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Significant Fire at Glencairn Hall on Niagara River Parkway

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Earlier this morning, Niagara-on-the-Lake Fire & Emergency Services responded to a significant structure fire at the historic Glencairn Hall, located at 14795 Niagara River Parkway.

Fire crews from all five Niagara-on-the-Lake stations arrived on the scene to find the large residential structure fully engulfed in flames. Firefighters worked tirelessly throughout the day to contain and extinguish the blaze.

Town Council and Staff extend their sincerest condolences to the property owner for this devastating loss.

The Glencairn Hall, designated as a heritage property earlier in 2024, has sustained extensive damage. The Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) has been engaged and will continue its investigation into the cause of the fire in the coming days.

In support of a coordinated and comprehensive response, several community partners were contacted throughout the day, including the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Niagara Parks Commission, Niagara Regional Police Service, and the Town's Heritage Staff. Town Staff appreciates the ongoing collaboration and support from its partners.

The Niagara River Parkway remains closed in the vicinity of the site but is expected to reopen shortly.

Further updates will be provided as additional information becomes available through the ongoing investigation.

Any media inquiries on this matter can be directed to communications@notl.com.

Quotes:

"This morning's fire at Glencairn Hall is deeply upsetting for many in our community. Our thoughts and sincere condolences are with the property owner, and we are grateful for the swift response from our volunteer firefighters who worked diligently to bring the



situation under control. Council extends its thanks and appreciation to everyone involved in the response.” - **Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa**

“This incident represents a significant loss, and we understand how difficult this is for those affected. As a property with historical value, we recognize its importance to the community, and we will continue working with our partners at the local and provincial levels to support the investigation and next steps.” - **CAO Bruce Zvaniga**

“Crews arrived quickly and faced several challenging conditions, but their training and teamwork were evident throughout the response. I commend our firefighters for their professionalism and dedication, and I want to thank all departments and agencies who supported the effort on scene.” - **Fire Chief Jay Plato**

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