

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS OF THE
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2019, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
SIXTH FLOOR BOARDROOM, 613
NORQUAY BUILDING, 401 YORK AVENUE**

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

Absent: Jim Derksen, Yutta Fricke (DIO)

The chair reported that a Council member resigned for personal reasons, and Council agreed to thank her for her good work.

Council discussed recommendations from Ontario's draft Information and Communications Standard on issues impacting Manitoba. Ontario's draft is currently posted for public consultation and feedback. Discussion topics included: Products and Product labels, alternate format suitability and alternative formats provided in a timely manner, on-demand version ready formats, mobile applications, procurement, differentiating organizations, education and training and harmonization with Ontario standard.

The Council discussed final changes in Manitoba's draft information and communications proposal related to the following:

- A. Accessible Procurement
- B. Training section added.
- C. Implementation of Timelines
 - i. Pre-existing Information
 - ii. Legacy/ Archived information
 - b. Libraries, Educational and Training Institutions

Prior to the next meeting, Council will review the introduction to the proposed standard, which will be circulated by email.

The Transportation Committee is close to finalizing their recommendations for a Transportation Standard, and the committee chair will present her report to Council at the September meeting.

The Assistant Deputy Minister approved the recruitment of new members to the Design of Public Spaces Committee to replace those that resigned. The DIO will send their names and biographies to Council. The DoPS committee requested an extension until Friday, September 6th to submit its reports.

The next Council meeting will take place on September 9, 2019 from 10:00 to 1:00 PM.