

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION
MEETING OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025, 9:30 AM – NOON
VIRTUAL (VIA ZOOM)**

Present: John Graham (Chairperson), Scott Jocelyn, Vivi Dabee, Laurel Repski, Ray Schirle, Kris Cowley, Shawna Joynt, Josh Watt, Two ASL Interpreters (ECCOE), Sarah Lugtig Riezebos (Guest), Megan Fultz and Karen Sharma (Manitoba Human Rights Commission), Jamie Skinner, Senior Policy Analyst/Accessibility Coordinator, Legislation and Strategic Policy Branch, (Department of Families), Emily Walker, Darren Macdonald and Colleen Watters (Manitoba Accessibility Office)

Regrets: None

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave the land acknowledgement. The meeting began with a Council discussion focussing on the finalization of a letter to Minister Fontaine regarding proposed changes to the 2030 National Building Code.

Decision: Council will invite representatives from Inspection and Technical Services to a future meeting to discuss potential changes to the 2030 National Building Code.

A discussion took place with representatives from the Manitoba Human Rights Commission followed by Council updates on Minister relations with members of the Deaf community and the proposed Sign Languages Recognition Act to be introduced to the House in the near future. With respect to Council's project, the secretary has begun a jurisdictional scan across Canada. Going forward, focus groups with stakeholders and additional cross-Canada research will be conducted.

The Council meeting concluded with a PowerPoint presentation by the Senior Policy Analyst, Families containing proposed amendments to The Accessibility for Manitobans Act and an overview of the proposed Sign Languages Recognition Act.

The next meeting will be virtual on Thursday, December 11. At this meeting Council will set 2026 meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.