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A Message from Lord Mayor Zalepa Following a Recent Hate Rally in the Community

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Recently, a rally by a white nationalist group was held at Brock's Monument in Queenston Heights Park, a Niagara Parks-owned property.

On behalf of myself, my fellow Council Members, and the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, I want to make it clear that this group's message is not supported or condoned, and this type of hate has no place in our Town. The Town does not tolerate any form of racism, hate, or discrimination.

At the time of the rally, neither Niagara Parks nor the Niagara Parks Police Service were aware of its occurrence, as no complaints were received. Since then, they have been informed and followed up on the matter accordingly. I have full confidence in our local law enforcement and public safety authorities.

To our residents, especially those who may feel targeted or hurt by this demonstration, know that you are respected and fundamental to the fabric of our community. This recent rally does not reflect our ethics or the inclusive, welcoming environment we are committed to fostering.

Council and Staff remain committed to safety, fairness, and respect for all residents, ensuring that our Town reflects a resilient, vibrant and welcoming community that residents expect and deserve.

Thank you.

Lord Mayor
Gary Zalepa