

THE JOINT ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PRESENTATION TO COUNCILS 2021

HISTORY OF JAAC

- In 2003, six municipalities came together to create the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee. The committee includes:
 - The Town of Lincoln
 - 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

COMMITTEE EXPANSION

- In 2021, the committee expanded
- We are now joined by the City of Port Colborne
- We welcome Port Colborne and will assist the City to ensure compliance with the AODA. We will work to develop positive relationships within the local community

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

- Audits of municipal facilities
- Training modules for staff to ensure AODA compliance
- Committee branding: we have a new logo, a community flag and a Facebook page



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**LINCOLN, WEST LINCOLN, PELHAM, THOROLD, NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE
GRIMSBY & PORT COLBORNE**

ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

- We continue to promote our Accessibility Award
- We use an audit checklist in each business
- If the business scores 80% or higher they receive the We Are Accessible Award
- To date, 10 businesses have received the award throughout our catchment area

2025

- Currently 22% of the Canadian population has a disability
- The deadline for full accessibility in the municipality is fast approaching. This means goods and services will need to be accessible (customer service, information and communications, new facilities and services).

2025 CONT'D

- We will continue to work with staff and council to ensure compliance with the AODA and are available to answer questions or concerns and to review site plans.

WE ASK

- We ask Council to assist us in ensuring the municipality meets the 2025 deadlines
- We ask Council to promote our We Are Accessible Award to local businesses
- We ask Council to continue to communicate with us about their accessibility concerns and decisions
- We thank you for the opportunity to present to Council