

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION
MEETING OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, June 12, 2025, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM
In-person: Boardroom 1A – 114 Garry Street, Winnipeg
HYBRID, VIA ZOOM

Present: John Graham (Chairperson), Josh Watt, Scott Jocelyn, Vivi Dabee, Laurel Repski, Ray Schirle, Shawna Joynt (via zoom), Heidi Wurmman (Assistant Deputy Minister, Families), Two ASL Interpreters (ECCOE), Emily Walker, Darren Macdonald and Colleen Watters (Manitoba Accessibility Office).

Regrets: Kris Cowley.

The chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave the land acknowledgement. The Executive Director, Manitoba Accessibility Office, introduced representatives of Accessibility Standards Canada who provided a presentation on their work on the built environment, including an accessible housing standard, an accessible dwelling guide and an accessible-ready guide. Council discussion followed, including consideration of the built environment, key points in Accessibility Standards Canada's presentation and next steps.

Decision: After discussion, Council decided to review recommendations from Accessibility Standards Canada on the National Building Code and prepare their advice for the Minister.

The Assistant Deputy Minister, Families, provided updates to the Council and discussed ongoing accessibility work, including recommendations from the AMA and Accessible Employment Standard reviews.

By way of Manitoba Accessibility Office (MAO) updates, the Executive Director reported that the MAO is working on the recommendations from the AMA and Accessible Employment Standard reviews. The MAO received a government training grant to update their learning modules. The Minister has not yet made a decision regarding which projects are to receive Manitoba Accessibility Fund grants for 2025-26.

Council discussed additional activities for the fall and reflected on this past year's work.

Decision: Council decided to meet with the Procurement Office (Public Service Delivery) in September to discuss Council work and accessibility priorities.

Council meetings for the fall will occur on September 18, October 16, November 13 and December 11.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.