

**Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 13, 2019  
Town of Grimsby Municipal Offices  
160 Livingston Avenue Grimsby ON  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Nick Beaudin, Stephen Barker, Ann Villalta, Karen Lemieux, Carole Further, Joey Hewitt, Rhys Evans, Dave Antaya, Victoria Wilson

**Regrets:** Rachel Brown

1. **Call to order.**

Stephen called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

2. **Approval of Agenda.**

Some changes made: 4e) add NOTL Council Presentation, and Under New Business 5b) Resignation c) NOTL Van Heusen Accessibility Audit request. 5d) Expression of Interest 5 e) West Lincoln Community Centre Tour.

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the agenda is approved as amended. Moved by: Rhys Evans, Seconded by: Victoria Wilson. CARRIED.

3. **Approval of Minutes from May 9, 2019**

Missing Ann Villalta from list of attendees, Donna will correct. **Motion:** Be it resolved that the minutes are approved as corrected. Moved by: Joey Hewitt, Seconded by: Karen Lemieux. CARRIED

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

4. a) **WL Accessibility issues**

Stephen and Karen attended the meeting about accessibility issues in the Township (sidewalks near WL Community Centre). Met with Mike DiPaola, staff and Dave Bylsma, Mayor. The Mayor was very supportive of making changes to improve accessibility of that sidewalk. Updates are expected to be completed in a few months.

b) **West Lincoln - Age-Friendly Event**

Well attended; 46 vendors attended. Lots of interest in our table.

c) **Presentations to Council** – adjustments to messaging, discussion

- We need to add a little about accessibility and the role of the JAAC to the presentation
- We need to address the accessible employment issue – is it part of the presentation

Victoria - We need to make sure we don't become compliance focused. We should keep the award "light" and customer focused.

Rhys – if we start the conversation, they will be more open

Dave – Council was looking for a handout package to give to Councillors with more background. The JAAC can meet with Chamber of Commerce.

Karen – Ann has a good introduction to draw from for the JAAC. Ann will share that with Donna.

Joey – not our job to push employment of people with disabilities. The Disability Employment Network is doing a great job and we need to be careful not to duplicate services.

d) **Accessibility Award**

Create a package with the checklist/ or an application form. Copies to JAAC members. Upload onto municipal websites

e) **NOTL Council Presentation** – addressed earlier in meeting.

**New Business:**

5. a) **Ministry Training Webinar for Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committees**

- June 27, 2019 (2p.m. to 3p.m.)
- July 4, 2019 (1p.m. to 2p.m.)

Please register yourself or your group using the following Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/accessibility-advisory-committee-101-design-of-public-spaces-and-site-planning-tickets-62014949383>. Committee members are welcomed to participate but not obligated.

b) Resignation – Frank Pupillo has resigned due to work commitments. The JAAC accepts his resignation with regret.

c) NOTL Van Heusen Accessibility Audit request – we will add them to the We Are Accessible Campaign efforts.

**d) Expression of Interest**

Brenda Mitchell is interested in returning and representing Lincoln or any vacancy. Karen will have her contact Donna H.

**e) WL Community Centre tour**

We are scheduled to be in West Lincoln in September 2019.

**f) Communication**

Please “reply all” when replying to all JAAC communication. DH to send calendar invite for all JAAC meetings

**6. Community News**

Donna Delvecchio is on compassionate leave. She is in our thoughts.

Beaversdam Park is having a ribbon-cutting at new park.

Pelham - Seniors Activity Room at the MCC – open on Fridays from 2-4 pm.

**7. Next Meeting – Thursday, July 11, 2019, City of Thorold**

**8. Adjournment**

Victoria moved to adjourn the meeting. Joey Hewitt seconded the motion.  
CARRIED.