

**Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 10, 2019
Town of Pelham
Meridian Community Centre, Kinsmen Room D
100 Meridian Way, Pelham, ON
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Present: Dave Antaya (NOTL), Joey Hewitt (Thorold), Stephen Barker (Grimsby), Kathleen Kelly (Lincoln), Karen Lemieux (West Lincoln), Rhys Evans (Pelham), Victoria Wilson (Thorold), Ann Villalta (Pelham), Carole Furher (Lincoln), Donna Delvecchio (Admin Group Rep.), Donna Herrington (JAAC Coordinator)

Regrets: Diane Rintjema (Lincoln), Rachel Brown (Grimsby)

1. Call to order

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Be it resolved that the agenda is approved as presented. Moved by Victoria Wilson, seconded by Carole Further. CARRIED.

3. Approval of Minutes from September 12, 2019

Be it resolved that the minutes of September 12, 2019 be approved as presented. Moved by Dave Antaya, seconded by Kathleen Kelly. CARRIED.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

4. a) **Accessibility Award – Brochure (distribution)**

Donna distributed the brochures for the campaign.

b) **JAAC Flag – We will aim for December 3, 2019 – the International Day of People with Disabilities**

If the flag cannot be raised, we will go to Council and present the flag.

c) **Accessibility Plan – Annual Update**

Donna to include an update with built environment considerations and bring back to JAAC for approval before going to Council.

d) **Proposed Changes to the AODA by the Information and Communication Standards Committee – deleted from the agenda**

New Business:

5. **Accessibility issues in Pelham**

Donna has forwarded the concerns to Nancy Bozzato. We are waiting for a response.

6. **Community News**

Rhys asked for information on the Ontario Building Code. Donna has forwarded the requested information to Rhys. Rhys asked Donna to check a ramp in the library at Niagara College's Welland Campus.

Kathleen – Ontario Disability Employment Network hosting an event to recognize National Disability Employment Awareness Month. She circulated the event notice to JAAC members.

Thorold - Thorold Public Library – is conducting a Needs Assessment to see community needs for the library.

Grimsby - McNally Hospice has an elevator now with a meeting room, which is now accessible.

Holiday Event – Stephen will check into JJ's on the Dock as they won an accessibility award. We will create a list of accessible venues and choose a location.

7. **Next Meeting – Thursday, November 14, 2019; Township of West Lincoln. Donna will try to book the meeting in NOTL or Thorold.**

8. **Adjournment – Rhys motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm; seconded by Victoria. CARRIED.**