

Action Plan: Manitoba Association of Architects (MAA)

In response to the Fairness Commissioner’s recommendation, MAA proposed the following Action.

| Progress Opportunities | Action Plan | Completion Date |
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| <p>1. Continuing discussions with CACB to obtain data could improve understanding of Manitoba IEAs experience in the Triple E process and the BEFA program.</p> | <p>The MAA will continue to share any annual or semi-annual reports that it receives from the CACB, outlining national statistics relative to the files that it addresses at all levels, with the Office of the Manitoba Fairness Commissioner (for general information purposes).</p> | <p>Ongoing</p> |
| <p>2. Implementing a fair appeal process, including a pre-appeal process, to allow for review of MAA’s unfavourable assessment and registration decisions would improve procedural and relational fairness.</p> | <p>It has been determined that further housekeeping amendments to The Architects Act, in the short term, would be highly uncertain. Accordingly, a potential approach towards an internal appeal process for unfavourable assessment and registration decisions, that would work around the restraints of the existing legislation and not compromise the appeal provisions afforded at that level, will be vetted with MAA’s legal counsel; and appropriate amendments to the MAA By-Laws will thereafter be drafted and presented to the MAA Council for approval and to the MAA membership for ratification.</p> | <p>June 2018</p> |

MAA Comments

Presumably, Item #1 seeks to provide some level of information concerning a potential number of applicants that might arise within the various processes. While this would appear to go beyond issues of compliance under the provincial legislation, the MAA is certainly prepared to share documentation in this area with the Fairness Office, provided that it is considered within the appropriate context.