

# NOTLINE NEWS

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

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## **PRIDEAUX STREET RECONSTRUCTION**

Further to a staff report deferred in December to gather more information on the proposed Prideaux Street reconstruction, the Public Works Advisory Committee received a deputation from a resident indicating 90 percent of Prideaux Street residents support curbs and gutters, and 100 percent support additional lighting, new light standards, and the burying of overhead services. Committee considered the matter under the Capital Budget discussions and directed staff to review and report back on funding options for the utilities portion of the project. Committee also indicated a desire to revisit the street design at the next Council meeting. In a related matter, Committee directed staff to develop a policy relating to road construction and utility installations in the Heritage District.

## **CAPITAL BUDGET**

The Corporate Services Advisory Committee received a staff presentation on the 2010 Capital Budget, and endorsed a staff recommendation approving the 2010 Capital Budget and 2011–2014 Capital Forecast 'in principle.' The Town's Senior Management Team also provided details of intended 2010 projects and purchases. The CAO stated while 2010 is within budget guidelines, the annual forecasts for 2011–2014 are outside the guidelines, largely due to aging infrastructure. He further noted this will require significant long-range financial planning. In addition, staff provided Committee with proposed financing sources for individual activities, and detailed projected reserve account balances. The next steps include Council budget submissions, a review of the 2010 Proposed Current Budget, and the subsequent approval of the Current and Capital Budget and Forecast.

## **CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS**

Further to Council's recently established Code of Conduct Task Force and Energy Management Committee, as well as the reconvened Parking and Traffic Committee (specifically with respect to a Traffic and Parking Management Plan for Project Niagara), the Town advertised locally for expressions of interest and qualifications from residents. The Corporate Services Advisory Committee endorsed a staff report, based on each Council member's choices, to implement the residents' appointments.

## **TRANSIT NEEDS SURVEY**

The Public Works Advisory Committee endorsed a staff report to include a Transit Needs Survey estimated at \$55,000 with appropriate funding sources in the Draft 2010 Capital Budget. The report was prepared at the direction of Council further to the Town's 2004 Transportation Master Plan Study and the Region's incursion into fully integrated transit

services between Niagara area communities. The report noted the Town needs to gather related data and determine whether it should continue to support or allow existing services. The Survey would involve sampling user groups and residents to obtain meaningful data with the results being shared with the community for general comment and reaction.

### **HERITAGE DISTRICT PLAN**

The Planning Advisory Committee endorsed a staff recommendation to adopt the Queen-Picton Heritage District Plan and to move forward with notification of the passage. The process is the result of recent conflicting decisions by the Ontario Municipal Board, which brought into question the status of existing heritage plans approved prior to 2005. To confirm the legal status of the Plan, it was decided to adopt the district plan using the Ontario Heritage Act guidelines. The report noted this is an administrative process only, and includes a list of minor alterations which do not require a Heritage Permit.

### **COUNCIL SUMMARY – JANUARY 11, 2010**

Lord Mayor Gary Burroughs opened the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year, and congratulated the Friends of Fort George for a very successful New Year's Day levy at Navy Hall. He further advised the annual Lord Mayor's Fundraiser has been postponed for this year, and an alternative event is being considered for the early part of May.

Council received a presentation from Regional Councillor Brian Baty, Co-Chair of the Public Health and Social Services Committee. The presentation was entitled 'Stop Family Violence: It's Everybody's Business,' a topic related to domestic violence, and its extent and effects on the workplace. Council referred the presentation to staff for review.

In review of the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting, Council determined to amend the Planning Advisory Committee recommendations regarding the review of parking regulations in the commercial area of the Queen-Picton Heritage District. The amendment removed the proposed interim control by-law.

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

Council endorsed a recommendation to change the proposed Council meeting date of March 15, 2010, to March 22, 2010, to avoid a conflict with spring break.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 1, 2010, with regular business starting at 7:00 p.m. This newsletter, as well as information on meeting schedules and deputation procedures, is available on the Town's website at [www.notl.org](http://www.notl.org). Further questions may also be directed to the Clerk's Department at 905-468-3266.

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