

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

Notice of Motion

INTRODUCTION DATE: April 28, 2026

SUBJECT: Motion RE: Developing a Comprehensive Lifecycle Strategy for Niagara-on-the-Lake

REQUESTED BY: Councillor Vizzari

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wiens

WHEREAS Niagara-on-the-Lake is experiencing demographic shifts, including a growing aging population and challenges in retaining youth and young families; and

WHEREAS a balanced and sustainable community requires planning for residents at all stages of life, including youth, families, and seniors; and

WHEREAS many residents wish to both age in place and raise families within the community, close to services, employment, and social supports; and

WHEREAS current supports for both seniors and youth are largely program-based or delivered through Niagara Region, school boards, and community organizations, without a comprehensive, municipally-led strategy; and

WHEREAS Niagara-on-the-Lake does not currently have a formal Aging in Place Strategy or Youth Strategy to guide long-term planning, land use, and service delivery; and

WHEREAS gaps in housing, engagement, and services may contribute to seniors leaving the community and youth relocating elsewhere for opportunities; and

WHEREAS proactive lifecycle planning aligns with responsible governance, supports economic sustainability, and strengthens community well-being; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** Council direct Staff to develop a comprehensive “Lifecycle Strategy” for Niagara-on-the-Lake, which includes both an Aging in Place Strategy and a Youth Strategy; and

2. **THAT** the Lifecycle Strategy include an assessment of current and projected demographic trends, identification of gaps in housing, services, and opportunities, and recommendations to support aging in place, youth retention, and community sustainability; and
3. **THAT** Staff report back on opportunities to integrate lifecycle planning into the Town's planning framework, including the Official Plan, Secondary Plans, and zoning tools; and
4. **THAT** Staff identify municipally owned lands or strategic sites that could support seniors-focused housing, youth- and family-supportive development, and mixed-use community spaces; and
5. **THAT** Staff explore partnerships with Niagara Region, educational institutions, non-profit and private sector partners, and healthcare and community organizations; and
6. **THAT** Staff report back on financial and policy tools available to support lifecycle planning, including incentives, partnerships, and streamlined approvals; and
7. **THAT** Staff explore the establishment of advisory bodies, including a Youth Advisory Council and enhanced engagement mechanisms for seniors; and
8. **THAT** public engagement be undertaken, ensuring meaningful input from seniors, youth, families, and the broader community; and
9. **THAT** this work be incorporated into existing staff workplans where feasible, and where additional resources are required, staff report back with options and timelines.