

# NOTLINE NEWS

A NEWS UPDATE FROM THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF Niagara-On-The-Lake

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## **GLENDALE SECONDARY PLAN RECOMMENDED**

After a lengthy period of preparation and review, including meetings with concerned business operators, property owners and residents, the Planning Advisory Committee endorsed a staff recommendation to adopt the Glendale Secondary Plan as an amendment to the Town's Official Plan. Committee made the recommendations following minor modifications to the Plan by responding to comments raised by residents and owners.

If approved by Council, the Secondary Plan will be forwarded to the Niagara Region for approval and an implementing zoning by-law will be prepared for Council's consideration.

## **VACATION APARTMENTS**

The Planning Advisory Committee endorsed that a public meeting be held on September 13, 2010, regarding a proposed licensing by-law for vacation apartments. The preparation of the by-law was recently raised as a property owner and the Chamber of Commerce requested Council to review the matter as quickly as possible. The proposed by-law will provide for the licensing of the units and will prescribe certain minimum occupancy requirements for the units. Prior to endorsing a public meeting process, Committee received a delegation from the President of the Bed & Breakfast Association questioning the expedited process and whether the proposed amendment adequately addresses all concerns. Committee noted the amendment is viewed as an interim step and all the small scale tourist accommodation regulations will be included in an upcoming comprehensive review.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Corporate Services Advisory Committee endorsed a recommendation to adopt a Code of Conduct for Council and provided for the new Council to appoint a Procedural By-law Task Force to prepare a new procedural by-law and incorporate the Code with revisions as may be deemed appropriate. The recommendation also provides that during the process of review and development of a new procedural by-law, the Town Clerk, with the assistance of the Town's legal firm, will act as the Integrity Commissioner. The Commissioner's role is to investigate and report on applications filed respecting potential violations of the Code.

### **CALECHE OPERATING TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Corporate Services Advisory Committee endorsed in principle an Operating Terms of Reference for caleche operators prepared by staff in concert with the two current operators. The Terms address a number of matters relating to the daily operation of the businesses, including adherence with Regional licensing requirements, professional conduct, display of operating names and licenses, interaction with traffic, customer solicitation, observation of parking and advertising regulations, areas of operation, etc.

The report also provided direction for further review of related matters, such as modifications to the King Street standing area, potential development of an operating license/permit issued by the Town, and the preparation of a schedule of penalties for violations of any licensing/permit requirements. The report further directed continued refinement of the Terms with implementation slated for April 2011.

### **COUNCIL SUMMARY – JULY 26, 2010**

Lord Mayor Gary Burroughs updated Council on a number of recent events in the community, including Shaw Festival openings, Music Niagara's commencement of their 13<sup>th</sup> season, and the annual St. Davids Lions Carnival.

A delegation was received from the Queenston Residents' Association requesting a brainstorming session with Council, staff, DSBN, residents, and concerned organizations regarding the potential future uses for the Laura Secord School site. The request was forwarded to staff for a review and report.

In review of the Planning Advisory Committee recommendations, Council determined to deny a sign variance request for 242 Ricardo Street to permit a sign indicating Historic Home of Niagara, and also received correspondence noting Sotheby's International had withdrawn their sign variance application. In addition, Council adjusted the Dock Area Secondary Plan to remove from the Sailing Club lands 'existing and future publically accessible waterfront area and future trail connection designation' and moved to adopt the modified Plan.

The balance of the Committee of the Whole recommendations were adopted without change.

Council endorsed a motion requesting the Niagara Region to continue the Environmental Assessment process to replace the existing lagoon system currently located on Lakeshore Road near Garrison Village.

Council also endorsed a motion requesting an update of the 2007 Strategic Plan prepared by Council indicating accomplishments and any outstanding items.

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 30, 2010, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. This Newsletter, as well as information on meeting schedules and delegation procedures, is available on the Town's website at [www.notl.org](http://www.notl.org). Further questions may also be directed to the Town Clerk's Department at 905-468-3266.

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