Consideration of issues related to the Manitoba Building Code and enforcement were important areas identified during the consultations. The Chair can request a meeting with the new DM to provide an update.

The DIO reported on the successful June 4, 2019 Manitoba Access Awareness Week event. Maureen Haan from the Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work (CCRW) gave the keynote address, followed by a presentation on the Accessibility Standard for Employment. The Independent Living Resource Centre (ILRC) organized an insightful panel on disability perspectives during disasters and emergency preparedness. Many businesses and non-profit organizations attended, (over half for the first time), due in part, due to the partnership with MEEPA and because the event was advertised on Eventbrite.

The next Council meeting will take place on Friday, July 19, 2019 from 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM.