

**Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, August 13, 2020**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
**6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

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

**Regrets:** Rachel Brown (Grimsby), Carole Fuhrer (Lincoln)

1. **Call to order**

Stephen called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

MOTION: Be it resolved that the agenda be approved. Moved by Joey Hewitt  
Seconded by Kathleen Kelly. CARRIED.

3. **Approval of Minutes from June 25, 2020**

MOTION: Be it resolved that the minutes of June 25, 2020 be approved. Moved  
by Rhys Evans. Seconded by Kathleen Kelly. CARRIED.

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

4. a) **Accessibility Award – Award Presentations**

Accessibility Award presentations will be moved to September 2020 at the earliest due to COVID. We will do the presentation at the place of business or in front of the municipal offices rather than waiting for a Council meeting. We will invite the Mayor of each municipality to the presentation taking place in their community.

b) **Audits – Grimsby Report:**

Donna circulated the Grimsby Executive Summary and the audit report and reviewed the report with the group. All other audits (except for West Lincoln)

have been done. Thorold's report will be circulated soon for review and input.

## 5. **New Business:**

a) **Post-COVID 19 Accessibility Checklist.** The subcommittee will include Brenda, Kathleen, Joey, Rhys and Donna. The draft checklist will be distributed to the group for review and input.

MOTION: Be it resolved that the Pandemic Accessibility Checklist Subcommittee be formed. Moved by Diane Rintjema. Seconded by Brenda Mitchell. CARRIED.

### b) **Work Plan post September 2020.**

- The committee felt the checklist was a good new direction and new activities may come from it.
- Also, it was suggested that we work to have a meeting with all other AAC's in the Niagara Region.

### c) **JAAC and Grimsby Chamber of Commerce**

Stephen reached out to the Grimsby Chamber of Commerce to offer a rescheduled date for the presentation. They are hosting a Coffee Chat on August 21, 2020 via Zoom and want us to participate. Karen, Joey, Dave and Stephen will participate and talk about the JAAC.

### d) **Niagara On Demand Transit Plan**

The JAAC felt very much unprepared for this new service in Western Niagara. There is a disconnect between the Regional Accessibility Committee and other committees in the area. It was suggested that we invite the Chairperson of the Niagara Region AAC to our next meeting, Laura Ip. Stephen will follow up with her.

MOTION: Be it resolved that the JAAC invite the Niagara Region Accessibility Advisory Committee Chairperson, Laura Ip to our next meeting on October 15, 2020 (via Zoom) Moved by Kathleen Kelly. Seconded by Rhys Evans. CARRIED.

## 6 **Community News**

1) Steve Murphy, Niagara Region Accessibility Coordinator is hosting a webinar on Covid Recovery and Accessibility on August 31, 2020 at 10 am. The target group is businesses in Welland. To register go to [www.downtownwelland.ca](http://www.downtownwelland.ca)

2) Steve Bauer Trail – Council has reversed its previous decision and will now pave the Steve Bauer Trail, providing more accessibility. The trail will be paved before the end of the year.

3) Thorold and Pelham have chosen to continue committee meetings via Zoom until the end of the year.

7     **Next Meeting – Thursday, October 15, 2020, 6:30 – 8:00 pm; Zoom Meeting**

8     **Adjournment**

MOTION: That the meeting is adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Moved by: Ann Villalta , seconded by: Victoria Wilson. CARRIED.