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# Niagara-on-the-Lake Releases Final Draft of the Official Plan for Upcoming Council Adoption

For Immediate Release

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The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake has released the final draft Official Plan for Council adoption, which is now available for public review.

In addition to the final draft Official Plan, the public can review an updated comment matrix and a summary of updates made to the final draft Official Plan since the Statutory Public Meeting held on November 25, 2025. These materials outline how the comments received and feedback received were considered and addressed through the review process.

Updates to the final draft Official Plan include general edits and formatting changes, revisions to site-specific policies, employment areas, secondary plans, definitions, transportation policies, and other refinements based on written submissions and continued consultation.

The final draft Official Plan for Council adoption is scheduled to be presented at a Committee of the Whole – Planning on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Members of the public who wish to speak at the meeting are required to submit a request through the [Town's Delegation Request Form](#) by 12:00 p.m. on Monday April 13, 2026. If you request to delegate on this matter and have previously spoken at a Public Meeting and/or submitted written comments on this proposal, we ask that your delegation focuses on new information and comments during the Committee Meeting.

The Town thanks residents, stakeholders, and community partners for their participation and feedback throughout the Official Plan review process.

The final draft Official Plan, along with supporting materials, can be viewed on the [Town's Join the Conversation Niagara-on-the-Lake project page](#).

### Quotes:

“The April Committee of the Whole – Planning meeting is an important step in finalizing the Town’s Official Plan. It provides Council with the opportunity to review the final draft, hear from the public, and consider adoption of a plan that will guide growth, land use planning, and decision-making in Niagara-on-the-Lake for years to come.” – **Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa**

“This final draft reflects extensive work by Town Staff to carefully review technical



requirements, community feedback, and Council direction. The result is a clear and comprehensive document aligned with provincial policy that balances growth, heritage protection, and the long-term needs of the Niagara-on-the-Lake community.” – **CAO Nick Ruller**

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