



Lord Mayors Report – April 30, 2024

Lord Mayor Zalepa

March 27, 2024

- Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce—State of the Region at John Michael's Banquet & Event Centre. Chair Bradley presented a comprehensive overview of the current economic conditions and key initiatives and projects underway to support growth and development. I was joined by Cllr. Wiens, Cheropita and O'Conner as well as CAO Zvaniga.

March 28, 2024

- Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Ontario Regional Meeting in the Town of Blue Mountains. During a series of discussions and sessions, we covered topics such as shoreline protection and the economic transformations that attract green industries. This was the lead-up to the annual conference, which will take place this May. Deputy Lord Mayor Wiens will attend.

April 6, 2024

- Willobank Convocation 2024 at the Willowbank School of Restoration Arts. I had the honour of congratulating ten graduates who received their Diploma in Heritage Conservation. An excellent valedictorian speech by graduate, Charlie Porter, as well as keynote speech by Niagara Parks Commission CAO David Adams.

April 8, 2024

- Solar Eclipse

April 10, 2024

- Niagara Regional Police – Change of Command Ceremony. I joined the NRP for the Swearing-in ceremony of Chief of Police Bill Fordy at Ridley College. The ceremony also introduced Deputy Chief Luigi Greco and Deputy Chief Todd Waselovich.



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April 15, 2024

- Earth Day flag raising at Town Hall with Amnesty International. Earth Day was on April 22. Recognizing the importance of policies and action pertaining to species at risk. Cllr. Wiens, O'Connor, Burroughs, and staff

April 16, 2024

- Minister Todd Smith visited the OPG Sir Adam Beck Station to bring an announcement regarding a substantial investment in the power station which will ensure ongoing sustainability and a key power source for over 16 M homes in Ontario. Cllr Wiens, Balasuik

April 17, 2024

- I attended a municipality partners focus group hosted by Brock University. The focus was Brock's internal strategy.
- Niagara District Airport Commission AGM Cllr. Wiens

April 23, 2024

- Ontario Craft Wineries Conference at Niagara Falls Convention Centre. I attended a session featuring John Peller on advancing Canada's premium wine industry, a breakout session on online marketing and sales as well as closing speech by a wine industry expert. It featured the national implications of the different challenges facing each of Canada's wine-producing provinces, an update on the Niagara Supercluster, and the process of this advocacy and economic development initiative. Thank you to the On Craft Wineries for their invitation.

April 26, 2024

- National Day of Mourning recognized by Town staff

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- National Day of Mourning Service with Niagara Regional Labour Council. Service to remember those who have suffered injury and/or died on the job. Service was held at the monument at the Centennial Arena.



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- Red Roof Retreat Pasta Dinner – Annual fundraiser to keep the Red Roof Retreat program affordable for families. Cllr. Wiens, Balasiuk

April 29, 2024

- Smile Cookie Campaign Kick Off with Autism Society of Niagara Region. Attended Tim Hortons on York Road to help kick off the campaign.
- Jazz Niagara - Laura Fernandez Trio “Latin Jazz” at The Hare Wine Co.