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SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

MEETING OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL ONLINE - ZOOM WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023, Meeting TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Present: John Graham (Chairperson), Josh Watt, Dianna Scarth, Kris Cowley, Laurel Repski, Shawna Joynt, Scott Jocelyn, Brad Robertson, Members of Accessible Transportation Standard Committee (Patrick Stewart, Teresa Platt, Rick Penner and Chris Scott), Anna Adamiec (Legislative and Strategic Policy Branch, Families), Darren Macdonald, Colleen Watters and Maria Ferraro (MAO), Two ASL Interpreters (ECCOE)

Regrets: Kelly Cook.

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the land acknowledgement. The first part of the meeting was devoted to a presentation and continued discussion of the recommendations on changes to be made to the Accessible Transportation Standard as a result of feedback received from the 60-day public consultation. This was followed by regular Council business.

Action: The secretary and representative from the Legislative and Strategic Policy Branch will meet to review the recommendations from Winnipeg Transit and seek clarification.

Action: The Manitoba Accessibility Office will respond to the organizations which submitted feedback letting them know their feedback has been received.

AAC Meeting Part 2 – (council members only)

As part of regular Council business, the chair/secretary provided updates. The Executive Director, Manitoba Accessibility Office, outlined the Memorandum of Understanding the Minister will sign on behalf of Manitoba with Accessibility Standards Canada, with the signing taking place on May 26, 2023. A discussion took place on the need to re-appoint four members to the Council in summer, 2023 due to the expiration of their terms. One person has opted not to stand for re-appointment which means an additional Council representative needs to be found.

Action: The chair, Secretary and Executive Director of the MAO will connect to put together the documentation to the Minister about re-appointment and recommendations for filling the vacancy.

Council discussed proposed work during the pre-election period and confirmed dates for future meetings as follows:

- May 26 – 9:00am -12:00pm – First two hours, discussion with Winnipeg Transit, 11:00 am- 12:00 noon - meeting with Sarah Lugtig to discuss the AMA Recommendations from the AMA Five-Year Review
- June 8 – 9:00 am -12:00 noon
- June 22 – 9:00 am -12:00 noon.
- Confirm if these dates work: September 21st, October 26th, November 30th (no meetings July, August, December)

Action: Council members were asked to provide feedback to the secretary on the proposed dates for fall Council meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon