



**Perth County Accessibility Advisory Committee  
Minutes**

**December 18, 2013, 11:00 AM  
Perth East Boardroom, 25 Mill Street East, Milverton**

**Members Present:** Chairperson, Dennis Manarey, Janice Klages, Mary McLagan, Judy Givens, Judy Nafziger, Perth County Councillor Rhonda Ehgoetz

**Members Absent:** Ethel Sage, Shannon Palmer

**Staff Present:** Julia Opie, Accessibility Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

**Guests:** Lorie Falconer, Huron County AAC Member

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Manarey called the meeting to order and verified quorum was present.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA**

**Resolution Number AAC-12-13-1**

Moved By Rhonda Ehgoetz

Seconded By Janice Klages

THAT the agenda for December 18, 2013 be approved.

Carried.

**3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST and general nature thereof**

No disclosures made.

**4. PRESENTATIONS – None.**

**5. DELEGATIONS – no delegations**

**6. REPORTS**

**7.0 International Day of Persons with Disabilities – 3 December 2013**

Verbal reports of the activities that went on at the three schools in the Avon Maitland District School Board were shared with the Committee. Overall, the students were very receptive to the activities planned for the day, and gained an understanding of the types of challenges that persons with disabilities face each day, including barriers to participating fully in society.



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### **Hullett Central Public School, Londesboro by Lorie Falconer, Huron County AAC**

The entire school was involved in a number of activities throughout the day based on the age/grade of the students. The activities focused on all kinds of disabilities. The students showed empathy and also found ways to overcome barriers.

### **Upper Thames Public School, Mitchell by Janice Klages**

Janice was interviewed by Eddie Matthews on CJCS about the activities planned for the day, and then went to Upper Thames PS. Grade 4/5 classes were involved in the various activities which gave the students hands-on experience with various disabilities. Videos were shown and lots of discussion followed

### **Listowel District Secondary School, by Judy Givens**

Large classes and plenty of them were involved in viewing an empowering video and then working through a series of stations designed to simulate disabilities. The teachers and students were engaged.

#### **Ideas for future events:**

1. Get teachers more involved. Have them experience a disability for the day.
2. Get Occupational Therapists involved. Have them talk about what they do.  
Does Parkwood have an informational video?
3. Reach teachers through a PA day talk about IDPD for 2014.
4. Need more help organizing supplies for the day. I.e. Wheelchairs
5. Do something with the schools for National Disabilities Awareness Week

7. **CLOSED MEETING** – no closed session

8. **REPORTING OUT FROM CLOSED MEETING** – none

#### **9. NEXT MEETINGS**

The next meeting is to be held on January 28, 2014 at the Perth East Council Chambers, 25 Mill Street East, Milverton, ON at 1:30 p.m.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution Number AAC-12-13-2**

Moved By Judy Givens

Seconded By Mary McLagan



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THAT the meeting adjourn at 12:15 PM;

Carried.

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Dennis Manarey, Chairperson

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Julia Opie, Accessibility Coordinator