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Niagara-on-the-Lake 2024 Budget Survey Now Open

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The Town is excited to announce that its 2024 budget survey is now available on the Town's Join the Conversation (JTC) platform, where community members can provide critical feedback to help guide the 2024 budget process. The survey will be open until October 13, 2023.

The purpose of this survey is to help Town Council and Staff better understand what is valued by the community when creating and approving the 2024 budget. Your input is vital to ensuring the budget process is comprehensive and reflects community-minded goals.

"An inclusive budget process is essential for setting the Town up for success, and soliciting public feedback is vital to this process," stated Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa. "In order to financially position the Town for a successful and sustainable future, Council needs to first understand which aspects of service residents want to see improved. On behalf of Town Council, I appreciate the guidance and direction of the Finance Staff and the Senior Management Team, and encourage all community members to participate in this survey."

The annual budget covers a wide range of services supporting Town operations and delivering high-quality community programs. The Town's budget comprises Operating and Capital Budgets designed to address programs, services, asset management, infrastructure, Council objectives and more.

"As a Town committed to creating a sustainable future for our community, we work diligently throughout the budget process to ensure that the budget we create reflects the goals and needs of our community members," stated CAO Marnie Cluckie. "Public input is instrumental in helping us craft a budget that will help to support our community now and into the future."

The JTC project page features information about how the budget works and frequently asked questions about the Town's budget process, including information about the Town's comprehensive budgeting solution, <u>Questica</u>.

To participate in the survey, please visit <u>www.jointheconversationnotl.org/budget</u> and log in to your Join the Conversation account.

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