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ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES Housing Issues Working Group Meeting Notes

August 17, 2021
Virtual WebEx Meeting
10:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Those in Attendance: Tom Manzuk, Robert Semkow, Lance Dingman, James Kemp

Also In Attendance: Taline Morris

Those Absent: Jayne Cardno, Sophie Geffros, Paula Kilburn

1. Welcome And Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved
3. Approval of July 20th Meeting Notes: Meeting Notes were approved
4. Unlocking the AODA: We read through the first twenty pages of the guide. It was very illuminating. As we have been told before, housing is not specifically covered under the Act. This guide is explaining exactly how the AODA affects housing. For example: we learned that housing providers are Required to provide accessibility training to every employee and volunteer. We know for a fact that CityHousing doesn't provide training to their volunteers. We also read that self-serve kiosks need to be fully accessible. By this definition, Washers and Dryers are self-serve kiosks as well as the card machines required to load the cards. They are NOT accessible. We will continue to study this guide together for any new information and then decide how we want to proceed with regards to CityHousing and compliance. On a side note, we noticed an interesting passage that accommodations

must be made if a person's disability affects their ability to pay rent.

5. Other Business: There was no other business.
6. Adjournment.