

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS
MEETING OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024, 9:00 AM
IN-PERSON, BOARDROOM 1G, 114 GARRY STREET

Present: John Graham (Chairperson), Kris Cowley, Shawna Joynt (via Zoom), Scott Jocelyn, Josh Watt, Laurel Repski, Ray Schirle, Vivi Dabee, Charissa McIntosh (Accessibility Consultant, Public Service Commission), Wendy Harrisko, Emily Walker and Colleen Watters (MAO), Two ASL Interpreters (ECCOE)

Regrets: Dianna Scarth

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and made a land acknowledgement. The meeting was devoted to a presentation from the Communication and Engagement Specialist at the Manitoba Accessibility Office (MAO), a discussion with Charissa McIntosh, Accessibility Consultant, Public Service Commission, consideration of Council priorities related to the AMA Five-Year Review recommendations and discussion of plans for the upcoming Accessible Employment Standard Five-Year Review.

In the first presentation, the Communication and Engagement Specialist with the MAO outlined her role and provided an overview of the MAO's communication activities.

Then, the Accessibility Consultant, Public Service Commission, provided an overview of her role and outlined the Manitoba Government Accessibility Plan (MGAP). She plans to meet with Council in September to seek feedback on what elements should be included in the 2025/26 MGAP.

Council then discussed The Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA) review recommendations and reviewed a Council priorities document. Council confirmed their priorities within the circulated document. Next steps, MAO has created an implementation plan for the AMA Review recommendations, which must now go to Treasury Board through a Cabinet submission.

Decision: Council agreed with the priority areas outlined in the document.

The meeting concluded with consideration of the upcoming five-year review of the Accessible Employment Standard.

The next meeting will be in person on June 13 from 9:00 AM to noon.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.