

Accessibility Advisory Council

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Mandate:

The Council makes recommendations to the minister regarding the development of accessibility standards. The council also has the ability to make recommendations on long-term accessibility objectives for the province and other measures, policies and practices the government can undertake to improve accessibility.

Authority:

[*The Accessibility for Manitobans Act*](#)

Responsibilities:

The Council has the responsibility under the Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA) to make recommendations to the minister regarding the development of accessibility standards. The AMA enables the development of accessibility standards in five areas: customer service, employment, transportation, information and communications and the built environment (design of public spaces). The purpose of the standards is to identify, remove and prevent barriers related to these areas.

Subject to the approval of the Minister the Council may establish one or more committees and assign them the functions it considers appropriate. In establishing a committee, the council must specify the committee's mandate and provide guidelines for its functions and operations. Members of a committee are to be appointed by the council and may include persons who are not members of the council. Committees of the council are formed to work on specific accessibility standards. During the standard development process, committees are responsible to call upon technical experts and parties familiar to specific issues, including government officials, to provide input on the development of the accessibility standards.

Membership:

6 – 9 Members appointed by LGIC (Including Chair & Vice Chair)

Eligible Members Include:

- (a) persons disabled by barriers or representatives from organizations of persons disabled by barriers; and
- (b) representatives of those engaged in activities or undertakings, the sectors or the persons or organizations that may be made subject to the accessibility standard.

Length of Terms:

Up to 3 Years

Members may be reappointed, and continue to serve until reappointed, replaced or revoked.

Desirable Experience:

- Diverse backgrounds and experiences, including representatives of organizations of persons with disabilities, business, municipalities and other organizations;
- Ability to represent the interests of stakeholders most affected by measures aimed at achieving greater accessibility.
- Ability to represent the sectors or organizations who may have obligations under the recommendations that are developed;
- Council members must have thorough understanding of the legislative goals of the Act and the duties and responsibilities of the council and its operations;
- Understand how barriers prevent the full participation of persons with disabilities;
- Have active listening skills;
- Be able to read and interpret materials applicable to the issue being discussed;
- Use plain language
- Adhere to a high degree of confidentiality;
- Be able to discuss issues in non-judgemental manner; and
- Must be able to work towards a common understanding.

Meetings:

Frequency: At least 6 times a year

Location: Virtual/ In-person

Remuneration:

Chair: \$256 for a meeting lasting less than 3 hours
\$446 for a meeting longer than 3 hours

Vice-Chair/Members: \$146 for a meeting lasting less than 3 hours
\$255 for a meeting longer than 3 hours

Members are reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses in accordance with the GMA.