



TOWN STATEMENT

Town Prepares for High Attendance at Tomorrow's Public Meetings

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The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake looks forward to welcoming residents to tomorrow evening's [Committee of the Whole-Planning Meeting](#) at Town Hall. While several planning applications are scheduled for consideration, the proposed development at 144, 176 and 200 John Street East and 588 Charlotte Street (Randwood Estate) is expected to attract significant public interest.

Public Meetings required under the *Planning Act* are routinely held in Council Chambers. The Town has met all statutory notice requirements for all applications, including the Randwood Estate proposal, and the Public Meetings will proceed as scheduled on June 2, 2026.

The Town recognizes significant public interest in the Randwood Estate proposal. Council Chambers remains the preferred location for the Public Meeting because it supports in-person attendance, virtual participation, livestreaming, and written submissions. These options help ensure that the meeting is accessible to as many residents as possible.

The Town is aware that some residents have questions about the meeting location, particularly when compared to previous meetings about these lands. It is important to note that the upcoming June 2, 2026, Public Meeting is different from the Special Council Meeting held at the Community Centre on April 24, 2023. The Special Council Meeting was convened to present and discuss a Staff report. The June 2, 2026, meeting is a Public Meeting required under the *Planning Act* and is intended to receive public comments on the proposal. No decisions or recommendations are being made at the Public Meeting.

While other locations were considered for the Public Meeting, Council Chambers supports the Town's established hybrid meeting format. Residents can attend in person, participate remotely, submit written comments, or watch the meeting online. Holding the Public Meeting as scheduled ensures these participation options remain available and



allows the public planning process to proceed in a timely, accessible, and transparent manner.

To accommodate anticipated attendance, the Town will provide overflow viewing areas at Town Hall. Overflow space is commonly used when planning applications are expected to attract larger audiences. This approach provides additional viewing space while maintaining the Town's hybrid meeting format. Residents who wish to speak to the application will have an opportunity to do so during the Public Meeting. Residents who prefer to observe may attend in person, use the overflow viewing areas, or watch the meeting online.

The Town is also aware of requests to postpone the Randwood Estate Public Meeting. Holding the meeting as scheduled, and as previously advertised, gives residents an opportunity to participate before the summer months and allows the planning process to continue as planned.

The Town's priority is to provide a fair, consistent, accessible, and transparent planning process. All comments received, whether in person, remotely, or in writing, will become part of the public record and will be considered as part of the planning review.

Community interest and participation are important parts of the planning process. The Town thanks residents for their continued engagement and looks forward to hearing from members of the public at tomorrow's meeting.

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