



**Work Plan of the
Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee
2019**

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The Township of West Lincoln
The Town of Pelham
The City of Thorold
The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake and
The Town of Grimsby**

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In compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) and resulting regulations, the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee of Lincoln, West Lincoln, Pelham, Thorold, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Grimsby (JAAC) works to provide consultation and assistance in developing compliance strategies and tools in order to ensure accessibility for its citizens.

This workplan outlines the activities of the JAAC for the period 2019 – 2020 as they relate to it's mandate and terms of reference:

Terms of Reference	Activity	Detail	Timeline
The JAAC will collaborate with the Municipality in cultivating inclusion and the continual improvement of access to Municipal facilities, programs and services.	Meet with Mayors and Councillors	Meet at least 2x/year with Mayors and Councillors by presenting an update on our mandate and activities	July 2019; January 2020 July 2020
	Meet with Municipal Staff	Meet with municipal staff at least 1x/year to outline the JAAC role, update staff on AODA issues, remind staff of resources available to assist with accessibility matters.	April – June 2019; April – June 2020
The JAAC will develop an Accessibility Award in recognition of municipal, public and private sector efforts to improve accessibility in our community.	Accessibility Award	<p>Review of award criteria and adjustment of criteria as needed</p> <p>Outreach to community through news media, social media and direct approach</p> <p>Assess eligible businesses</p> <p>Present successful businesses with Award on Dec 3rd (International Day of People with Disabilities); Council ceremony. Media campaign for winners</p>	April – December 2019

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The JAAC will initiate and implement education programs and events	JAAC Flag Raising	Create a JAAC flag to be raised as part of media campaign Request flag be raised by municipalities Create corresponding media campaign	October 13-19, 2019 – Invisible Disabilities Week
The JAAC will develop materials for the Municipality to meet its AODA compliance obligations	Progress Report on Accessibility Plan	Review Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Correspond with staff to draft Annual Update Annual Update reviewed and approved by JAAC Update presented to Council; released to public via website	April – September 2019
The JAAC shall serve as a liaison between public and private sector organizations, services and interest groups by conducting public outreach activities.	Meeting with MPP's	Meet with local MPP's to discuss AODA; future development; present JAAC successes	December 2019
The JAAC shall liaise with other Accessibility Advisory Committees throughout the Niagara Region.	Meeting with other AAC's of Niagara	Organize meeting of all AAC's in Niagara	January - April 2020
The JAAC shall serve as a liaison between public and private sector organizations, services and interest groups by conducting public outreach activities.	Meeting with Chambers of Commerce in JAAC area	Organize meeting with Chambers of Commerce in JAAC catchment area	January – April 2020