

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS OF THE
DESIGN OF PUBLIC SPACES
STANDARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019
SECOND FLOOR EXECUTIVE BOARDROOM
NORQUAY BUILDING, 401 YORK AVENUE**

Present: Glen Manning (Chairperson), Kris Cowley, Colin Mathison, Colin Marnoch, Brian Everton, Bob Somers, John Wyndels (Secretary)

Absent: Judy Redmond, Rebecca Lauhn-Jensen, Norman Garcia (OFC)

The Chairperson did not have anything new to report. The Secretary said that the four-year legislated review of the AMA is complete and will be publicly available on Monday, February 25. The report is a review of implementation of the act to date and provides a number of recommendations. The employments standard, the second of five accessibility standards to be developed under the Act, is expected to come into force April 1, 2019.

A date has been determined when the DM will meet with select members of the Design of Public Spaces Standard Development Committee.

All the standards are merged and duplications eliminated. The index spreadsheet was shared that incorporates all source materials and an indexed content document which set out the areas of a proposed standard. There are four identified areas of the indexed content document: intent, application, design and operation.

Section 2 of the indexed content document speaks to Application and where the items listed in the category should be found within a standard on the design of public spaces. For example, item 2.10 - Seating. Where should seating be found in public places? We want to apply criteria for items in the application section. A number of items in the application category say no criteria collected meaning that there is no identified criteria found in the source material we collected. Committee members are assigned items in the Application section to determine where they should be found within the scope of public spaces.

Public washrooms was mentioned and whether it be a requirement that they be found in public spaces. Even though that may be outside the scope of what this particular standard and more in the realm of human rights, the standard can require a sign stating if washroom facilities are available. Often washrooms can be found in parks and along trails, but there is no signage to indicate if there are washrooms or where to find them along the trail.

The committee spoke briefly of the public consultation. We need to develop a discussion document for the public consultation spelling out the intent, or why we are

doing what we are doing. The Berlin document has a strong introduction where it speaks to the rationale for the guide. It was recommended we use the Berlin guide to help develop the front end of a discussion document.

The next meeting of the DOPS Standard Development Committee is Wednesday, March 6 at 1:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Executive Boardroom of the Norquay Building, 401 York Avenue.