



# Accessibility Matters Here

**PRESS RELEASE: JAAC Recognition Award 2026**

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### JAAC Announces 2026 Accessibility Matters Here Award Recipients

**Niagara Region, ON** — The Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (JAAC) is proud to announce the recipients of the 2026 *Accessibility Matters Here* Awards, recognizing businesses and organizations across Niagara for their commitment to accessibility, inclusion, and barrier-free communities.

“These places are helping create more welcoming and accessible experiences for residents and visitors across Niagara,” said JAAC consultant Donna Herrington. “It is very important they be recognized for the work they’ve done and celebrated across Niagara for championing accessibility, inclusion, and equitable experiences.”

### Built Environment Recognition

Recognized for improving physical accessibility within their spaces:

#### Niagara-on-the-Lake

- Hatley
- Fritters-on-the-Lake
- Cows
- Craig’s Cookies

#### Pelham

- Sobey’s Fonhill

### Built Environment & Customer Service Recognition

Recognized for accessible spaces and inclusive customer service:

#### Niagara-on-the-Lake

- Cool as a Moose
- NEOB Niagara
- Foodland

#### Thorold

- Thorold Community Activities Group

#### Pelham

- Movement Unlimited

### Multiple Accessibility Categories Recognition

Recognized for leadership across several accessibility areas:

- Cornerstone Community Church (Built Environment, Information & Communication, Customer Service)
- AURA Aesthetics & Wellness (Built Environment, Customer Service, Employment)

The *Accessibility Matters Here* Awards are presented annually by JAAC, representing the municipalities of Lincoln, West Lincoln, Pelham, Thorold, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Grimsby, and Port Colborne.

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