

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

Notice of Motion

INTRODUCTION DATE: April 29, 2025

SUBJECT: Motion re: Strong Mayor Powers

REQUESTED BY: Councillor O'Connor

SECONDED BY: Councillor Mavridis

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has proposed to expand strong mayor powers to the heads of council in Niagara-on-the-Lake effective May 1, 2025;

WHEREAS this will give the Lord Mayor additional authority and powers, and correspondingly take away authority and powers from Council and professional staff, and will include giving the Lord Mayor the authority to propose and adopt the Municipal budget and to veto some decisions of Council; and

WHEREAS changes will impact the balance of power between the Lord Mayor and Council bestowed by residents through a democratic election, and eliminate majority rule in some decisions of Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Niagara-on-the-Lake petition the Government of Ontario to rescind these changes to the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Wayne Gates, MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario.