

LINCOLN, WEST LINCOLN, PELHAM, THOROLD, NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE & GRIMSRY

#### Town of Pelham 2018-2022 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Annual Update

**November 18, 2019** 

#### Introduction

The Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee of Lincoln, West Lincoln, Pelham, Thorold, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Grimsby (JAAC) serves its municipalities by providing advice, guidance and input into ensuring continued compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) and resulting regulations. The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) was proclaimed by the Province of Ontario in 2005. The legislation aims to develop, implement and enforce accessibility standards to achieve full accessibility in the Province by 2025.

The JAAC and its member municipalities have already initiated all compliance requirements as outlined in it's first Multi-Year Accessibility Plan of 2012-2017. This Annual Update demonstrates how the JAAC is building on the successes of the first Multi-Year Plan and how accessibility remains a priority in municipal planning and activity. The Update addresses activities and deliverables specified in the Information and Communication, Employment Standards, Transportation Standards and Design of Public Spaces Standard and outlines an action plan for meeting these regulations.

The JAAC will also initiate more outreach with the public and private sector to ensure the community at large is educated about the AODA. Further, the JAAC will continue to celebrate successes with its Accessibility Award. In the coming year, the JAAC will reassess all municipally owned public spaces through an accessibility audit process to ensure they are fully accessible by 2025.

Once approved by Council, legislation requires this Update to be available to the public and in alternate format upon request.

The JAAC will continue to communicate regularly with its staff contacts and will provide Council with ongoing updates.

The JAAC wishes to thank its administrative contacts for continuing to provide essential leadership in this process as well as assisting us in meeting our objectives. The JAAC hopes to continue to provide valuable information and resources for the municipalities as they continue complying with the AODA.

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#### **Integrated Accessibility Standard Regulation: General Regulations**

| Regulation/Requirement  | Action Required by Municipality   | Timeline                                | Comments  |
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| O. Reg. 191/11- 13 (1-2) Organizations that prepare organizational emergency procedures, plans and public safety information and make that information available to the public, shall provide this information in an accessible format or | Communication Plan:     1.1. Annual review of     communication plan for     informing public of alternate     format availability. Ensure     notice is posted on website,     provided in printed materials     and in all other corporate     communications.  | January 1, 2018<br>– January 1,<br>2021 | Public informed of availability of alternate formats upon request               |
| via accessible communication supports as soon as practicable upon request   | Establish Alternate Format     Service Provider - Vendor of     Record:     2.1. Review Vendor of Record     agreement. Draft Request for     Proposals (RFP) for Alternate     Format Service Provider -     Vendor of Record if needed  2.2. Review of RFP responses;     selection of Vendor of Record | January 1, 2018  January 1, 2018        | Vendor of record established for<br>alternate formats -T-Base<br>Communications |
|   | 2.3. Review internal procedures for processing requests for alternate formats   |   |   |

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| O. Reg. 191/11-27 (1-4) Individualized workplace emergency response information must be provided upon request and in accessible formats when need is articulated. Individualized workplace emergency                                  | Emergency Response Plan     Template     1.1 Annual review of     Emergency Response     Planning Tool and update     as needed | January 1, 2018<br>– January 1,<br>2021 | No updates required at this time               |
| response information <b>shall</b> be reviewed when: employee moves to different location in organization, employee's overall accommodation needs or plans are reviewed and when employer reviews general emergency response policies. | Communication Plan:     2.1 Inform Staff of     Emergency Response     assistance on an annual     basis                        | January 1, 2018<br>– January 1,<br>2021 | Annual reminders sent to current and new staff |

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| O. Reg. 191/11- 3 (1-4) Accessibility Policy Develop Accessibility Policy to address compliance with Integrated Accessibility Standard Regulation. Policy can be one or more documents. Sections have varying compliance Due Dates. | Policy:     1.1. Annual review and update     of Accessibility Policy.     Communicate any     changes to staff | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Accessibility Policy is up to date  |
| O. Reg. 191/11- 4 (1-4) Accessibility Plan To outline compliance plan in regards to Integrated  | Plan Development:     1.1. Develop Multi-Year     Accessibility Plan  | July 2017                            | Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for<br>2018-2022 has been drafted,<br>approved by Council and posted<br>for public review |
| Accessibility Standard Regulation. Must be posted on website upon completion.   | 1.2. Present Plan to Council for adoption/approval  | September 2017                       |   |
| Annual Progress Report required. Complete Plan update required every 5 years  | 1.3. Post Multi-Year Accessibility Plan on website and make available to public                                 | December 31,<br>2017                 |   |
|   | 1.4. Prepare and make public<br>annual progress reports<br>on Multi-Year Accessibility<br>Plan                  | December 31,<br>2018                 |   |

| O. Reg. 191/11- 5 (1-3) Procurement Procedures Procurement Procedures must incorporate accessibility criteria. If not "practicable" organization must provide | Review of Procurement     Procedures:     1.1. Annual review of     Accessibility criteria/     Policy and/or Procedures     in purchase agreements | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Accessibility criteria considered in all new purchasing |
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| explanation upon request  |   |                                      |   |

**Integrated Accessibility Standard: General Regulations** 

#### **Integrated Accessibility Standard Regulation: Information and Communication**

| Regulation/Requirement  | Action Required by  | Timeline   | Comments  |
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| O. Reg. 191/11 – 19 (1) & (4)  Public Libraries  Library Board shall provide access to or arrange for the provision of access to accessible materials where they exist  | Municipality  1. Accessible Materials     1.1 Annual review of     communication plan for     informing public of     alternate format     availability.  | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021   | Alternate formats of library<br>materials available   |
| O. Reg. 191/11 – 19 (2) & (4) Library boards <b>shall</b> make information about the availability of accessible materials publicly available and <b>shall</b> provide the information in an accessible format or with appropriate communication supports upon request | Communication Plan:     1.1. Annual review of how public is informed of available accessible material      1.2. Clerk to liaise with Library Board to facilitate connection with Vendor of Record – Alternate Format Service Provider to assist | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021<br>January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Library Board informed of Vendor<br>of Record. JAAC provides advice<br>and consultation upon request. |

|   | in providing alternate formats upon request   |                                      |  |
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| O. Reg. 191/11 – 19 (3) & (4) Library boards <b>may</b> provide accessible formats for archival materials, special collections, rare books or | Accessible Archival Materials     1.1 Annual review of how     information is provided in     alternate format upon     request | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Alternate formats available upon request |
| donations   |   | January 1, 2018 –                    |  |
|   | 1.2 Copy and enlarge<br>materials as needed;<br>provide alternate formats<br>upon request                                       | January 1, 2021                      |  |

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| O. Reg. 191/11 – 14 (1-7)  Websites* As of January 1, 2021, websites and website content must conform to W3C WCAG                    | 1.1. Confirm that municipal<br>website conforms with<br>requirements of W3C<br>WCAG 2.0 Level AA           | January 1, 2021                      | Town website is W3C WCAG 2.0<br>Level AA compliant      |
| 2.0 Level AA other than:  i. Success criteria 1.2.4 Captions (Live) and ii. Success criteria 1.2.5 Audio Descriptions (Pre-recorded) | 1.2. Include accessibility provisions/criteria in purchase of service contracts for web-based applications | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Accessibility criteria considered in all new purchasing |

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|   | Municipality                    |                   |  |
| O. Reg. 191/11 – 7 (1-6)                                  | 1. Training Plan Development:   |                   | <ul> <li>Refresher training developed and</li> </ul> |
| Training  | 1.1. Annual review and update   | January 1, 2021   | provided to Town staff                               |
| Employers <b>shall</b> provide                            | of AODA training module         | January 1, 2018   |  |
| training regarding Integrated                             |                                 |                   |  |
| Accessibility Regulation and                              | 1.2. Provide refresher training | January 1, 2019   |  |
| Ontario Human Rights Code                                 | to all staff, contractors       | -                 |  |
| requirements to all employees                             | and volunteers according        |                   |  |
| and volunteers, persons who                               | to Accessibility Policy.        |                   |  |
| participate in developing                                 | Provide all new staff with      |                   |  |
| organizational policy and                                 | AODA Training module            |                   |  |
| other persons who provide                                 | _                               |                   |  |
| goods, services or facilities on                          | 1.3. Review Accessible          | January 1, 2019   |  |
| behalf of the organization.                               | Documents Guide and             | -                 |  |
| Training to take place as soon                            | provide training in             |                   |  |
| as practicable and shall                                  | accessible document             |                   |  |
| include any changes to                                    | production to municipal         |                   |  |
| policies on an ongoing basis.                             | staff and volunteers            |                   |  |
| Record keeping of training                                |                                 |                   |  |
| provided and number of                                    |                                 |                   |  |
| participants is required                                  |                                 |                   |  |
| O. Reg. 191/11 – 11 (1-4) Feedback                        | 1. Feedback Mechanism Update    | January 1, 2018 – | No updates to feedback                               |
| Mechanism   | 1.1. Annual review of           | January 1, 2021   | mechanism at this time.                              |
| Ensure accessible feedback mechanism in relation to areas | Feedback mechanism.             | •                 | Mechanism is in place.                               |
| covered under Integrated                                  |                                 |                   | '  |
| Accessibility Regulation. Every                           |                                 |                   |  |
| obligated organization shall notify                       |                                 |                   |  |

| public about availability of accessible formats and communication supports. |  |  |
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| O. Reg. 191/11 – 22  Accommodation –Recruitment  Notice <b>shall</b> be provided to employees and public about the availability of accommodation for applicants with disabilities during recruitment process. | Policy:     1.1. Annual review of Employment Policy and Procedures.  1.2. Annual review of procedure for recruitment accommodations including notice in advertisements  | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021<br>January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Accessibility Policy addresses     Employment Standard requirements   |
|   | 1.3. Refresher procedural training regarding providing applicant accommodation for staff responsible for recruiting, selecting and hiring staff as well as staff who would participate in the recruitment process | January 1, 2019  | Refresher AODA training (which includes<br>Employment Standard requirements)<br>provided to all current and new staff |
| O. Reg. 191/11 – 23(1-2)  Accommodation – Selection  Accommodation shall be provided to applicants selected to participate in assessment or selection process,  | Policy:     1.1. Annual review of Employment     Policy and Procedures -     Selection Process.   | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021   | Accessibility Policy addresses     Employment Standard requirements   |
| upon request. Suitable accommodation <b>shall</b> be provided in manner that takes applicant's accessibility needs.   | Refresher procedural training regarding providing applicant accommodation for staff responsible for recruiting, selecting and hiring staff as well as staff who would participate in the selection process        | January 1, 2019  | Refresher AODA training (which includes<br>Employment Standard requirements)<br>provided to all current and new staff |

| Regulation/Requirement  | Action Required by Municipality  | Timeline                             | Comments  |
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| O. Reg. 191/11 - 24  Accommodation Notice - New Employees Successful applicant shall be informed of availability of | Policy:     1.1. Annual Review of Letter     for all Offers of     Employment  | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Accessibility Policy addresses Employment<br>Standard requirements  Accessibility Policy addresses Employment         |
| accommodation and shall provided with accommodation policy when making offer of employment                          | 1.2. Annual Review of Employment Offer Checklist to ensure that all successful applicants/new employees are aware of: Municipal Accessibility Policy, Municipal Accommodation Policy and Accommodation Planning Procedures and Municipal Emergency Response and Evacuation Support Procedures. | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Accessibility Policy addresses Employment<br>Standard requirements  |
| O. Reg. 191/11 – 25 (1-3) Accommodation Notice - All Employees Accommodation policy shall                           | Policy:     1.1 Provide updates to     employees as needed   | January 1, 2018 -<br>January 1, 2021 | Updates provided to staff as needed   |
| be provided to all employees<br>and any updates <b>shall</b> be<br>provided whenever changes<br>are made            | 1.2 Refresher procedural training provided to supervisors regarding any policy updates   | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Refresher AODA training (which includes<br>Employment Standard requirements)<br>provided to all current and new staff |

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| O. Reg. 191/11 – 26 (1-2) Alternate formats <b>shall</b> be provided to employees with disabilities upon request including information needed to perform employee's job, | Policy and Procedure:     1.1 Remind Municipal staff of     availability of alternate format     vendor of record              | January 1, 2018                      | Staff informed of vendor of record   |
| information generally available in workplace. Employer will consult employee making request when determining suitability of accessible format provided.                  | 1.2 Annual review of alternate format request procedure and form.  | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Clerk staff manage alternate format requests   |
| O. Reg. 191/11 – 28 (1-2) Documented Accommodation Plans shall be provided to employees with disabilities  | Accommodation Planning Tool: 1.1. Annual review of Accommodation Planning Form   | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Accommodation Planning tool in place; updated as needed  |
|  | 1.2. Annual review of employee     Individualized Accommodation     Plans as required  | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | <ul> <li>Review of accommodation plans<br/>provided on a case-by-case basis<br/>with relevant employees</li> </ul> |
| O. Reg. 191/11 – 29 (1-3) Documented Return-to-Work process <b>shall</b> be established including disability-related accommodations                                      | Return-to-Work Accommodation Planning Tool:  1.1. Annual review of Return-to- Work Process and use Accommodation Planning Form | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Accommodation Planning tool in place; updated as needed  |
|  | 1.2. Annual review of employee     Individualized Return-to-Work     Accommodation Plans as     required                       | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | <ul> <li>Review of accommodation plans<br/>provided on a case-by-case basis<br/>with relevant employees</li> </ul> |

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| O. Reg. 191/11 – 30 (1-2); 31 (1-2); 32 (1-2)  Accessibility Throughout  Employment Life-Cycle  Performance Management,  Career Development and advancement and Redeployment processes | Performance Management:  1.1 Communicate requirement to provide accommodation throughout employment life cycle to all directors, managers, supervisors and staff as appropriate | January 1, 2018   | Accommodation provided<br>throughout the employment life<br>cycle               |
| shall include accessibility accommodation and provided in alternate format   | 1.2 Provide refresher procedural training for directors, managers, supervisors and staff as appropriate   | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021                    | Updates to training or procedures provided as necessary                         |
|  | Career Development and Advancement:  2.1 Annual review of accommodation procedures for employee   | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021                    | <ul> <li>Updates to training or procedures<br/>provided as necessary</li> </ul> |
|  | training  Redeployment: 3.1 Annual review of Process Checklist for employee transfers and redeployment  | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021<br>January 1, 2019 | Updates to training or procedures provided as necessary                         |

| 3.2 Provide refresher procedural training for directors, managers, supervisors and staff as |  |
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| appropriate   |  |

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| O. Reg. 191/11 – 7 (1-6) Training for Employment Process Employment Training (i.e. Ontario Human Rights Code, accessible recruitment and screening, employment policy and accommodation planning training). Training to take place as soon as practicable and shall include any changes to policies on an ongoing basis. Record keeping of training provided and number of participants is required | Training Plan :  1.1 Refresher training in the Ontario Human Rights Code and in the Employment Standard | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Refresher AODA training (which includes Ontario Human Rights Code requirements) provided to all current and new staff |

#### **Integrated Accessibility Standard Regulation: Information and Communication**

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| O. Reg. 191/11 - 12 (1) Organizational Material in Alternate Format: Except as otherwise provided, every obligated organization shall upon request provide or arrange for the provision of accessible formats and communication supports for persons with disabilities:  (a) in a timely manner that takes into account the person's accessibility needs and in consultation with the person making the request. | Alternate Format Provision:     1.1. Annual review of     Accessible Style Guide      1.2. Provide refresher training in creating accessible templates and other accessible communication refresher training as needed. | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021<br>January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Updates to training or procedures provided as necessary |

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| O. Reg. 191/11 – 70(2-3)  Hours of Service: Where conventional and specialized transportation is provided by separate providers in the same jurisdiction, the specialized provider will ensure it has the same hours and days of service as the conventional transportation service provider | Confirmation:     1.1. Confirm with Transit Service     Provider:     Hours of Service  | January 1, 2017 | Hours of operation are confirmed with provider |
| O. Reg. 191/11-51 (1-4) & 58 Electronic Announcement System <b>shall</b> be installed on all transit vehicles – electronic announcement and display of route, direction and stops  | <ul> <li>2. Confirmation:         <ul> <li>2.1. Confirm with Transit Service Provider:</li> <li>Availability of electronic announcement system on all transit vehicles</li> <li>Electronic Announcement System requirement is included in transit service purchase/partnership agreement</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | January 1, 2017 | Electronic announcement system available.      |

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| O. Reg. 191/11 – 78 (1-4) Transit Stop Accessibility Municipality shall establish plan for accessible bus stops and shelters, including any steps that will be taken to meet the goal of accessible bus stops and shelters | 1.1 Annual review of Accessibility Plan to improve accessibility of transit stops and shelters | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Bus stop accessibility addressed on annual basis |

| Regulation/Requirement   | Action Required by Municipality   | Timeline                           | Comments                |
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| O. Reg. 191/11 – 46 (1) & (3)  Fare Equity Policy Provider shall ensure no higher fare to be charged to persons with a disability.  Fare Equity/Fare Payment Policy: The provider shall make available alternative fare payment options to people with disabilities who cannot, because of their disability, use a fare payment option on conventional transport | <ol> <li>Policy Confirmation:         <ol> <li>1.1. Confirm with Transit Service Provider:</li> <li>Fare Equity Policy and procedure is included in transit service purchase/partnership agreement</li> <li>Fare equity policy and related procedures for transit riders with accessibility needs</li> <li>Public communication of fare equity policy is in place including making information available in alternate format upon request</li> <li>Availability of alternative fare payment option is included in transit service purchase/partnership agreement</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | January 1, 2018  – January 1, 2021 | Fare equity is provided |

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| O. Reg. 191/11 – 66(3) Fare Parity: Where conventional and specialized transportation is provided by separate providers in the same jurisdiction the specialized service <b>shall</b> not will charge more than the highest conventional fee for the same jurisdiction | <ul> <li>1. Policy Confirmation:</li> <li>1.1 Confirm with Transit Service Provider:</li> <li>Fare Parity Policy</li> </ul> | January 1, 2018<br>– January 1,<br>2021 | Fare parity is in place |
| O. Reg. 191/11 – 66(5) Fare Parity: Where conventional and specialized transportation is provided by the same provider the provider will ensure they have the same fare structure  | <ul> <li>1. Policy Confirmation</li> <li>1.1 Confirm with Transit Service Provider:  • Fare Parity Policy</li> </ul>        | January 1, 2018<br>– January 1,<br>2021 | Fare parity is in place |

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| O. Reg. 191/11 – 44 (1-4) Boarding Policy Provider shall deploy lifting devices, ramps or portable bridge plates upon the request of a person with a disability; ensure adequate time is provided to safely board, be secured and deboard vehicles and provide assistance to do same upon request; assist with safe and careful storage of mobility aids or assistive devices used by persons with disabilities; allow a person with a disability to travel with a medical aid (i.e. respirators, portable oxygen tanks). | <ol> <li>Policy Confirmation:         <ol> <li>1.1 Annual review with Transit Service Provider:</li> <li>Availability of policy and procedure is included in transit service purchase/partnership agreement</li> <li>Availability of boarding policy and related procedures for transit riders with accessibility needs</li> <li>Public communication of boarding policy is in place including making information available in alternate format upon request</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Boarding policy and procedures are in compliance with AODA |

| Regulation/Requirement  | Action Required by Municipality   | Timeline                             | Comments  |
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| O. Reg. 191/11 – 35(1)  Non-functioning accessibility equipment If the accessibility equipment on a vehicle is not functioning and equivalent service cannot be provided, conventional transportation service providers and specialized transportation service providers shall take reasonable steps to accommodate persons with disabilities who would otherwise use the equipment and the transportation service provider shall repair the equipment as soon as is practicable. | <ol> <li>Procedure Confirmation:         <ol> <li>1.1. Confirm with Transit</li></ol></li></ol> | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Non-functioning accessibility equipment policy and procedures are in compliance with AODA |

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| O. Reg. 191/11 – 49 (1-6) Priority/Courtesy Seating Provider shall establish and clearly mark with signage priority/courtesy seating for people with disabilities. seating shall be located as close as practicable to the entrance doors; seating shall be signed to indicate passengers without disabilities must vacate courtesy seating when required by a person with a disability; provider must develop a communication strategy designed to inform the public about the purpose of courtesy seating | <ol> <li>Policy Confirmation:         <ul> <li>1.1. Confirm with Transit Service Provider:</li> <li>Priority/Courtesy Seating policy and procedure is included in transit service purchase/partnership agreement</li> <li>Availability of courtesy seating, installed signage and related procedures for transit riders with accessibility needs</li> <li>Public communication of courtesy seating policy is in place including making information available in alternate format upon request</li> </ul> </li> </ol> | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Priority/Courtesy seating is provided and marked by signage in accordance with AODA |

#### **Integrated Accessibility Regulation Standard: Transportation**

| Regulation/Requirement   | Action Required by Municipality  | Timeline                             | Comments  |
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| O. Reg. 191/11 – 44 (1-4)  Mobility Aid and Assistive  Device Storage Policy  Provider shall not charge a fee for storage of mobility assistive device or mobility aid. If safe storage is possible, mobility assistive devices or mobility aid shall be stored in the passenger compartment within reach of the person with a disability who owns it. | <ul> <li>1. Policy Confirmation: <ul> <li>1.1. Confirm with Transit Service Provider:</li> <li>Aid Storage policy and procedure is included in transit service purchase/partnership agreement</li> <li>Availability of mobility aid and assistive device storage and related procedures for transit riders with accessibility needs</li> <li>Public communication of mobility aid and assistive device storage policy is in place including making information available in alternate format upon request</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Mobility Aid/Assistive Device<br>Storage is provided in accordance<br>with AODA |

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| O. Reg. 191/11 - 42(1-2) Accessibility Plan — Specialized Transportation Services Specialized transportation service providers will in their accessibility plans: identify the process for estimating demand for service and strategies to reduce wait times | Confirm with Transit Service     Provider:     Process for service demand and strategies for reducing waiting times              | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Provider has process for reducing wait times                                 |
| O. Reg. 191/11 - 43(1-2) Accessibility Plan — Conventional and Specialized Transportation Services Both Conventional and Specialized transportation service providers will outline their procedures for  | Confirm with Transit Service     Provider:     Process for dealing with     accessibility equipment     failures on all vehicles | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Provider has procedures in place to deal with equipment failures on vehicles |

| dealing with accessibility |  |  |
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| equipment failures on      |  |  |
| vehicles                   |  |  |

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| O. Reg. 191/11 – 66(6-7)  Visitors:  Specialized transit providers <b>shall</b> make service available to visitors and will consider as eligible visitors who confirm they are eligible for service where they reside and visitors who meet the eligibility requirements of the provider where they are visiting | <ul> <li>1. Policy Confirmation:</li> <li>1.1 Confirm with Transit Service Provider:</li> <li>Visitor Policy</li> </ul>                   | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Provider has Visitor Policy in place                              |
| O. Reg. 191/11 – 69(1-3) Coordinated Service: Specialized transit services provided in adjacent municipalities will facilitate connections between their respective areas and will determine accessible stops and drop off locations   | <ul> <li>1. Policy Confirmation:</li> <li>1.1 Confirm with Transit Service Provider:  <ul> <li>Coordinated Service</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Provider coordinates service<br>with other providers in<br>Region |

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| O. Reg. 191/11 – 73(1-4) Service Delays: Where specialized transit services require reservations the provider will provide information on the duration of service delays to affected passengers. A delay is defined by a delay of 30 minutes or more after scheduled pick up time.                 | <ul> <li>1. Policy Confirmation:</li> <li>1.1 Confirm with Transit Service Provider:</li> <li>Service Delay Policy</li> </ul>   | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Service delay policy in place         |
| O. Reg. 191/11 – 50 (1-3)  Service Disruption  Procedure  Where route is temporarily changed providers shall: make available alternate accessible arrangements to transfer people with disabilities to their route and ensure information about alternate arrangements is communicated in a manner | Policy Confirmation:     1.1. Confirm with Transit     Service Provider:     Service disruption     procedure and drivers and     other transit staff are trained     in the procedure     Service disruption     procedure is included in     transit service     purchase/partnership     agreement | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Service disruption procedure in place |

| that considers person's disability. |  |  |
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| O. Reg. 191/11 - 41(2) Accessibility Planning – Public Meeting Every conventional transportation service provider shall annually hold at least one public meeting involving persons with disabilities to ensure that they have an opportunity to participate in a review of the accessibility plan and that they are given the opportunity to provide feedback on the accessibility plan. | <ul> <li>1.1. Public Meeting</li> <li>Confirm public consultation meeting with Transit Service Provider</li> </ul>  | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Public consultation has taken place |
| O. Reg. 191/11 – 41 (1) Transportation providers shall create a process for managing, evaluating and taking action on customer feedback   | Policy Confirmation:     1.1. Confirm with Transit     Service Provider:     Feedback mechanism is     established and included in     transit service     purchase/partnership     agreement | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Feedback mechanism is in place      |

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| Regulation/Requirement  | Action Required by Municipality  | Timeline                             | Comments  |
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| O. Reg. 191/11 – 36 (1-4)  Training Provider shall conduct transit driver training including: safe use of accessibility equipment and features, acceptable modifications to procedures to address temporary barriers or accessibility equipment failure, emergency preparedness and response procedures. Training records kept: date of training and number of participants | 1. Confirmation:  1.1. Confirm training program or confirm offer to assist in driver training to meet requirements. Training to include: boarding and deboarding assistance, driver training, customer service training, emergency procedure training, service disruptions  1.2. Confirm training conforms with requirements for Driver training according to O. Reg. 191/11 | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Training program is in place in accordance with the AODA            |
| O. Reg. 191/11 – 38 (1-3) Support Person Fare Policy No fare shall be charged to individual accompanying a person with a disability where person with disability has a need for a support person. Person with disability must demonstrate   | Policy Confirmation:     1.1. Confirm with Transit     Service Provider:     Support Person Fare Policy and drivers and other transit staff are trained in the policy     Support Person Fare Policy is included in transit service  | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | Support Person Policy is in<br>place in accordance with the<br>AODA |

| need for support person<br>and to ensure the<br>appropriate designation for<br>a support person is in place | purchase/partnership<br>agreement |  |  |
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### **Election Accessibility Plan**

| Regulation/Requirement                  | Action Required by Municipality  | Timeline            | Comments  |
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| MEA, s.12.1(1)(2)(3), s. 41(3), s.45(2) | <ol> <li>Customer Service – all         Elections staff will be trained in         Accessible Customer Service         specific to their roles and         responsibilities including:         <ol> <li>The Ontario Human Rights</li></ol></li></ol> | October 19,<br>2018 | Training was developed and provided to all Election staff in accordance with the AODA and the Elections Act |

#### **Elections Act Requirements: Election Accessibility Plan**

| Regulation/Requirement                  | Action Required by Municipality   | Timeline                           | Comments   |
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| MEA, s.12.1(1)(2)(3), s. 41(3), s.45(2) | 2. Voting Places and Methods - all voting places will be physically accessible to voters including entrances/exits, queuing areas, voting booths and washroom areas. Voting locations will be assessed through a checklist. | October 19, 2018                   | Voting places and methods<br>were accessible in accordance<br>with the AODA and the<br>Elections Act |
|   | 2.1 Voting ballots will be available in large print and Braille     2.2 Voting accessibility measures will be advertised to the public  |                                    |  |
|   | 3. Assistance to Candidates – Candidate information and forms will be made available in alternate formats upon request.   | October 19, 2018  October 19, 2018 | Candidates were provided accessible materials upon request   |
|   | 3.1 All candidate speaking engagements (Candidate debates and meetings) held  | , , ,                              | All candidates' activities were provided in an accessible location                                   |

| in a municipal facility will be held in a physically accessible location. |  |  |
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### **Elections Act Requirements: Election Accessibility Plan**

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| MEA, s.12.1(1)(2)(3), s. 41(3), s.45(2) | 4. Recruitment and Staffing 4.1 Accommodation will be provided to Elections staff as needed. Emergency evacuation planning will be provided to elections staff as  | October 19, 2018 | Accommodation was provided to elections staff as required                               |
|   | <ul> <li>5. Feedback Process:</li> <li>5.1 Feedback regarding election accessibility will be received by feedback form, written letter, email or other electronic format or telephone or TTY service</li> <li>5.2 The municipality will take the person's disability into account when responding to feedback</li> <li>5.3 The availability of the feedback process will be posted to the municipality's website.</li> </ul> | October 19, 2018 | Feedback process was established and provided in accordance with AODA and Elections Act |

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#### **Elections Act Requirements: Election Accessibility Plan**

| Regulation/Requirement                  | Action Required by Municipality   | Timeline                          | Comments   |
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| MEA, s.12.1(1)(2)(3), s. 41(3), s.45(2) | 6. Feedback Process: 6.1 Feedback regarding election accessibility will be received by feedback form, written letter, email or other electronic format or telephone or TTY service 6.2 The municipality will take the person's disability into account when responding to feedback 6.3 The availability of the feedback process will be posted to the municipality's website. | October 19, 2018  January 1, 2019 | <ul> <li>Feedback process was established and provided in accordance with AODA and Elections Act</li> <li>Post-election report was prepared and submitted as required</li> </ul> |
|   | <ul> <li>7. Post Election Report - The Report will include:</li> <li>7.1 Barriers experienced during election process and prevention solutions for future elections</li> <li>7.2 Voter feedback</li> </ul>  |                                   |  |

| 7.3 Best practices for future         |  |
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| consideration                         |  |
| 7.4 The report will be posted to      |  |
| the municipality's website and        |  |
| made available in alternate           |  |
| formats upon request                  |  |

### **Public Outreach: Removing Barriers to Accessibility**

| Regulation/Requirement | Action Required by Municipality   | Timeline  | Comments  |
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| Public Outreach        | Initiate and implement     education programs and     events and develop training     materials for the Municipality     to meet its ongoing AODA     compliance obligations.         | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021                        | JAAC liaises with Age-Friendly     Committee  |
|                        | 2. Liaise with other committees of Council to address accessibility concerns including:  a. Age-Friendly Committee b. Thorold BIA c. Active Transportation Committee d. Library Board | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2018 – | <ul> <li>JAAC to attend Council regularly to provide updates on accessibility issues.</li> </ul>                  |
|                        | 3. Present to Council ongoing updates on Accessibility matters  4. Liaise with other Accessibility Advisory Committees to   | January 1, 2021  January 1, 2018 –  January 1, 2021         | <ul> <li>JAAC to host joint meeting with<br/>other AAC's to discuss regional<br/>accessibility issues.</li> </ul> |

| leverage accessibility efforts across the Region |  |
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### **Public Outreach: Removing Barriers to Accessibility**

| Regulation/Requirement | Action Required by Municipality   | Timeline                             | Comments  |
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| Public Outreach        | 5. Establish an Accessibility Award to in recognition of municipal, public and private sector efforts to improve accessibility in our community. These awards will be given out once (1x) per council term.   | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | We Are Accessible Campaign<br>initiated by JAAC. Six recipients in<br>first year. Campaign continues in<br>second year.                         |
|                        | 6. Liaise with public and private sector organizations and interest groups including:  a. maintaining a social media presence  b. speaking to organizations about accessibility  c. educating them how to welcome people with disabilities into their business or workplace and  d. providing information about the AODA and its regulations. | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | JAAC maintains a social media presence on Facebook, publishes articles about accessibility in newsprint media and responds to public enquiries. |

### **Built Environment: Removing Barriers to Accessibility**

| Regulation/Requirement  | Action Required by Municipality  | Timeline                             | Comments   |
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| Accessibility of the Built<br>Environment – municipally<br>owned facilities | All municipally owned facilities must meet the Design of Public Spaces Standard accessibility requirements | January 1, 2018 –<br>January 1, 2021 | JAAC to audit municipally owned facilities according to schedule set by staff to determine level of accessibility. Report will outline remedial action necessary to ensure compliance with the Design of Public Spaces Standard of the AODA. |