

Appendix A

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

International Day of Persons with Disabilities is celebrated on December 3 each year and is a global event endorsed by the United Nations. This organization has worked for decades to promote full equality and participation of people with disabilities in society. The AAC celebrated our first International Day for People with Disabilities in 2013 and plan to celebrate this event every year.

Holnbeck Award

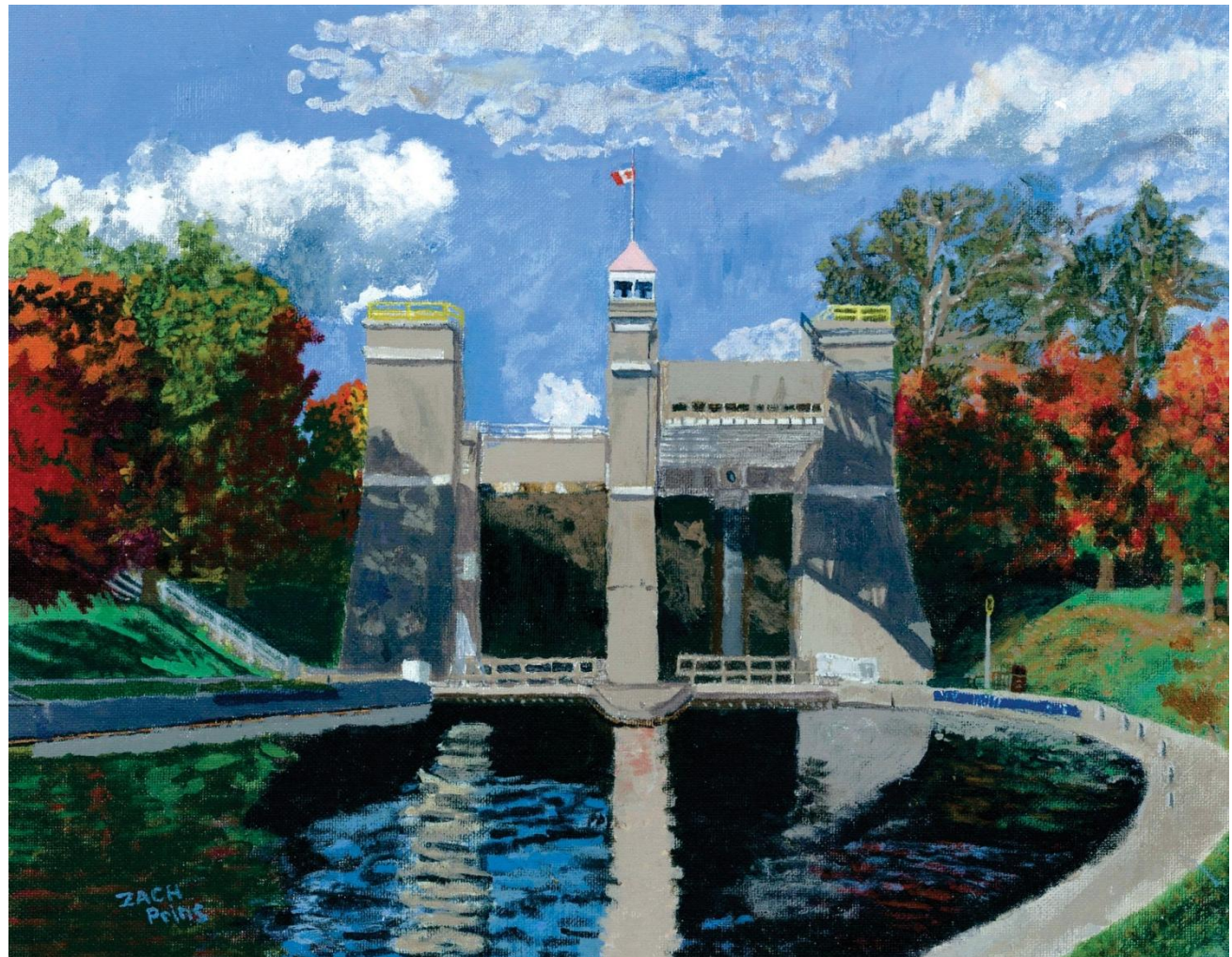
The Gordon and Arbie Holnbeck Award is given to a person, or persons, who have enhanced the quality of life for people with disabilities through volunteer work. Nominations are accepted in the spring of each year and the Award Ceremony is held at the beginning of a Council meeting.

National Access Awareness Week

National Access Awareness Week was established in 1987 following Rick Hanson's 40,000 km "Man in Motion Tour". Each spring, within the City and County of Peterborough different celebrations are held by a number of community advocacy groups to recognize the importance of inclusion and accessibility within our community.

Contact Us

Accessibility and Communication Specialist at
705-742-7777 extension 1785 or
accessibility@peterborough.ca



Under the guide eye of Art Teacher Gene Canning, **Zach Prins** has produced over 30 wildlife and scenery paintings. Zach is a local

artist and some of his work can be found in the 2014 Community Living Calendar, and displayed at the Lakefield Art Gallery, the Bearded Turtle, and the Peterborough in Portrait Art Exhibition. Zach works part time and his interests include Special Olympics swimming, baseball, and pool.

Accessibility Advisory Committee



City of
Peterborough

The City of Peterborough Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)

Commitment to Accessibility

- The City is committed to demonstrate leadership for accessibility in the community.
- Our goal is to meet the diverse needs of all people and follow the principles of dignity, independence, integration and equal opportunity.
- We will strive to achieve an inclusive environment for our facilities, goods, services, employment, information and transportation.

Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001 (ODA)

The ODA was established by the Province with the goal of improving the opportunities for people with disabilities. Municipalities are responsible to prepare annual accessibility plans, as well as consider accessibility in their planning processes, and when they buy goods and services. Each municipality with a population of over 10,000 people is to establish an Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) to advise Council on how to make the municipality more accessible to people with disabilities. The majority of the members of the committee are to be people with disabilities.

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)

The AODA sets a progressive goal to create a more inclusive Ontario by January 1, 2025. There are two current standards under the AODA, which are now law: The Customer Service Standard introduced in 2005 and the Integrated Accessibility Standard in 2011.

Ontario's Human Rights Code (HRC)

The HRC is for every person. It is a provincial law that ensures equal rights and opportunities without discrimination in specific areas, such as jobs, housing and services. The HRC's goal is to prevent discrimination and harassment because of race, sex, age, and disability to name a few.

City of Peterborough Accessibility Plan

The City's accessibility plan outlines the steps the City will take to identify, remove and prevent barriers for people with disabilities.
www.peterborough.ca/AccessibilityPlans

AAC

The AAC advises on the City's municipal service responsibilities such as site plan reviews, access plans, and Access Fund requests. They advise staff and City Council on accessibility issues related to City facilities and services, the implementation of accessibility standards and the preparation of accessibility reports. Members of the AAC are appointed by City Council following an application process. Members are listed on the City's website.
peterborough.ca/AACContactInformation

AAC Sub-Committees

The AAC has two sub-committees to deal with the Built Environment and Transportation. People interested in becoming a member of the sub-committees can submit a letter of interest to
treed@peterborough.ca.

AAC Initiatives

The AAC has developed maps to easily identify accessible parking, accessible washrooms in City facilities and accessible playgrounds to benefit residents and visitors.
peterborough.ca/AccessibleResourceMap

The AAC uses the Access Fund to enhance accessibility in our community. In 2015, the Access Fund was used to support the installation of the walkway at King Edward Park (below).

