

Ontario Land Tribunal
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ISSUE DATE: February 24, 2022

CASE NO(S).:

PL190617

PROCEEDING COMMENCED UNDER subsection 34(11) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended

Applicant and Appellant:

1788655 Ontario Ltd.

Subject:

Application amend Zoning By-law No. 4319-09
- Refusal of Application by Niagara-on-the-lake

Existing Zoning:

Residential (R1) Zone and Open Space (OS)
Zone

Proposed Zoning:

Site specific (To be determined)

Purpose:

To permit two single-detached dwelling units

Property Address/Description:

1490 York Road

Municipality:

Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

Municipality File No.:

ZBA-21-2018

OLT Case No.:

PL190617

OLT File No.:

PL190617

OLT Case Name:

1788655 Ontario Ltd. v. Niagara-on-the-Lake
(Town)

Heard:

September 22, 2021 by video hearing

APPEARANCES:

Parties

1788655 Ontario Ltd.

Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

Counsel

Thomas Hanrahan

Robert Di Lallo

**MEMORANDUM OF ORAL DECISION DELIVERED BY STEVEN COOKE ON
SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 AND ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL**

[1] The matter before the Tribunal is an appeal under s. 34 (11) of the *Planning Act* for the refusal by the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake (“Town”) of an application to amend Zoning By-law No. 4319-09 (“ZBL”) by 1788655 Ontario Ltd. (“Applicant”) for the property municipally known as 1490 York Road (“Subject Site”).

[2] The purpose of this revised application is to allow for the Applicant to create on the Subject Site three single detached dwellings in a planned condominium on a private roadway. The existing house would be retained with the creation of two new homes are being proposed.

[3] The Applicant proposes to amend the ZBL for the Subject Site from its current designation of “St. Davids Community Zoning District - Residential (R1) Zone” and “St. Davids Community Zoning District - Open Space (OS) Zone” to a site-specific ZBL with performance standards “St. Davids Community Zoning District - Residential (R1-33-H)” and “St. Davids Community Zoning District - Open Space (OS-33)”.

EXPERT WITNESSES

[4] The Applicant called two witnesses to give their expert testimony in planning matters.

[5] Susan Smyth was retained by the Applicant. Ms. Smyth is a qualified urban planner with Quartek Group Inc.

[6] Rick Wilson is the Manager of Planning for the Town and appeared before the Tribunal under summons by the Applicant.

[7] Having reviewed the *curriculum vita* and the Acknowledgement of Expert Duties, the Tribunal is satisfied and qualified Ms. Smyth and Mr. Wilson to give expert evidence in planning matters.

[8] The Town did not call any witnesses to testify during these proceedings.

PLANNING EVIDENCE

Susan Smyth

[9] It was the opinion of Ms. Smyth that the creation of the two new dwellings in the proposed development, located in the St. Davids settlement area, is appropriate for development that increases density and offers a mix of housing options to the area.

[10] Ms. Smyth testified that development on the Subject Site was appropriate as it would utilize existing municipal infrastructure that avoids future uneconomical expansion of municipal services and promotes efficient development patterns.

[11] St. Davids area is currently not serviced by public transit. It is the opinion of Ms. Smyth that the continued intensification of this settlement area in an appropriate manor of infill developments, that will provide a range of age friendly housing, may contribute to future sustainable transportation modes that include the possibility of public transit.

[12] It was her opinion that the proposed development is consistent with the objectives of the Provincial Policy Statement ("PPS") and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe ("GP").

[13] The Niagara Region Official Plan ("Niagara OP") directs future growth development towards existing built-up urban areas. Ms. Smyth informed the Tribunal that the Subject Site was located within a built-up area that is alongside a core natural area. The Tribunal was informed that the proposed development would continue to maintain the designation of the core natural areas on the Subject Site.

[14] It is the testimony of Ms. Smyth that the proposed development supports the objective of the Niagara OP by providing an infill housing opportunity, that would efficiently use existing municipal infrastructure within a built-up urban area.

[15] It is the opinion of Ms. Smyth that the proposed development will implement the principles of urban design and represents good land use planning.

Rick Wilson

[16] Mr. Wilson informed the Tribunal that the planning staff did not support the original proposal of four dwellings located on the Subject Site. However, after discussions with the Applicant regarding the Town's concerns, Mr. Wilson confirmed that the Town staff did recommend the revised application of three single detached dwellings that includes the existing home fronting onto York Road.

[17] It was the testimony of Mr. Wilson that the Town staff stands by the recommendations in the November 19, 2019 Staff Report CDS-19-018A. In particular, Mr. Wilson highlighted the zoning provision comparison found in section 4 of the report that states:

	Zone Provision	Residential (R1) Zone Standard	Proposed Residential (R1) – Site-Specific
	Permitted Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - single detached dwelling - accessory buildings and structures - bed and breakfast establishment - cottage rental - group home - home occupation or a home profession - public use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - maximum of 3 single detached dwellings (condominium units) - accessory buildings and structures

(a)	Minimum lot frontage	18.0 m (60 ft)	18.0 m (60 ft) on a private road, except where a condominium unit is located at the termination of a private road the minimum unit frontage is 6 m (19.7 ft)
(b)	Minimum lot area	668 m ² (7190.5 ft ²)	525 m ² (5,651 ft ²) for a condominium unit
(c)	Maximum lot coverage	33%	maximum building footprint of dwelling and garage per condominium unit - 222 m ² (2,390 ft ²)
(d)	Minimum landscaped open space	30%	40% per condominium unit
(e)	Minimum front yard setback	6.0 m (19.69 ft)	3.0 m (9.8 ft) from a private road minimum setback from York Road lot line - 7.5 m (24.6 ft)
(f)	Maximum front yard setback	7.5 m (24.6 ft)	not applicable
(g)	Minimum front yard setback to front face of the attached garage	8.5 m (27.88 ft)	6.0 m (19.7 ft) from a private road
(i)	Minimum exterior side yard setback	4.5 m (14.76 ft)	minimum setback from York Road lot line - 7.5 m (24.6 ft)
(j)	Minimum rear yard setback	7.5 m (24.6 ft)	minimum setback of 10 m (32.8 ft) from stable top of bank for dwelling and garage, except a minimum setback of

			8.5 m (27.9 ft) from the stable top of bank is required for any additions to the existing dwelling on the land
(l)	Minimum dwelling floor area	125 m ² (1345.5 ft ²)	114 m ² (1,227 ft ²)
(m)	Maximum building height	10.0 m (32.8 ft)	9.1 m (30 ft)
(n)	Minimum accessory building yards setback	1.5 m (5 ft)	1.5 m (5 ft), except a setback of 7.5 m (24.6 ft) is required from the stable top of bank
(o)	Minimum accessory building exterior side yard setback	4.5 m (14.76 ft)	Accessory buildings are not permitted in the yard abutting York Road

It was the opinion of Mr. Wilson that the revised application addressed the concerns of the Town staff, meets the intent of the Town and Region of Niagara planning policies, has regard to provincial policies, and represent good urban planning.

DISPOSITION

[18] In determining this matter, the Tribunal accepts and adopts the uncontested land use planning evidence and expert opinions provided Ms. Smyth and Mr. Wilson. The Tribunal is persuaded by the evidence that the proposal promotes efficient development of land patterns, accommodates a range of appropriate mixed uses, intensifies uses within the settlement area, contributes to the range of housing options and ensures effective use of existing infrastructure.

[19] The Tribunal finds that the proposal is consistent with the policy direction established by the PPS, and conforms to the relevant directives established by the GP, and as maintained by the Niagara OP and the Town's OP. The Tribunal is further satisfied that the proposal has due regard for matters of provincial interest, is consistent with the principles of good land use planning and is in the greater public interest. More significantly, the proposal furthers the goals and objectives of the Provincial planning regime to increase housing opportunities.

ORDER

[20] **THE TRIBUNAL ORDERS** that the appeal is allowed and the municipality is directed to amend By-law No. 4316-09 as set out in Attachment "1" to this Order.

"Steven Cooke"

STEVEN COOKE
VICE-CHAIR

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PL190617 – Attachment 1

**THE CORPORATION
OF THE
TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE
BY-LAW NO. 4316DO – 19**

1490 York Road Roll 2627020025146000000

A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 4316-09, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED A
BY-LAW TO REGULATE THE USE OF LANDS AND THE ERECTION, USE,
BULK, HEIGHT, LOCATION, AND SPACING OF BUILDINGS AND
STRUCTURES WITHIN THE TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE.

WHEREAS the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Council is empowered to enact this
By-law by virtue of the provisions of Section 34 and Section 36 of the Planning Act,
R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended;

AND WHEREAS this By-law conforms to the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Official
Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF
NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE** enacts as follows:

1. Schedule "A-23" of By-law 4316-09, as amended, is further amended by
changing the zoning of the subject lands identified on Map 'A' attached to and
forming part of this By-law, from "St. Davids Community Zoning District -
Residential (R1) Zone" and "St. Davids Community Zoning District – Open
Space (OS) Zone" to "St. Davids Community Zoning District – Residential (R1-
33-H) – Site-Specific Zone" and "St. Davids Community Zoning District –
Open Space (OS-33) – Site-Specific Zone."
2. That subsection 9.13 Site Specific Exceptions of By-law 4316-09, as
amended, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:

9.13.33 1490 York Road – See Schedule A-23 "R1-33-H" and "OS-33"

9.13.33.1 The following definitions shall be in effect for the lands identified as R1-33-H on Schedule 'A-23' to this By-law:

Condominium unit means a part of the property designated as a unit by the description registered under the *Land Titles Act* or the *Registry Act* and includes the space enclosed by its boundaries and all the land, structures and fixtures within this space in accordance with the declaration and description.

9.13.33.2 R1-33-H Permitted Uses:

Despite the provisions of Section 9.1.1, only the following permitted uses shall apply on lands identified as 9.13.33 on Schedule 'A-23' to this By-law:

- a) Maximum of three (3) single-detached dwellings
- b) accessory buildings and structures in accordance with Section 6.1

9.13.33.3 R1-33-H Zone Requirements:

Despite the provisions of Section 9.1.2, the following provisions shall apply on lands identified as R1-33-H on Schedule 'A-23' to this By-law:

(a)	i) Minimum condominium unit frontage on a private road	18.0 m (60 ft)
	ii) Minimum condominium unit frontage where a condominium unit is located at the termination of a private road	6 m (19.7 ft)
(b)	Minimum condominium unit area	525 m ² (5,651 ft ²)
(c)	Maximum building footprint of dwelling and garage per condominium unit	222 m ² (2,390 ft ²)
(d)	Minimum landscaped open space per condominium unit	40%
(e)	i) Minimum setback from condominium unit line abutting a private road	3.0 m (9.8 ft)
	ii) Minimum setback from York Road lot line	7.5 m (24.6 ft)
(f)	Maximum front yard setback	Not applicable

(g)	Minimum setback from condominium unit line abutting a private road to front face of an attached or detached garage	6 m (19.7 ft)
(h)	i) Minimum interior side yard setback from condominium unit line	1.5 m (5 ft)
	ii) Minimum interior side yard setback from a condominium unit line on one side where there is no attached garage	3.0 m (9.84 ft)
(j)	i) Minimum setback of dwelling and garage from stable top of bank	10.0 m (32.8 ft)
	ii) Minimum setback from stable top of bank for any building additions to the dwelling existing on the land on the date of passage of this By-law	8.5 m (27.9 ft)
(k)	Maximum width of garage face	7.5 m (24.6 ft)
(l)	Minimum dwelling floor area	114 m ² (1,227 ft ²)
(m)	Maximum building height	9.1 m (30 ft)
(n)	i) Minimum interior side yard setback from condominium unit line for accessory buildings	1.5 m (5 ft)
	ii) Minimum setback of accessory buildings from stable top of bank	7.5 m (24.6 ft)
(o)	Accessory buildings in the yard abutting York Road	Not Permitted

9.13.33.4 Despite the permitted uses identified in Subsection 9.11.1 and the Zone Requirements of Section 9.11.2, only conservation management activities and uses shall be permitted and the construction of any buildings and/or structures shall be prohibited on the lands zoned Open Space (OS-33).

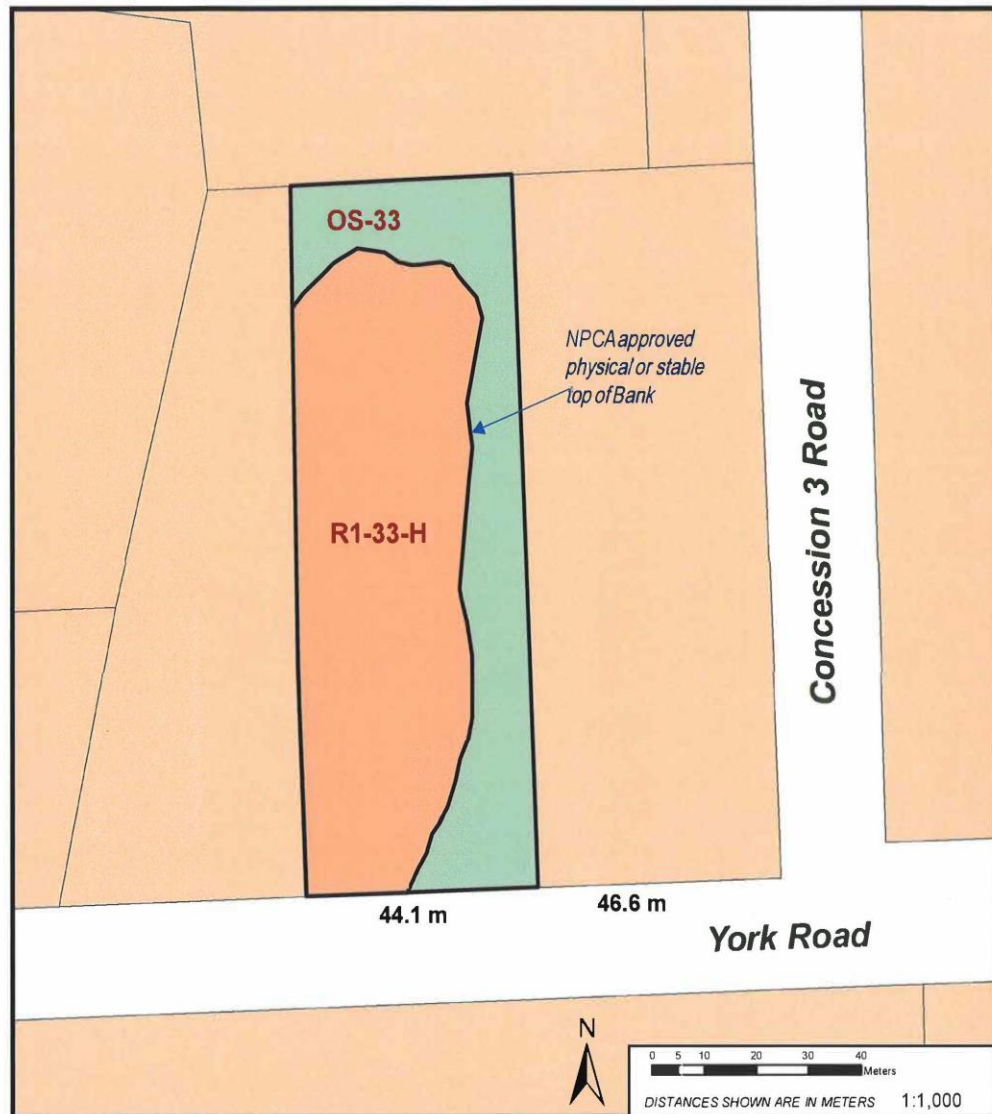
9.13.33.5 The development of any building or structure on the lands zoned R1-33-H shall not be permitted until the removal of the Holding (H) symbol. The "H" of this By-law shall be removed upon application from the owner and the final approval of a Plan of Condominium by the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

3. That the effective date of this By-law shall be the date of final passage thereof.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME THIS 11TH DAY OF NOVEMBER,
2019.

LORD MAYOR BETTY DISERO

TOWN CLERK PETER TODD



MAP 'A' ATTACHED TO BY-LAW 4316DO-19, BEING AN AMENDMENT TO SCHEDULE "A-23" OF ZONING BY-LAW 4316-09, AS AMENDED, OF THE TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE AS PASSED ON THIS 11th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.

LORD MAYOR
BETTY DISERO

TOWN CLERK
PETER TODD

Ontario Land Tribunal
Tribunal ontarien de l'aménagement
du territoire



ISSUE DATE: March 07, 2022

CASE NO(S):

PL180833

PROCEEDING COMMENCED UNDER subsection 17(24) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended

Appellant:	Niagara-on-the-Lake Medical Centre Inc.
Subject:	Proposed Official Plan Amendment No. 75
Municipality:	Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
OLT Case No.:	PL180833
OLT File No.:	PL180833
OLT Case Name:	Bice Builders Ltd. v. Niagara-on-the-Lake (Town)

PROCEEDING COMMENCED UNDER subsection 34(19) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended

Appellant:	Niagara-on-the-Lake Medical Centre Inc.
Subject:	By-law No. 4316DG-18
Municipality:	Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
OLT Case No.:	PL180833
OLT File No.:	PL180834

Heard: February 15, 2022 by video hearing

APPEARANCES:

Parties

Niagara-on-the-Lake Medical
Centre Inc.

Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

R & B Family Holdings Ltd.

Counsel

Patrick Maloney

Robert Di Lallo

Thomas G. Hanrahan

**MEMORANDUM OF ORAL DECISION DELIVERED BY HUGH S. WILKINS AND
S. deBOER ON FEBRUARY 15, 2022 AND ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL**

[1] This Decision arises from a Case Management Conference ("CMC") for appeals brought by Niagara-on-the-Lake Medical Centre Inc. ("Appellant") regarding the approval by the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake ("Town") of Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments relating to the property located at 492-507 Line 2 Road.

Background

[2] The appeals were commenced in 2018 and subject to the requirements set out in the *Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act* ("Bill 139"). Bill 139 limited the grounds for appeals and restricted Parties to the filing of appeal records containing affidavits and supporting materials, the filing of case synopses containing arguments to support their requests for relief, and, if ordered by the Tribunal, the provision of final written or oral submissions. No evidence was permitted to be called by Parties at a hearing under Bill 139.

[3] This appeal regime was changed with the coming into force of the *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019* ("Bill 108") in September 2019. Bill 108 permitted appeals, including the present appeals, to be based on wider grounds and it expanded the statutory tests for adjudicating the substantive issues under appeal.

[4] On November 15, 2019, Ontario Regulation 382/19 was brought into force. It provided that for certain types of appeals that were commenced under Bill 139 and not yet scheduled for a hearing (including the present appeals), the proceedings would be subject to the Bill 139 procedural requirements, including its restrictions on the hearing process, but be adjudicated subject to the Bill 108 requirements regarding the substantive issues under appeal.

[5] As noted above, the present proceedings are subject to the Bill 139 procedural requirements and the Bill 108 requirements for the substantive issues under appeal. The

Appellant filed its Appeal Record and Case Synopsis in December 2018. The Town filed a Responding Case Synopsis in January 2019. At a CMC held on May 21, 2019, the Tribunal granted Party status to the Applicant for the zoning by-law amendment, R & B Family Holdings Ltd. ("Applicant").

[6] In January 2020, the Appellant filed a motion seeking directions on the filing of supplemental affidavits and materials, which included a retail market impact study prepared on behalf of the Applicant in 2018. In its decision, dated October 4, 2021 (*Bice Builders Ltd. v. Niagara-on-the Lake (Town)*, 2021 CanLII 97491 (ON LT)), the Tribunal allowed the filing of the affidavits and directed that affidavits regarding the application of the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 ("PPS") may also be filed, if necessary.

The Present CMC

[7] At the present CMC held on February 15, 2022, the Tribunal addressed a request for an Order that a new updated market study be filed, discussed the filing of additional evidence on the PPS, and addressed the scheduling of next steps, including the setting of hearing dates.

[8] Regarding the filing of an updated market study, the Appellant argued that conditions have changed since the Applicant's market study was concluded in 2018 and it requested that the Tribunal direct the Applicant to prepare and file an updated study. The Applicant agreed that market conditions have likely changed, but disagreed on the need for an updated study. The Applicant stated that it was content to rely on its existing study from 2018, which the Town supported. Given the likelihood that market conditions have changed since 2018, the Tribunal allowed the Parties to file additional materials relating solely to changes in market conditions in the Town since the completion of the Applicant's market study in 2018. Rather than requiring the Applicant to prepare a new or updated market study, the Tribunal allowed the Appellant to serve and file evidence on changes to the market and resulting deficiencies in the Applicant's market study, followed by an opportunity for the Town and Applicant to respond, and for the Appellant to then reply, if necessary.

[9] The Parties also discussed the filing of evidence regarding changes to the PPS since the filing of their planning evidence. In its decision, dated October 4, 2021, the Tribunal directed that evidence on changes to the PPS are to be filed 30 days prior to a hearing. At the CMC, the Tribunal confirmed these directions.

[10] Regarding the setting of hearing dates, the Appellant requested that that an oral hearing be held at which the Tribunal can examine witnesses and the Parties can make final oral submissions. The Town and the Applicant requested that an oral hearing be held, but that it be restricted to the hearing of final oral submissions from the Parties. The Tribunal found that based on the evidence filed to date, the examination of witnesses will not be required and that the hearing will solely consist of final oral submissions from the Parties.

[11] The Tribunal stated that upon its receipt and review of the further evidence regarding market conditions and the PPS, the Tribunal will have the discretion to convert the hearing to an oral hearing at which the Tribunal will examine witnesses and hear final oral submissions. Upon its receipt of further evidence regarding market conditions and the PPS, the Tribunal will make efforts to promptly inform the Parties on whether the hearing will be converted.

ORDER

[12] The Tribunal directs that the Parties may serve and file evidence relating solely to changes to the market conditions since the completion of the Applicant's market study in 2018 based on the following schedule:

1. the Appellant may serve and file such evidence by no later than **Friday, April 22, 2022;**
2. the Town and the Applicant may serve and file responding evidence by no later than **Tuesday, May 24, 2022;** and
3. the Appellant may serve and file reply evidence by no later than **Friday, June 3, 2022.**

[13] The Tribunal directs that the Parties may serve and file affidavits from those witnesses who have provided opinions on consistency with the PPS, stating whether their opinions on consistency have changed with the 2020 updates to the PPS. If their opinions have changed, the affidavit is to include a brief statement of the change in the opinion and why it has changed. These affidavits are to be filed no later than **Tuesday, May 17, 2022**, which is **30 days** prior to the date for the hearing of the merits.

[14] The Tribunal orders that an oral hearing in this matter will be held by video hearing on **Thursday, June 16, 2022**, commencing at **10 a.m.** One day has been set aside. At the hearing, each Party will have no more than 75 minutes in total for oral submissions, unless otherwise directed by the Tribunal.

[15] Parties and Participants are asked to log into the video hearing at least 15 minutes before the start of the event to test their video and audio connections:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[16] Parties and Participants are asked to set up the video hearing application well in advance of the event to avoid unnecessary delay. The desktop application can be downloaded at [GoToMeeting](https://app.gotomeeting.com/home.html) or a web application is available:
<https://app.gotomeeting.com/home.html>.

[17] Persons who experience technical difficulties accessing the GoToMeeting application or who only wish to listen to the event can connect to the event by calling: **+1 (647) 497-9373 or (Toll Free) 1-888-299-1889**. The **Access Code** is indicated as **above**.

[18] Individuals are directed to connect to the event on the assigned date at the correct time. It is the responsibility of the persons participating in the hearing by video to ensure that they are properly connected to the event at the correct time. Questions prior to the

hearing event may be directed to the Tribunal's Case Coordinator having carriage of this case.

[19] There will be no further notice.

[20] These Members are not seized.

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Colleen Hutt

Subject: FW: NOTL NEEDS TO BE THE FIRST TOWN
Attachments: MEDIA RELEASE #3.docx; pic 1.jpg; pic B.jpg; pic C.jpg

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Subject: NOTL NEEDS TO BE THE FIRST

Hi my name is Shirley Madsen, a 20-year resident of Niagara on the Lake.

I am with **SunflowersforUkraine.ca** an initiative, which I started a week ago. Sunflowers for Ukraine's wish is to encourage residents, businesses, groups and organizations to plant sunflowers and to raise funds to help Ukrainians.

We are calling on all gardeners and non-gardeners to take part in the Sunflowers for Ukraine initiative. Participants are encouraged to register on SunflowersforUkraine.ca their intent to plant a Sunflower for Ukraine planting. In future, our wish list is to have a list of locations where the plantings have taken place and encourage photos to be submitted once the sunflowers have bloomed. Currently, we have had people register from Tillsonburg, Ottawa, Orleans, Stoney Creek, Niagara Falls, Manitoba and Utah.

Please see the document attached for further information.

We have partnered at this time with 6 major seed Companies that are and will be offering discounts on seed purchases or various promos. (i.e. Stokes Seeds, Vesey's, Johnny's, West Coast seeds, Gaia Organics, William Dam).

The Executive Director of the Canada Garden Council is promoting the Year of the Garden – 2022 at the Ottawa Home & Garden show March 26th and 27th and in his presentation is going to add a slide promoting the Sunflowers for Ukraine initiative.

Canada's Local Garden magazine has also placed us on their home page promoting the initiative. <https://flowerpowerdaily.com/the-sunflower-ties-us-all-to-the-ukrainian-people/>

Many of us are feeling empty and helpless wondering, what can we do and you can help!

I would like to challenge the Town of Niagara on the Lake to be the first Town in Ontario to commit to a Sunflowers for Ukraine planting. The town of NOTL needs to make a statement in support of Ukraine, their people and their quest for freedom and democracy. SunflowersforUkraine.ca will provide you with the seeds needed for your planting which will be donated from one of the Seed companies mentioned.

There are several locations where one or more plantings could be done. (a Ukrainian flag with a sign "We support Ukraine"/"United with Ukraine"/"NOTL stands with Ukraine". There are 1.4 million Ukrainians in Canada which is 390,000 more Ukrainians in the U.S.

- Queen and Mississauga entryway to NOTL
- Niagara Stone Rd. the roundabout in Virgil
- Entrance to Simcoe Park across from the Prince of Wales

Let's plant sunflowers to be a messenger for peace.

-Helen Keller - "Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadows. It's what the sunflowers do."

Regards

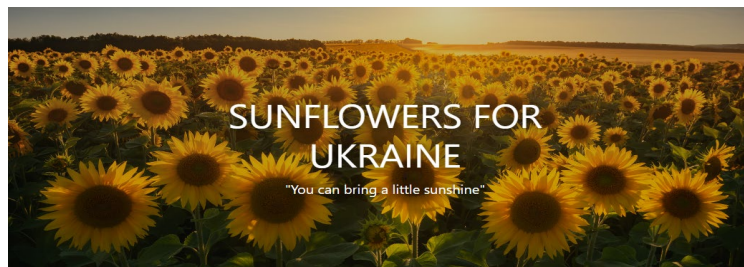
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"You can bring a little sunshine"



Sunflowers are Ukraine's National flower.

Many young men, fathers and grandfathers have left their families behind, picked up arms to defend Ukraine against the Russian invasion. Many women, grandmothers and children have fled the country or are huddled in subways or bomb shelters. Many have left their homes, pets and lifelong memories, others have lost their homes and nothing to return to.

SunflowersforUkraine.ca is encouraging residents and businesses to plant sunflowers and to raise funds to help Ukrainians.

Funds raised will go to the **Canada Ukraine Foundation (CUF)** who are working to complete several projects and others, with continued financial support. **And you can help!**

Some current projects are the **Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal**, whereas the Canada Ukraine Foundation (CUF) and the Ukrainian Canadian congress (UCC) has launched a campaign to raise \$5 million dollars to provide humanitarian assistance to those in need in Ukraine to address any further aggression by Russia. Total donations to date are over \$2.3 million; their **Medical Mission in Ukraine** have been popularised on CTV's W5 and CUF has sponsored five missions; **New Branches for Dzherelo in Lviv program** – Children's Rehab centre is expanding and developing its programming for children with special needs to other areas of need.

Sunflowers for Ukraine came about after seeing on MSNBC a report when a woman confronted by a heavily-armed Russian soldier, offered him sunflower seeds so that they might bloom when he dies.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PJJ8zmcBH2A>

Brave women carefully put sunflowers paired with blue flowers symbolic of the Ukrainian flag being blue and yellow in their hair. The darkness in the middle of the sunflower represents sadness while the bright yellow petals are the possibility for happiness and sunshine.

Many of us are feeling empty and helpless wondering, what can we do...

LET'S PLANT SUNFLOWERS TO BE A MESSENGER FOR PEACE AND DONATE ON THE WEBSITE WHAT YOU CAN TO THE CANADA UKRAINE FOUNDATION.

PLANT A "SUNFLOWERS FOR UKRAINE" GARDEN

Calling all gardeners and non-gardeners to take part in the Sunflowers for Ukraine initiative. Our goal is to have individuals, businesses, groups and organizations commit to planting a "Sunflowers for Ukraine" garden.

Commit to planting a "Sunflowers for Ukraine" garden.

Register your planting on SunflowersforUkraine.ca

Send us your before and after pictures.

Let's get gardeners and non-gardeners from Coast to Coast.

SUNFLOWERS...A MESSENGER FOR PEACE!

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Helen Keller said...

"Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadows. It's what the sunflowers do."



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

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March 11, 2022

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Lord Mayor Disero,

The month of March is "national fraud prevention month" and the Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS) will be seizing the opportunity to share enhanced safety messaging with citizens in your community regarding common "scams", as a growing number of people in Niagara Region have been victimized by fraudulent activity.

At our February 24, 2022, Police Services Board Meeting, the Service was asked to reach out to each local area municipality to ensure that all "Scam Alert" media releases issued by the NRPS are shared and posted on local area municipal websites and social media platforms to increase public awareness in the community. Last month, there were 44 documented incidents of scammers targeting seniors in our community. In 10 incidents, offenders were able to steal more than \$120,000. In another 34 attempts, scammers tried unsuccessfully to steal over \$200,000 from vulnerable victims. The NRPS continues to investigate fraudulent incidents throughout Niagara Region.

In an effort to protect vulnerable victims from scams, the NRPS asks the public to take an "NRP me plus three" approach to scams; encouraging residents to seek out information from an official source, to educate themselves, and then educate three persons in their life who may be vulnerable to becoming victims of scam crime.

The Service is using #NRPMPlus3 on its social media posts as an educational resource tool to prevent further victimization through these ongoing scams. To provide the community with accurate and timely information, the public is encouraged to subscribe directly with the NRPS to receive immediate notification of news/media releases through our website at www.niagarapolice.ca or through our Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/NiagaraRegPolice> Twitter <https://twitter.com/NiagRegPolice> and Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/niagararegionalpolice> accounts.

To bring greater public awareness and to enhance public safety in the community, I would ask that you please share this letter with your Councillors so they can help spread awareness to the citizens of your community. I would also ask that you consider sharing the NRPS Scam Alerts on your municipal website and social media platforms.



To collaborate further on this initiative, please feel free to reach out to the NRPS Corporate Communications Manager, Stephanie Sabourin, at stephanie.sabourin@niagarapolice.ca or by phone at 905-688-4111 Extension 1008987.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan MacCulloch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bryan" being more prominent than the last name "MacCulloch".

Bryan MacCulloch, M.O.M.
Chief of Police

BMC/ma

cc. Deb Reid, PSB Executive Director

Subject: FW: Vulnerable seniors in ON left stranded - help needed

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Vulnerable seniors in Ontario left stranded due to lack of transportation services—communities called on to help

Leading seniors' advocacy organization is asking communities in Ontario to help fill major service gaps in seniors' transportation

For immediate release

TORONTO ON, March 9, 2022 —CanAge, Canada's National Seniors' Advocacy Organization, is calling on community groups and organizations across Alberta to share information that will be used to make critical improvements to seniors' transportation in the province. Many seniors, especially those living with disabilities, rely on transportation services for daily necessities like groceries, filling prescriptions and visiting their doctor—yet nearly half of Canadian seniors report not having access to transportation that meets their needs. The pandemic has exacerbated the problem.

"Seniors living with disabilities have been overwhelmingly impacted by the pandemic, and they're also the ones who struggle the most to access the transportation they need to stay connected and healthy," warns [Laura Tamblyn Watts](#), CEO of CanAge. "Before we can find a solution, we need to better understand the problem." She notes that the pandemic has "shown irrefutable proof that, for seniors, transportation is a health care issue."

There are an estimated 2,684,143 people over 65+ living in Ontario, making up 18% of the total population. Data shows that older adults who lack access to reliable transportation services suffer from worse mental health, lower quality of life, and are less likely to be able to receive health care, including vaccinations. These risks are exacerbated for those living with disabilities, and those on lower incomes; especially during the pandemic.

CanAge is calling on communities across the province to [submit a “community profile” online](#), which will capture important information about their local area, what seniors’ transportation services are in place, and what challenges they’re facing in moving older residents safely from point A to point B. This work is being conducted as part of [F.A.S.T. Track](#), a national initiative to support transportation innovation.

Research shows that investing in seniors’ transportation pays major dividends—older people are the biggest contributors to travel and tourism in Canada. “Keeping seniors moving keeps the economy moving,” notes Tamblyn Watts. “As we work to rebuild our economy, now is the time to invest in future-proofing transportation systems in Canada.”

The deadline to submit information to the F.A.S.T. Track initiative is March 31, 2022. [Find out more.](#)

About F.A.S.T. Track



[F.A.S.T. Track](#) is a national initiative supporting transportation innovation, led by HelpAge Canada and delivered by CanAge. It harnesses the collaboration of other national thought-leaders, experts in aging and transportation as well as community consultation with the goal of accelerating the development of innovative transportation solutions for older Canadians. [Find out more.](#)

About CanAge

[CanAge is Canada's national seniors' advocacy organization](#), working to improve the lives of older adults through advocacy, policy, and community engagement. We are non-partisan and backed by a pan-Canadian membership base. CanAge has quickly established itself as Canada’s national advocate for issues affecting older people in our country, having ramped up operations last year in urgent response to the threat COVID-19 poses to vulnerable seniors in long-term care. [Find out more.](#)

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Colleen Hutt

Subject: FW: 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Registration Now Open

From: "Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative" <admin@glslcities.org>

Date: March 14, 2022 at 6:15:25 PM EDT

To: betty.disero@niagararegion.ca

Subject: 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Registration Now Open

Reply-To: admin@glslcities.org



June 22-24, 2022

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The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is back again! The **in-person** meeting will be held in St. Catharines, Ontario on **June 22-24**. This will be the first time we will be able to gather in person since 2019 and we have an exciting agenda of speakers and topics to cover. We are also planning a number of activities that will give you ample opportunity to collaborate and get reacquainted with your fellow mayors. [View brochure](#)



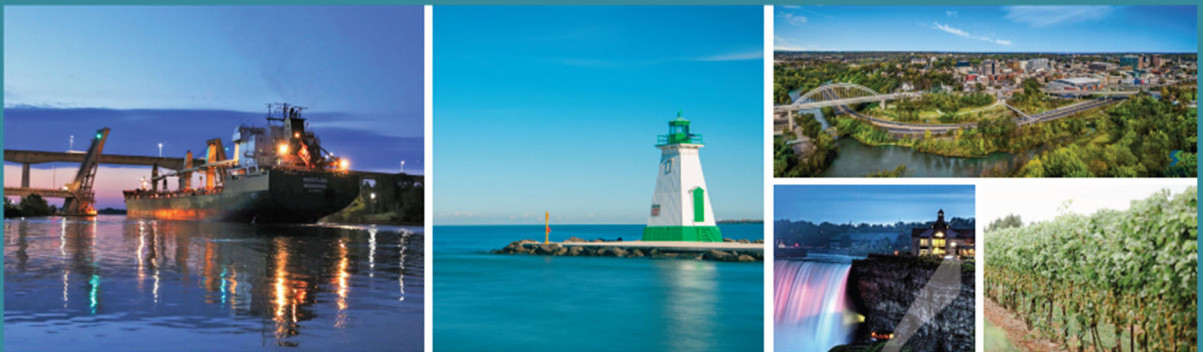
Keynote Speaker

This year's keynote speaker is aquanaut and ocean conservationist , Mr. Cousteau will kick-off our conference addressing the important intersection between environmental stewardship and economic resilience.



Our Host City

St. Catharines is the largest city in the Niagara Region, a vibrant city that offers so much to its visitors. Settled in 1780, St. Catharines is a key hub of commerce situated at the northern entrance of the Welland Canal. The city has also been called “The Garden City” due to its 1,000 acres of parks, gardens and trails.



Registration Fees

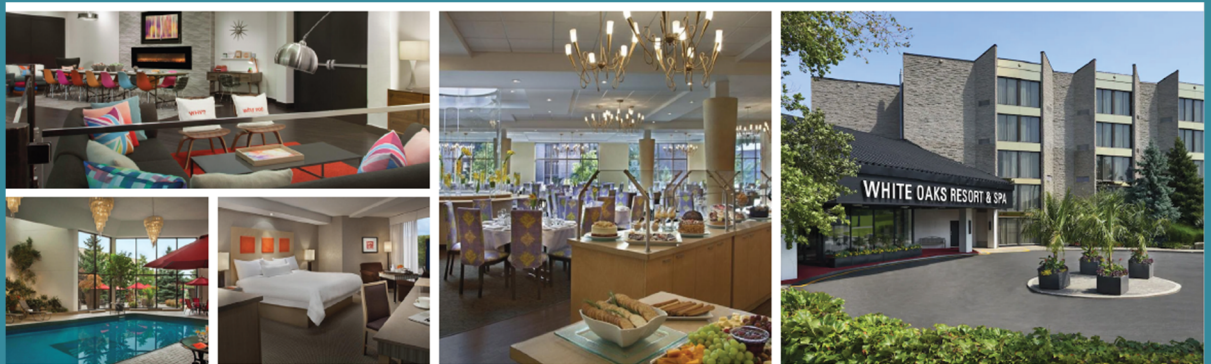
The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is committed to offering you strong programming at an affordable price. The pricing reflected below for our meeting has been established to assure that the increasing costs of conferences such as these are covered but are still reasonable and accessible for our members and their staff.

- Early-Bird Member Registration – \$425 CAD | \$325 USD (sign up by May 15th)
- Member Registration – \$545 CAD | \$425 USD
- Non-Member Registration – \$675 CAD | \$525 USD
- Young Professionals Registration – \$225 CAD | \$175 USD (reserved for those aged 35 and under)
- Spouse/Significant Other Registration – \$250 CAD | \$195 USD (includes attendance to the 2022 AGM Gala and 2022 AGM Awards Dinner)



Hotel Accommodations

White Oaks Resort & Spa – The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative has secured a discounted rate of \$199 (CAD) per night based on single or double occupancy plus all applicable taxes and a \$15 (CAD) daily facility fee. Click [here](#) to book your room and enter **Group Code: GLSLCI22** to receive the discounted rate. **Conference rate expires May 20.**



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World Autism Day

April 2, 2022

Celebrate the Spectrum

Dear Niagara-on-the-Lake City Council,

We are excited to share with you that Autism Ontario is currently planning and preparing for World Autism Day 2022 celebration activities. Historically identified as Raise the Flag, this year's campaign has shifted to embrace the theme **Celebrate the Spectrum**.

Celebrate the Spectrum is an opportunity for positive action to provide spaces of support and advocacy for our diverse communities while learning about autism and how we can all make our communities more inclusive places for people on the autism spectrum.

We invite you to commit to this important campaign that unites families, schools, communities, government, and professionals in recognizing World Autism Day while bringing to light the systemic barriers that must be removed to create a more supportive and inclusive Ontario. Learn more in a [letter from our Executive Director Marg Spoelstra](#).

To formally acknowledge the day, Autism Ontario is inviting all municipalities to proclaim publicly **April 2, 2022, as World Autism Day**. We have attached a proclamation template for your purpose and hope that you will embrace this opportunity to "Celebrate the Spectrum."

If you choose to engage in this important day that celebrates diversity, inclusion and equity please email myself at Chrissy.sadowski@autismontario.com. Should you have questions or require additional information please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Chrissy Sadowski

Learn more at www.autismontario.com





(Mayor name or designate) of the city of (city name) do hereby proclaim
April 2 as World Autism Day

WHEREAS:	World Autism Day will be recognized on April 2, 2022, in Canada thanks to Senator Jim Munson's Bill S-206, <i>An Act Respecting World Autism Awareness Day</i> ; and
WHEREAS:	Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) affects more than 135,000 Ontarians. Autism Spectrum Disorder is a neurodevelopmental disorder affecting 1 in every 66 Canadian children, as well as their friends, family, and community; and approximately 1 - 2% of the Canadian population is on the autism spectrum.
WHEREAS:	ASD is a spectrum disorder, which means it not only manifests itself differently in every individual in whom it appears, but its characteristics will change over the life of each person as well. A child on the autism spectrum will become an adult on the autism spectrum; and
WHEREAS:	Autism Ontario is the leading source of information and referral on autism and one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community. Since 1973, Autism Ontario has been providing support, information, and opportunities for thousands of families and individuals across the province.
WHEREAS:	Autism Ontario is dedicated to increasing public awareness about autism and the day-to-day issues faced by individuals with autism, their families, and the professionals with whom they interact. The association and its Regions share common goals of providing information and education, supporting research, and advocating for programs and services for the autism community; and
THEREFORE:	I (Mayor Name or Designate), do hereby declare April 2 as World Autism Day.

Dated at (municipality), Ontario this 2nd day of April, 2022.