

**Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda
Thursday, March 11, 2021
Zoom Meeting**

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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

Regrets: Rachel Brown (Grimsby), Brenda Mitchell (Lincoln), Dave Antaya (NOTL) Dianne Rintjema (Lincoln) Victoria Wilson (Thorold),

1. **Call to order.** Stephen called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Be it resolved that the agenda is approved as presented. Moved by Carole Furher, seconded by Rhys Evans. CARRIED.
3. **Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2021**
Be it resolved that the minutes of January 14, 2021 are approved as presented. Moved by Kathleen Kelly seconded by Karen Lemieux. CARRIED.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Meeting with other Accessibility Advisory Committees.

Donna H will reach out to other AAC's to gauge interest in a joint event. Suggested topics for discussions or presentations include:

- Accessible documents
- Closed captioning on videos
- How to use website accessibility features
- Presentation of JAAC and Lincoln Age Friendly Special Events Guide

Suggested date is Thursday, June 3, 2021 via Zoom. The Admin Group and support staff from other AAC municipalities will be invited as well.

b) Presentation to Councils

It was suggested that a subcommittee be established to prepare the Council

presentation.

Be it resolved that a subcommittee of Rhys, Carole, Joey and Donna be established to prepare a presentation to JAAC Councils and to bring the presentation back to the JAAC for review and approval before going to Council. Moved by Kathleen Kelly, seconded by Carole Furher. CARRIED.

5. **New Business:**

a) **Lincoln Age-Friendly Event Guide**

The Lincoln AF Group has approached the JAAC to draft a Special Events Planning Guide that addresses both Age-Friendly and Accessibility needs. Rhys and Karen are joining the subcommittee. Karen will send a provincial guide she has on this topic.

c) **Thorold - Park Standards 4 U Survey**

The park standards will be going to Council in May.

6. **Community News**

Pelham - Nancy Bozatto, the Clerk in Pelham is retiring. Ann will send her a card from the JAAC.

Thorold – there are a lot of accessibility projects in this year’s budget for improvements throughout the city.

Grimsby – Stephen had a good meeting with the Chamber of Commerce on the benefits of accessibility. We will continue the dialogue.

Lincoln – Community Care of West Niagara will be doing a number of accessibility projects to improve access to the building – including a lift, universal washroom and exterior changes.

7. **Next Meeting** – Thursday, May 13, 2021, 6:30 pm via Zoom

8. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.