

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS OF THE  
DESIGN OF PUBLIC SPACES  
STANDARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019  
SECOND FLOOR EXECUTIVE BOARDROOM  
NORQUAY BUILDING, 401 YORK AVENUE**

There was a review of Action items from last meeting..

**POST MEETING COMMENT:** Since the writ has dropped, we can make no further additions/alterations to the Disabilities Issues Office website. Consequently, we will not be able to post our consultation summary and any information related to the extension of the standard development process. .

**Action:** Committee members agreed to complete their sections, with application, recommended values, and appendix items, to the Secretary by Friday, June 14.

**Result:** Completed, for the most part. I have received the majority of committee member assignments.

**Action:** Committee members are also to identify remaining gaps from those that were noted in red on the original spreadsheet. Gaps will be discussed at the next meeting and if they are to form part of the standard, will be assigned to committee members to write up.

**Result:** This was not completed.

**Action:** The Secretary will prepare an initial draft of the proposed standard using committee member assignments.

**Result:** Completed

**Action:** John to review initial table of contents and provide an updated draft to the committee for review.

**Result:** Completed

**Action:** Secretary to share Exterior Accessible Path of Travel section with all committee members to assist in the completion of their sections.

**Result:** Completed

A report from the Treasury Board, as part of consultations conducted under the Red Tape Task Force, heard that a number of inefficient regulatory systems and processes were discouraging investment in Manitoba. In pages 28-29 of their report, they speak of the problems associated with the Manitoba Building Code. The concerns raised reflect some of the challenges members of the committee have reported with the MBC. The

report can be viewed at [https://www.gov.mb.ca/asset\\_library/en/proactive/planning-zoning-and-permitting-in-manitoba.pdf](https://www.gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/proactive/planning-zoning-and-permitting-in-manitoba.pdf)

The provincial Co-chair told the committee that discussions regarding inter-provincial free trade and the elimination of trade barriers, where provincial Building Codes was being discussed, is moving along. He couldn't provide any specific details, but promised to share any information as soon as it became available.

We have a start on definitions but members have to be cognizant of terms that require meaning in their area. It is important that the definitions are concise. There shouldn't be the need for measurements in the definition of terms.

**Action:** As seen as accepted practice, we should *italicize* all defined terms in the core of the document. Temporary structures and level, as it applies to the physical environment, are two terms that need definitions.

**Action:** Tolerance, as in what can be tolerated as practicable and/or deemed acceptable as it applies to the design off public spaces, must be contained somewhere in the document. It should be stated once so that it is applicable to all areas.

Applications / General

Impracticable is a term that appears in USDA documents. That term is very difficult to substantiate and it is suggested that we apply "undue hardship" to circumstances in which that arises.

There are four application statements in his section. After discussion, it was suggested that the four statements in the Exterior Accessible Paths of Travel may apply to all sections of the document.

**Action:** Place the four Application statements from Exterior Accessible Paths of Travel is the Applications / General section.

**3.1.17** Delineated or separated is contentious.

**Action:** Write an Appendix section describing the physical means to delineate or separate.

Signage in the Application section does not work.

**Action:** This will be re-written and submitted again..

We should not writing out all the particulars as far as the design of washrooms. We should simply state, "If there is a washroom is the public space, refer to the Manitoba Building Code. Specify the section off the MBC

The exception to this is portable washrooms that are used for temporary or seasonal purposes. For example, the Winnipeg Folk Festival. What is the difference between temporary and seasonal? It was said that CWAD might have something regarding this.

**Action:** In Section 3.2, the paragraph that begins, “In determining the location of parking spaces...” should be moved to the Appendix section.

The parking section requires a line saying, “At least one accessible parking spot and in accordance with MBC Section...”

**Action:** In the Application Section for Parking it should be stated that all stalls have an accessible path of travel.

**Action:** Make clause 3.3.6 the first statement in the section.

For bike lane ramps, we may need a separate statement or provision similar to what is in place for push rampos.

### **Mechanical Lifts**

Similar to Washrooms, this can be shortened considerably by stating minimum dimensions for the area outside the mechanical lift followed by statement 3.5.1

### **Controls**

**Action:** There is language in NBC 2020 that is applicable.

The next meeting of the DOPS Standard Development Committee is Thursday, July 4 at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Executive Boardroom of the Norquay Building, 401 York Avenue.