

**Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 12, 2021
Zoom Meeting
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Present: Stephen Barker (Grimsby), Karen Lemieux (West Lincoln), Rhys Evans (Pelham), Dave Antaya (NOTL) Dianne Rintjema (Lincoln), Andrea Mamo (Port Colborne), Joey Hewitt (Thorold) Mary Murray (Admin Group Rep.), Donna Herrington (JAAC Coordinator), Donna Delvecchio (Guest)

Regrets: Kathleen Kelly (Lincoln), Carole Furher (Lincoln), Brenda Mitchell (Lincoln), Rachel Brown (Grimsby), Ann Villalta (Pelham), Laura Slade (Port Colborne)

1. **Call to order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm. The Port Colborne members were welcomed, and Mary Murray of the City of Port Colborne will serve as our new JAAC Admin Representative. The group welcomed Mary as well.
2. **Presentation (15 min) –** Peter Grande, MUVE Transportation Service. Peter did not attend. We will arrange for a meeting at a later date.
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Be it resolved that the agenda is approved as presented. Moved by Ann Villalta, seconded by Karen Lemieux. CARRIED.
4. **Approval of Minutes from June 10, 2021**
Be it resolved that the minutes are approved as presented. Moved by Ann Villalta seconded by Dianne Rintjema. CARRIED.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Admin Group Update – Donna D, Donna H.

Donna Delvecchio has moved on to the City of St. Catharines. Peter Todd has moved from Niagara-on-the-Lake to Grimsby. Our contact in NOTL is now Lauren Kruitbosch Manager of Customer Experience & Communications. Our new JAAC Admin Group Rep is Mary Murray from the City of Port Colborne.

b) Proposed Health Care Accessibility Standard – JAAC Feedback

The only feedback received was from Rhys Evans. Rhys submitted his feedback directly.

c) Regional Transit App – Visual accessibility – Stephen and Dianne

Dianne has been in constant contact with the Region. They have indicated a willingness to make the App accessible to people with visual disabilities but have not provided a timeframe for doing so.

d) Meeting with other Accessibility Advisory Committee Members – Donna H.

The group decided to delay this initiative until the new year in the hopes of receiving more interest and possibly the ability to meet face-to-face.

e) Presentations to Councils

Donna H. to prepare presentation notes and circulate to the group for review and approval. To date, we have the following Council dates secured:

September 20 – West Lincoln
October 4 – Pelham (tentative)
October 5 – Thorold
October 18 – Lincoln

f) Audits

JAAC will complete 5 audits per municipality in 2021.

6. New Business

a) Potential JAAC member – Donna indicated that LeeAnn Cayer would like to return to the JAAC. She could join as a member for NOTL. Donna will approach NOTL to see if they are interested. The committee was enthusiastic about LeeAnn joining the group.

b) Community News

The group asked for an updated new contact list and a welcome message to Port Colborne be posted on our Facebook page.

Donna Delvecchio thanked the group for their hard work and support and said goodbye.

7. **Next Meeting** – Thursday, October 14, 2021 – 6:30-8:00 pm. Via Zoom

8. **Adjournment** – the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.