

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS
OF THE DESIGN OF PUBLIC SPACES
STANDARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M., NOVEMBER 14, 2018
FIFTH FLOOR BOARDROOM
NORQUAY BUILDING, 401 YORK AVENUE**

Attendance:

Glen Manning (chair), John Wyndels (secretary), Brian Everton, Judy Redmond, Colin Mathison, Rebecca Luhn-Jensen, Kris Cowley, Lisa Richards, Colin Marnoch

Regrets: None

Glen reminded the group that we have a very tight timeline to accomplish what we've been asked to accomplish. A number of materials from Ontario were shared, including the Design of Public Places standard, which will serve as a starting point for discussions. The group approved the minutes.

The Secretary spoke to the Deputy Minister, Jay Rodgers, to discuss the committee's concern with the Terms of Reference. The mandated area of standard development within the Terms of Reference does not match the area of standard development identified in The Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA). The DM agreed to speak to the committee.

This will serve as an opportunity for the committee to speak to the DM regarding all issues pertinent to the work of the committee. Many of the materials the committee are seeking for background information is copyrighted and cannot be readily shared. One of the questions posed to the Secretary is whether there will be money available to purchase the copyrighted materials. The Secretary suggested this be one of the questions for the DM. A number of committee members suggested reference materials to aid the committee in their work.

The Terms of Reference identifies the committee as the Built Environment Standard Development Committee. Ontario, which serves as the source document for the committee's discussion, refers to its standard as the Design of Public Spaces. The DM has approved the committee being called the Design of Public Spaces and says that will be the name of the standard when it comes into force. The committee will from this time forward be called the Design of Public Spaces Standard Development Committee.

A side-by-side document was created to track progress through our review of the Ontario standard. Glen led the committee through a review of all the terms in the definitions section. It was noted that some definitions may be added and revised following the development of Manitoba standards. To start, it was recommended that a review of definitions be done by conducting a jurisdictional scan. It was suggested we look at Canadian sources first and make reference to any named documents. It was also suggested we speak to Ontario to understand how they defined terms.

How do we define public spaces? Most, if not all, of the areas to which the standard would apply fall under existing provincial and/or municipal codes of some kind. We can say that it applies to public and private spaces that are not governed by the MBC.

The technical requirements sections of the Ontario Design of Public Spaces standard were assigned to committee members, with each member of the committee have an assigned area of responsibility. All information/comment/discussion with regard to the review of the Ontario standard will be noted in the side-by-side-by-side document.

The next meeting of the Design of Public Spaces Standard Development Committee is Wednesday, November 28 at 1:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Executive Boardroom of the Norquay Building, 401 York Avenue.