



Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)

Friday, January 27, 2012

Time 9:00am – 11:00am

In Attendance	Absent
Jessica Bowen	Ahmed Abukar
Maureen Carnegie	Diana Jacobsen
Shaun Carson	Reilly Condie
Alessia DiVirgilio	Khon Ta
Lora Nasim	Scott Valens
Colleen Reinsborough	Nancy Simms
Heather Snell	

**1. Welcome, Introduction and Check in**

- Jessica Bowen welcomed Committee members and facilitated a check in.
- Maureen Carnegie informed the Committee that there has been an increase in the number of requests to deliver presentations on mental illness.

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- Alessia DiVirgilio approved the November 27, 2011 minutes

**3. New Business Arising**

- The Toronto Launch of the 1<sup>st</sup> WHO/World Bank World Report on Disability

**4. Terms of Reference**

- The Committee identified that the Terms of Reference (TOR) requires review and revision. A discussion ensued and further work on the TOR is scheduled for May 25, 2012.

**5. International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD)**

- Alessia DiVirgilio and Jessica Bowen hosted an Information Table on December 2, 2011, that focused on highlighting the contributions of people with disabilities throughout the world. For example, Stephen Hawking. Stephen Hawking is the former Lucsian Professor of Mathematics at the University of Cambridge and author of *A Brief History of Time* which was an international bestseller. Now Director of Research at the Institute for Theoretical Cosmology at Cambridge, his other books for the general reader include *A Briefer History of Time*,

the essay collection *Black Holes and Baby Universe* and *The Universe in a Nutshell* (Source: <http://www.hawking.org.uk/>).

**6. Request for volunteers for the CNIB Workshop**

- Human Rights & Diversity will be hosting a Speaker Series presentation on Friday, March 30, 2012 from 10:00am-12:00pm. Diana Jacobsen will provide the Welcoming Remarks and Ahmed Abukar will provide the Closing Remarks for the session.

**7. Barrier Free Design Policy**

- Heather Snell recommended that the Committee develops a Barrier Free Design Policy for the construction of new building at Humber College.
- Jessica Bowen informed the Committee that the Built Environment Standard has not yet been released and it has been recommended that organizations wait until it is released so that policies can be guided by the requirements.
- Jessica Bowen told the Committee that she will start gathering ample policies to aid the policy development.

**8. Next Meeting Date:**

Friday, March 30, 2012. CNIB Presentation.