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SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

MEETING OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL and Sarah Lugtig (AMA Reviewer)

ONLINE - ZOOM

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023

Present: John Graham (Chairperson), Josh Watt, Dianna Scarth, Kris Cowley, Laurel Repski, Shawna Joynt, Scott Jocelyn, Darren Macdonald, Colleen Watters and Maria Ferraro (MAO), Sarah Lugtig (AMA Reviewer), 2 ASL Interpreters (ECCOE)

Regrets: Brad Robertson, Kelly Cook.

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the land acknowledgement.

Sarah Lugtig (AMA Reviewer) was present to discuss Council's perspective on what is going well and areas for improvement.

After the meeting with Sarah, Council received updates on the Accessible Transportation Consultation, the Manitoba Accessibility Fund and other updates.

Regarding the transportation consultation webinar, the event was successful, although it would have been good to have more people attend. There were approximately 60 attendees, with three attending from outside Winnipeg. The Independent Living Resource Centre, Barrier-Free Manitoba, CNIB and the Manitoba League of Persons with Disabilities are holding a transportation forum on Thursday, April 30 from 6:30-8:00 pm, so this may have influenced the degree of participation in the MAO session.

Action: The Secretary forwarded information about the forum to Council via email.

There will be an opportunity for Council to weigh in on the recommendations from the consultation at some point.

Action: The chair will find out the nature of Council's role in approving the recommendations and bring the information back to the next meeting.

By way of Chair/Secretary updates, The Secretary provided an update on the Manitoba Accessibility Fund prior to the meeting.

It is estimated that there were about 40 applicants apply from communities outside Winnipeg (i.e., school divisions, libraries and municipalities).

There were 155 eligible applications and eight ineligible submissions.

37 organizations indicated they applied for MAF in 2022, 15 of which applied for a new project grant in 2023. 118 were brand new applicants to MAF which means we are raising awareness of the program and getting the word out across Manitoba. This is what we want to see and it is a positive result.

Second intake update:

- 172 applications received (9 were duplicates)
- 163 applications received (155 eligible projects, eight ineligible)
- Of the 155 applications:
 - 21 from businesses
 - 99 from NPOs and associations
 - 18 from municipalities
 - 16 from school divisions and post-secondary institutions
 - 1 from WRHA (public sector)
- 4 applications received in French (151 in English)
- 15 of the 2022-23 grant recipients re-applied for MAF in 2023.

Design of Outdoor Public Spaces

With respect to the Design of Outdoor Public Spaces Standard, the Standard Development Committee is taking another look at the legislation, and additional public consultations will follow.

There was no other business.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 26, 2022 from 10:00 am to noon. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.