

**Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 13, 2017
City of Thorold Municipal Offices
3540 Schmon Pkwy, Thorold, ON L2V 4Y6
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Present:

Rhys Evans
Karen Lemieux
Donna Delvecchio
Connie Groves
Joey Hewitt
Sharon Cook
Ann Villalta
Sheila Hirsch-Kalm
Gordana Mosher

Regrets:

Absent:

Terry Bell

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by called to order by Sharon Cook at 6:38 pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved. Moved by: Joey Hewitt, Seconded by: Gordana Mosher. Add Accessibility Directorate meeting for May 3, 2017 in Hamilton. CARRIED.

3. Approval of Minutes from March 9, 2017

Be it resolved that the minutes of March 9, 2017 be approved. Moved by: Joey Hewitt. Seconded by: Sheila Hirsch-Kalm. CARRIED.

Old Business:

4. JAAC Logo

Some concerns expressed about colour and font arose. Logo needs to use to brand the work of the JAAC. We can market with a press release.

Figures across the top are good, but a stronger colour may be helpful. Shorten to JAAC instead of spelling it out.

Moved by Joey Hewitt: strengthen the tone of the colour (darker) and use block style (as in pinwheel). Seconded by: Gordana Mosher.

5. **Municipal and Community Groups for Multi-Year Accessibility Plan**

Donna will email the list to the committee for review. Update the AODA page on municipal websites. Sharon shared an example with Pelham; JAAC members could attend Active Transportation Committee to assist this group in including people with disabilities. We can attend other committees' meetings and invite other committees to attend our meetings. Donna will circulate the list to the members and the JAAC will choose 2-3 committees to focus on for each municipality. Please bring your choices to the next meeting.

6. **Expansion of JAAC mandate**

Public sector – address common places people have the largest barriers – restaurants, stores etc. We can look at it as an economic development role.

Research other mandates of other AAC's. Donna D will collate this research.

More proactive role with other advisory committees of Council.

Write – what do you think our mandate should be in the future for next meeting.

Have a meeting with the Admin Group to review our position/new direction.

New Business:

7. **Sam Oosterhoff Meeting Recap**

Wished the meeting was longer. Was very receptive about issues. Would be good to have a member of the deaf community involved with JAAC. Perhaps do a follow up with him; follow up email? Send him our training module? We will try to invite him to a summer meeting? Have an open house when we launch our logo and invite out MPP and have each municipality do a presentation?

8. Transportation Issues

Donna researched a local provider; he did not have capacity to address our needs. Maybe we need to research the Region's Emergency Plan. What would happen if we needed to evacuate many people with disabilities?

9. Pelham - Municipal Engineering Design Criteria

Joey and Sharon have been involved in this process and ensuring inclusion of accessibility criteria.

10. Ontario Directorate Meeting – May 3, 2017; Hamilton ON

Who is attending? Joey thinks all JAAC members should be attendance. Karen, Joey, Sheila, Donna D. Donna will research transportation.

11. Next Meeting– Thursday, May 11, 2017 – location - TBD

12. Adjournment

Rhys Evans motioned to adjourn at 8:05 pm.