

Summary of Discussion
MEETING OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
ONLINE - ZOOM
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022
TIME: 10:00 AM -12:00 PM

Present: John Graham (Chairperson), Brad Robertson, Josh Watt, Dianna Scarth, Kris Cowley, Laurel Repski, Shawna Joynt, Scott Jocelyn, Darren Macdonald and Maria Ferraro (MAO)

Regrets: Kelly Cook

Welcome and Land Acknowledgements

Review of agenda and previous meeting minutes

Minister Meeting outcomes and actions

- The chair read the ministers letter to the group regarding their concerns around enforcing compliance and including it in procurement as an option to gain compliance. The group then had a discussion to draft a letter of response of next steps to the minister in regards to options for procurement and compliance. Discussion of what timelines will be to enact this, monitor and communicate to public, and what the criteria will be around this. Suggesting examples such as Green Buildings that were procured already, and use the same strategy as what was used in this case.
- The minister's annual report was discussed including reviewing some of the recommendations;

Manitoba Accessibility Fund Update

- Discussion around compliance and leveraging the fund for compliance for future funds. Hybrid model
- Discussions around applicant selections for future funding
- Survey is completed and the results are compiled and the final report will be provided soon.

Standards Updates

- Transportation

The Accessible Transportation Standard is completed, just waiting on the Ministers final stamp and it will be posted on Engage MB For a 60 day public consultation.

Looking a bit further ahead, once the consultation period ends the AAC will then review comments received and any revisions to the standard likely in March / April.

- **Design of Public Outdoor Spaces**

DOPS – the standard is in it's preliminary stages. The DOPS committee has been brought back together as the legislative drafters had questions for them. So we had a productive meeting Nov 30th and have another one tomorrow to complete the remainder of the questions.

Other Business

- Saskatchewan has introduced legislation that will result in the development of Accessibility Standards.

Future 2022 Meetings

- February 9th 10am -12pm
- To be scheduled according to consultations reviews