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September Council Meeting: Decisions and Updates

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September 24, 2026

The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on the evening of September 22, 2026, covering presentations, by-laws and various items of Town business.

Below is a summary of Council's discussions and decisions. To view the meeting agenda, including links to reports, presentations, and a video recording, please visit www.notl.com/council-government/meetings-agendas-minutes.

Closed Sessions

The following topic was discussed during a [Closed Session Meeting](#) at the August 6, 2026, Special Council Meeting:

- NOTL Energy Inc. Board

The following topics were discussed during a [Closed Session Meeting](#) at the September 8, 2026, Special Council Meeting:

- Arriscraft Canada
- Szockyj Drain
- Melville Dock

The following topics were discussed during a [Closed Session Meeting](#) at the September 22, 2026, Council Meeting:

- 1544-1546 Four Mile Creek Road
- Szockyj Drain
- CAO Performance Evaluation

Public Meetings

The following public meetings were held during the September 15, 2026, Committee of the Whole – Planning Meeting:

- 1895 Concession 4 Road ([PBDS-26-073](#))



- 189 William Street ([PBDS-26-076](#))

Delegations

The following topics were delegated on during the September 15, 2026, Committee of the Whole – Planning Meeting:

- Community Land Trust of Niagara
- Modero Subdivision Development Charge Credit Agreement ([CS-26-009](#)) and Modero, Block 84 Draft Plans of Common Element Condominium ([PBDS-26-077](#))
- 226 Regent Street – Temporary Use By-law Amendment Application ([ZBA-23-2025](#)) ([PBDS-26-013](#))
- 95 Johnson Street – Official Plan Amendment ([OPA-04-2025](#)) and Zoning By-law Amendment ([ZBA-06-2025](#)) ([PBDS-26-048](#))

The following topic was delegated on during the September 22, 2026, Council Meeting:

- 46 Paxton Lane – Heritage Permit Application (Municipal Heritage Committee Recommendations) ([PBDS-26-103](#))

Presentations

The following presentation was made during the September 15, 2026, Committee of the Whole – Planning Meeting:

- Marisa Banuelos-Spencer, Asset Management Advisor, PSD Citywide Inc. – 2025 Asset Management Plan ([CS-26-044](#)) ([Presentation](#))

The following presentations were made during the September 22, 2026, Council meeting:

- CAO's Report – September 2026 ([CAO-26-023](#)) ([Presentation](#))

Proclamations

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Council approved a proclamation declaring September 2026 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Niagara-on-the-Lake, recognizing children and families affected by childhood cancer and raising awareness of pediatric cancer research, treatment, and support services.

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day

Council approved a proclamation declaring October 15, 2026, as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day in Niagara-on-the-Lake, honouring families who have experienced



the loss of a pregnancy or infant and raising awareness of available community supports.

Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day

Council approved a proclamation recognizing October 21 as Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day, honouring the contributions of childcare staff and early childhood educators in supporting children and families across the community.

Decision Highlights

From the September 15, 2026, Committee of the Whole – Planning meeting:

Modero Subdivision Development Charge Credit Agreement ([CS-26-009](#))

Council authorized Staff to negotiate and finalize a Development Charge Credit Agreement for the Modero Subdivision, establishing a financial framework for eligible credits associated with the development of a park within the subdivision.

226 Regent Street – Temporary Use By-law Amendment Application (ZBA-23-2025) ([PBDS-26-013](#))

Council approved a Temporary Use By-law for 226 Regent Street, to permit an outdoor patio restaurant and the operation of two cottage rentals for up to two (2) years.

The Settlement at St. Davids (Extension) Subdivision Agreement ([PBDS-26-043](#))

Council approved the Subdivision Agreement for The Settlement at St. Davids (Extension) development, allowing the development to proceed under definitive terms and timelines.

95 Johnson Street – Official Plan Amendment (OPA-04-2025) and Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBA-06-2025) ([PBDS-26-048](#) / [PBDS-26-104](#))

Council approved an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for 95 Johnson Street, enabling the use of a hospitality area on the property and permitting the associated parking area.

Modero, Block 84 Draft Plans of Common Element Condominium (26CD-18-25-02 and 26CD-18-26-01) ([PBDS-26-077](#))

Council approved the Draft Plans of Common Element Condominium for Block 84 of the Modero Subdivision development, supporting the next phase of the subdivision's build-out.



Limited Heritage Delegation Authority ([PBDS-26-101](#))

Council approved a Limited Heritage Delegation Authority By-law, formalizing delegated approval authority for specific heritage-related matters related to demolition requests, for a limited period, to improve process efficiency and ensure the long-term protection of the Town's heritage properties and structures.

Szockyj Municipal Drain – Appointing an Engineer to Update the Report ([PWIS-26-007](#))

Council approved the appointment of an engineer to update the Szockyj Municipal Drain report under the Drainage Act. The study will review and update the drainage catchment area, identify recommendations to address drainage issues, and revise cost apportionments to reflect current conditions.

Budget Amendment – Public Works Stormwater Management Needs ([PWIS-26-011](#))

Council approved a capital budget amendment to address stormwater management needs identified by Public Works, supporting infrastructure reliability and flood mitigation across the Town.

1895 Concession 4 Road – Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBA-05-2026) ([PBDS-26-073](#))

Council approved a Zoning By-law Amendment for 1895 Concession 4 Road, enabling a surplus farm dwelling severance, as outlined in the staff report.

2027–2031 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan ([CPS-26-016](#))

Council approved the Town's 2027–2031 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, setting out a five-year roadmap of initiatives to identify, prevent, and remove barriers for people with disabilities across municipal facilities, services, and programs, in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

Information Reports:

Council received items for information, including:

- 2026 Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference Update ([CAO-26-022](#))
- July 31, 2026 Operating and Capital Budget Variance Report ([CS-26-042](#))
- Strategic Plan Readiness Brief ([OPST-26-008](#))
- Federal Consultation on Amendments to the Telecommunication Tower Siting Process ([PBDS-26-096](#))



- Update on 2012 Rural Road Safety Review and Action Plan, and Future Traffic Calming Policy ([PWIS-26-006](#))
- Flood Response and Recovery Update ([PWIS-26-012](#))
- Corporate Climate Local Action Plan ([PWIS-26-009](#))
- Municipal Heritage Committee Recommendations – 46 Paxton Lane Heritage Permit Application ([PBDS-26-103](#))
- Joint Letter to Minister Flack re: [Strong Chair Powers and Weighted Voting](#)

Next Council Meeting:

With the 2026 Municipal Election taking place on Monday, October 26, 2026, the Inaugural Meeting of the new Council will be held on Tuesday, November 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., followed by the new Council's first regular Council meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Community members are invited to attend in person at Town Hall, located at 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, Virgil, or tune in via the Town's livestream. Agendas and minutes are available on the Town's website at www.notl.com/council-government/meetings-agendas-minutes.

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