

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS**  
**MEETING OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**ONLINE - ZOOM**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023, Meeting TIME: 10:00 AM - noon**

**Present:** John Graham (Chairperson), Dianna Scarth, Kris Cowley, Shawna Joynt, Scott Jocelyn, Josh Watt, Laurel Repski, Ray Schirle (Future Association of Manitoba Municipalities Representative to Council - replacing Kelly Cook), Heidi Wurmman (Assistant Deputy Minister, Families), Monika Bonsor (Accessibility Officer, Accessibility Compliance Secretariat), Darren Macdonald, Emily Walker and Colleen Watters (MAO), Two ASL Interpreters (ECCOE)

**Regrets:** None

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and Council members introduced themselves. The chair made a land acknowledgement.

The first part of the meeting was devoted to a discussion with the Assistant Deputy Minister of Families. The secretary provided Council members with a link to the Five-Year Review of the Accessibility for Manitobans Act, and the Executive Director, Manitoba Accessibility Office, discussed potential next steps for the recommendations.

Roundtable updates included the chair sharing he had reached out to Minister Fontaine on behalf of Council, congratulating her on her appointment and setting up a meeting. Council agreed to meet with the Minister at the Legislative Building and to follow the meeting with a regular Council session.

**Action:** The secretary will book a room in the Legislative Building for a Minister and Council meeting once the Minister's schedule is confirmed.

Council then received updates from the Manitoba Accessibility Office on the Accessible Transportation Standard and work on the Design of Outdoor Public Spaces draft.

Council participated in a presentation from the Accessibility Compliance Officer, reviewing an internal report and data on recent outreach conducted by the Secretariat.

The meeting concluded with a roundtable discussion. The chair noted that Council would soon be undertaking a five-year review of the Accessible Employment Standard.

**Action:** The chair and secretary will develop a calendar of 2024 meeting dates and circulate these to Council.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.