

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS OF THE  
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019  
SIXTH FLOOR BOARDROOM, 612 - 401 YORK AVENUE**

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

**Absent:** Emily Walker (DIO)

Council discussions focussed on the Committee's report on the Design of Public Spaces. The following sections were discussed:

**Roll-Out:** The Council discussed whether the schedule for roll-out should affect all organizations one year after the standard comes into force, or be staggered, noting the regulation only affects new projects going forward and not capital projects underway with contracts already signed. The first three standards have a graduated schedule. Some Council members wondered whether one year is sufficient time to implement the standard. One option is to leave the schedule as is and insert commentary into the public discussion document.

**Prescribed Design Elements:** Council discussed the impact of the standard on all parties and the possibility of seeking feedback from engineers.

**Action:** Council decided to table the time frame until the next meeting. In the meantime, Council will inquire about the standard's impact from individuals familiar with engineering and the implications for stakeholders.

**Action:** Council will ask the DoPS Chair if developers have had an opportunity to provide input on the standard and about the differences between Ontario's standard and Manitoba's.

**Manitoba versus Ontario DoPS:** Council wondered whether Manitoba's standard is more comprehensive than Ontario's and whether the new areas introduced in Manitoba's standard are included in other standards in Ontario affecting the design of public places.

**Action:** DIO will share a chart comparing Ontario's DoPS and Manitoba's proposed standard.

Council discussed two vacancies and the need to increase diversity in their membership.

**Decision:** Council will request a meeting with the Deputy Minister to discuss vacancies and receive an update on the compliance framework.

**Action:** Available Council members will discuss roll-out, design elements and differences between Manitoba's and Ontario's standards at a meeting at the Viscount Gort Hotel, 11:00 AM on Thursday, November 7, 2019 (cancelled).

Next Meeting:

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will take place on Friday, November 29, 2019, 10:00 AM in Boardroom 612 - 401 York Avenue.