

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE
OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK**

WHEREAS the fleet review was requested by Council as a project within the Provincial Government Municipal Modernization Service Delivery Funding program in 2021;

WHEREAS the Modernization Service Delivery program had 2 objectives: One to modernize service delivery through innovation and technology and two to reduce future costs for the municipal taxpayers;

WHEREAS during the term of Council from 2018 – 2022 and it continues today that residents frequently express their concerns about the large number of Town owned vehicles. They also commented on the size of vehicles most being full sized SUVs, and trucks with high gas consumption. They asked why in most cases each vehicle was operated by a single staff member;

WHEREAS the Fleet Review Study results presented in July 2023 indicated that the Town has 91 vehicles in the fleet;

WHEREAS the results were focused on greening the fleet resulting in a proposed \$3.1 million in new spending. This was not aligned with the direction from Council.

WHEREAS in fairness to our current leadership team, they were not there at the time of the request from Council and as such are trying to bring ideas for greening the fleet like most government agencies to address Climate Change. Our leadership team have also expressed a desire to work with Council to address the original mandate from Council to tackle cost saving in the Fleet Review Study Results.

WHEREAS the fleet review request from Council included specifically exploring ways to reduce the fleet budget through a review of lease vs purchase to find the lower cost option, reducing the amount of fuel use by moving to small economical cars for non parks and recreation staff, fleet sharing options for large scale trucks with other municipalities or outsourcing services including the fleet management. Council also asked staff to look to reduce the size of the fleet using car sharing options, and industry best practices (not just from local municipalities).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff come back to Council in the Fall with a report using a lens of cost reduction, to find efficiencies and investigate the specific items based on Council's original direction outlined in this Notice of Motion.