

**Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee of
Lincoln, West Lincoln, Pelham, Thorold, Niagara-on-the-Lake,
Grimsby and Port Colborne
Meeting Agenda
Thursday, May 11, 2023
Zoom Meeting**

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

JAAC Present: Dave Antaya (NOTL), Lauren Bubnic (NOTL), Dianne Rintjema (Lincoln), Rebecca Hill (Lincoln), Joey Hewitt (Thorold), Janice Desroches (Thorold), Rhys Evans (Pelham), Dan Whipple (Pelham), Lisa Peso (Grimsby), Laura Slade (Port Colborne).

Guests: Sarah Ane, Jessica Wilson, Olivia Rozema (Town of Lincoln – Lincoln Museum).

JAAC Regrets: Jennifer Korstanje (Grimsby), Sue Langdon (West Lincoln), Jennifer Thiessen (Grimsby)

JAAC Admin Group Present: Jessica Dyson (West Lincoln)

JAAC Admin Group Regrets: Julie Kirkelos (Lincoln), William Tigert (Pelham), Matthew Trennum (Thorold), Lauren Kruisbosch (NOTL), Katie Viccica (Grimsby), Mary Murray (Port Colborne)

Absent: Jamie Kramer (Port Colborne)

Introductions were made by all members. The JAAC expressed their disappointment in not having Administrative Group members present for the meal and meeting, with the exception of Jennifer from West Lincoln.

The assembled group had dinner from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to order:** Donna called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Presentation:** Sarah, Jessica and Olivia were introduced to the group. They provided a presentation of the accessibility efforts at the Town of Lincoln Museum. A copy of this presentation is attached to these minutes.

3. **Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson:** After discussions and nominations, Dan Whipple was elected as Chairperson and Rhys Evans was elected as Vice-Chairperson of the JAAC.
4. **Review of JAAC Work Plan:** Donna reviewed the workplan of the JAAC determined at the last meeting. A copy of this presentation is attached to these minutes.
5. **Chamber of Commerce Presentation:** The JAAC will present at a future “Lunch and Learn” meeting of the Chamber of Commerce in Lincoln. JAAC members suggested the following topics:
 - a. “What’s in it for me?”; who isn’t coming into the business? Addressing the business case for accessibility.
 - b. Use statistics, awareness.
 - c. Provide funding opportunities for businesses.
 - d. Discuss the benefits of hiring people with disabilities.
 - e. Website/digital accessibility/social media
 - f. “No cost” options – social, attitudinal, access for everyone
 - g. Intersectionality between people with disabilities and other communities (LGBTQ2S+)

Dianne reminded the group that the meeting is 1 hour and so time/topics will be brief/limited.

6. Housekeeping Items

The JAAC provides reimbursement for transportation costs incurred to participate in meetings. Therefore, mileage is reimbursed for those who drive. Donna will distribute an Expense Claim form (attached to these minutes). Reimbursement is usually provided at the end of the calendar year (December). However, if members require it sooner, they can submit the form to Donna for payment.

7. **Next Meeting – Thursday, July 13, 2023, from 6:30-8:00 pm. Location and format (in person/Zoom) to be determined.** Donna will explore hybrid options.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.