

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS OF THE
DESIGN OF PUBLIC SPACES
STANDARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020
HTFC PLANNING AND DESIGN
5TH FLOOR, 115 BANNATYNE**

This was the first meeting of the committee following the public consultation on January 15, 2020. Approximately 100 people attended the event and more than 70 people / organizations participated via webcast. In addition to comments and recommendations provided during the public consultation, submissions regarding the proposed Design of Public Spaces standard were accepted until the end of January. The Secretary compiled all the recommendations received, sorted them according to the various sections of the proposed standard they pertained to, and shared with the committee.

There was a lot of constructive feedback. At the same time, there were recurring themes contributed during the public engagement that did not deal with the proposed standard per se, but to some of the larger issues and concerns of stakeholders with the proposed standard and the implementation of the legislation. They were:

- Compliance
- The need to update the Manitoba Building Code
- Grants and incentives to assist with implementation off standards

These recommendations are important to committee members and have been discussed amongst the committee at earlier meetings. The committee will be forwarding these recommendations to the Deputy Minister / Minister. It was not determined if these recommendations would be included in the final report containing recommendations for a proposed Design of Public Spaces Accessibility Standard or be provided as a separate document.

There were particular questions regarding The Physically Disabled Persons Parking Act., which was referenced to in one particular submission. The Act establishes dimensions for disabled parking spots in Manitoba. The dimensions differ from the committee's recommendations sourced from other built environment guidelines. There is no record of that being a consolidated Act in the government website.

Action: The Secretary will contact legal counsel to determine its status.

Committee members assigned to specific sections of the standard were tasked with reviewing recommendations for their sections, considering their appropriateness and/or amending their section. All changes to sections will be performed using track changes and forwarded for incorporation of a new draft.

A doodle poll will be forwarded to committee members to determine their availability for the next meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.