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Niagara Region's Find a Doctor Tool Helps All Residents Connect to Care

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The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, in collaboration with the Niagara Physicians' Healthcare Alliance, Niagara Region, and the other 11 local municipalities, are coming together to encourage residents to Connect to Care and Find a Doctor on the updated Find a Doctor webpage that helps residents locate and register with over two dozen available family doctors in Niagara.

The webpage features:

- A list of doctors and clinics in Niagara by municipality
- Contact details and locations for each clinic

Supporting this initiative reflects the Town's ongoing commitment to fostering healthy, connected communities. It aligns with Council's Strategic Plan under the Pillar of Good Governance by promoting awareness around healthcare access and contributing to physician recruitment and retention efforts at both the municipal and regional levels. Niagara-on-the-Lake is proud to collaborate with Niagara Region and local partners to help ensure residents can access the care they need, when and where they need it.

Niagara Region leads physician recruitment and retention efforts in collaboration with local partners. This campaign was developed by Niagara Economic Development, with support from key stakeholders such as the <u>Niagara Practitioners' Healthcare Alliance</u> (NPHA), which continues to advance access to primary care across the region.

For more information about connecting to care, the Find a Doctor webpage, or physician recruitment efforts in Niagara, please email FindADoctor@niagararegion.ca or call 905-980-6000.

Quotes:

"It is no secret that timely, equitable access to a family doctor is the foundation for an inclusive and effective healthcare system. We know the challenges our residents are facing in this regard, and the Find a Doctor webpage is one way the Region is helping to make the connections needed for everyone in our community to have quick and



appropriate access to the healthcare they need." – **Jim Bradley, Niagara Regional Chair**

"Accessible healthcare is a priority for our residents and is identified within Council's Strategic Plan. In working collaboratively with the Region and our municipal partners, the goal is for residents to find and connect with a family doctor more efficiently. The Find a Doctor webpage reflects a meaningful step toward creating a healthier Niagara." – Gary Zalepa, Lord Mayor of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

"Niagara-on-the-Lake is proud to be supporting the Niagara Physicians' Healthcare Alliance and Niagara Region in their efforts to improve access to primary care across Niagara. Helping residents connect to a family doctor is essential to ensuring healthier communities and supporting long-term well-being." - Nick Ruller, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake CAO

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