

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

Notice of Motion

INTRODUCTION DATE: July 22, 2025

SUBJECT: Motion re: Discretionary Grant Program

REQUESTED BY: Councillor Mavridis

SECONDED BY: Councillor Vizzari

WHEREAS Whereas the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake currently operates a Discretionary Grant Program that provides funding to a range of local organizations and initiatives; and

WHEREAS there is a need to ensure that municipal funding aligns with strategic priorities and provides equitable, transparent, and measurable community benefits; and

WHEREAS Council has identified an opportunity to refocus municipal grant funding on programs and initiatives that directly benefit local residents, particularly youth and community-based engagement; and

WHEREAS Council reserves the right to cancel or alter grant programs as needed, per the Town's approved Discretionary Grant Policy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs staff to sunset the current Discretionary Grant Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council directs staff to develop a new Community and Youth Initiatives Grant Program to be launched in 2026, with criteria and guidelines focused on:

- Supporting community-led programs and events that benefit Niagara-on-the-Lake residents;
- Enhancing youth development, engagement, and leadership opportunities;
- Encouraging collaboration among local non-profit organizations, schools, and service groups;

- Ensuring equitable access to funding through transparent application and evaluation processes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff report back to Council with a draft framework, including eligibility criteria, application process, evaluation metrics, and budget recommendations, no later than Q4 2025.