

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS OF THE
DESIGN OF PUBLIC SPACES
STANDARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M., FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020
HTFC PLANNING AND DESIGN
5TH FLOOR, 115 BANNATYNE**

Committee members submitted their assigned sections after reviewing and considering all recommendations received during the public consultation process. A revised draft of the proposed Design of Public Spaces was assembled and circulated to committee members prior to the meeting. The meeting focussed on reviewing the revised draft and agreeing to language and content. It is expected that changes made at this time will serve as final copy forwarded to the Accessibility Advisory Council. Although standard development committees are comprised of individuals with an expertise in the particular area of standard development, it is the responsibility of the Council to approve those recommendations and forward the Minister.

The front end (introduction) had to be revised the changing nature of the document. It is no longer a discussion paper soliciting feedback from the public. It is now the initial recommendations for the accessibility standard for the Design of Public spaces and fulfilling a mandated responsibility of the Act. It spells out the scope and intent of the report, the process used by the Council to develop the proposed standard and the initial recommendations for the Minister to review and consider. It references the standard's relationship with the building code without going into a great deal of detail. That will be addressed in a separate list of committee recommendations that fall outside the Design of Public spaces per se.

The General Application section of the proposed standard was laid out in greater detail stemming from feedback received during the consultation process. For example, what constitutes redevelopment and the various triggers that would demonstrate whether the requirements of the standard are applicable. The definitions section was also expanded,

Section 2 applies to the various features of the public spaces within focus of the proposed standard. The largest and most detailed sub-section is Accessible Paths of Travel. There was a thorough discussion over several of the provisions and the language that best suited its intentions. The Stairs section was also expanded to provide greater detail. The committee's expectation at the beginning of the meeting was to go over the majority of the sections of the proposed standard. Despite best efforts, more than half the document still requires review and agreement. A doodle would be forwarded to committee members to determine the next meeting date.

POST-MEETING ADDENDUM: With the rapid advancement of COVID-19, it was determined there will be no further in-person meetings of the committee. The proposed standard will have to be completed online. A process to complete the process is being developed.

