



Lord Mayors Report – July 30, 2024

Lord Mayor Zalepa

June 26, 2024

- Fusion Jazz in the Vineyard at Hare Wine Co. – I Attended and delivered greetings at the 11th annual event, featuring Montreal-based bassist Carl Mayotte and his trio, who presented a blend of jazz fusion.

June 27, 2024

- Queen & Mississagua Entranceway Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate the new entranceway feature. Thank you to Gerald Kowalchuk Family Fund and Niagara Community Foundation, everyone involved in the project.

June 29, 2024

- Jamaican Workers' Social Event at Virgil Sports Park Pavilion. Deputy Lord Mayor Wiens attended and delivered a greeting. The event featured Jamaican cuisine, prizes, games, and music.

July 1, 2024

- Canada Day celebrations kicked off Rotary BBQ in Simcoe Park, with the Cake Parade; Willow Cakes donated the cake. The Fife and Drums Corps from Fort George led the parade down Queen Street to Simcoe Park, joined by Council members, Regional Councillor Kaiser, MP Baldinelli and MPP Gates where thousands of slices of cake were served to residents and visitors. In the evening, I was invited to bring a greeting to the event at Fort George, which ended with a fireworks display.

July 2, 2024

- Physician Recruitment Committee Dinner at Ravine Vineyard. The committee hosted 13 new family medicine residents from McMaster to Niagara. I had the opportunity to address the resident physicians.

July 4, 2024

- I hosted a Town staff BBQ... thanking the team for all their work.

July 6, 2024

- St Marks Cherry Festival; BBQ, joined by Councillor Balasiuk, Burroughs running the cask operations and other, Cheropita serving pie and ice cream.

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- NOTL Museum Press Conference – NOTL Museum held a press conference to announce the property purchase at 25 Castlereagh.



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- CKTB Round Table Event, live on-air round table event. The theme for this year was “Adventure Awaits in Niagara-on-the-Lake.” I was joined on air by Bruce Zvaniga, CAO.

July 11, 2024

- Niagara-on-the-Lake Waste Water Treatment Plant Tour. Councillor Burroughs and Staff joined us as we toured the wastewater plant.

July 13, 2024

- Niagara-on-the-Lake Electrifying Eels swim meet at the Niagara Pool. The Eels competed against teams from the Town of Pelham, the City of Welland, and the City of Port Colborne. Kudos to Town staff at the pools; and the over 150 children in competition.
- Commemoration of the Foam 150 – On July 11, 1874, seven young men sailed from Toronto's Royal Canadian Yacht Club on a boat called The Foam and headed to NOTL's Queens Royal Hotel. As they crossed Lake Ontario, they met a squall, and within sight of their destination, they foundered on the western bank of the Niagara River. The event featured a beautiful walk and service in Queen's Royal Park, followed by a walk to St. Mark's Anglican Church, where the seven souls were lost in the Foam tragedy. The evening concluded with a reception at the NOTLSC. Thank you Ross Robinson for your organizing, St Marks Rector Layton Lee for the service and Bernadette Secco on the bells, Babs Worthy for her informative history talk and the NOLSC for hosting in their club house.

July 15, 2024

- Niagara Regional Native Centre Drum Night – Niagara Geopark hosted two representatives from UNESCO. The two UNESCO Evaluators from the Global Geoparks Network were in the Niagara Region for a five-day field assessment. Over the past ten years, the Geopark has partnered with governmental agencies, Indigenous treaty holders, conservation organizations, educational institutions, local businesses, and non-profits to deliver educational geoheritage programs and interpretations showcasing Niagara's unique geoheritage. The goal is to achieve a UNESCO Global Geopark designation.

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- Met with Ontario Greenbelt Foundation. CAO McDonnell, and board members.



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- Niagara College Institute for Global Education and Training Launch celebration at the Benchmark Restaurant.

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- Our Ashley Meyers participated in a roundtable with the Federal Minister of Economic Development Mary NG. I joined for a luncheon with the Minister. Thank you to the Niagara College and the GNCC for the invitation.