



The Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie Regular Council Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 28, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

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| 9.2 | Austin Kienitz, Self Advocate-Supported by Community Living-Fort Erie
Re: How Community Living-Fort Erie has made a positive impact in my life |
| 9.3 | Andrew Moscato, Plant Manager, Rich Products of Canada Limited
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| 11.2.2 | Proclamation - Community Living - May as Community Living Month | 51 - 51 |

Resolution:

That: Council proclaims the month of May as "Community Living" month and approves their flag be flown at Town Hall.

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| 11.2.3 | Proclamation - Niagara Community Foundation - May as Leave a Legacy Month | 52 - 52 |
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Resolution:

That: Council proclaims the month of May as "Leave a Legacy" month and approves their flag be flown at Town Hall.

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| 11.2.4 | Proclamation - Niagara Region Hepatitis C Care Clinic - May 9, 2025 as Canadian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Day | 53 - 53 |
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Resolution:

That: Council proclaims May 9, 2025 as "Canadian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Day".

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Resolution:

That: Council proclaims the week of May 25 - 31, 2025 as "National Accessibility Week".

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13. New Business/Enquiries

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| 13.1 | Memorandum - Black Creek Water Windows | 79 - 81 |
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Resolution:

That: Council receives the Memorandum on the Black Creek Water Windows.

14. Closed Session

Resolution:

That: Council goes into Closed Session at ____ p.m. to consider Item ____.

14.1 Closed Session Minutes - April 14, 2025

14.2 Fort Erie Public Library Board Appointment

Pursuant to Section 239 (2) (b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

14.3 Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Appointment

Pursuant to Section 239 (2) (b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

14.4 Memorandum - 271 Ridgeway Road

Pursuant to Section 239 (c) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board

(Deferred from the April 14, 2025 Council-in-Committee Meeting)

14.5 PBBS-27-2025 - OLT Appeal - Crystal Beach Secondary Plan - Crystal Beach Tennis and Yacht Club (1-25 Nantuckett Road)

Pursuant to Section 239 (f) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

(Memorandum)

15. Back to Open Session

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18.6	36-2025	89 - 90
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	To Confirm the Actions of Council at its Council-in-Committee Meeting Held on April 14, 2025 and at its Regular Council Meeting Held on April 28, 2025.	

19. Scheduling of Meetings

20. **Adjournment**

■ Land Acknowledgement



We acknowledge that the land upon which we are gathered is the traditional territory of the Attawandaronk, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe people. We are the beneficiaries of ancient agreements such as the Dish With One Spoon between the Anishinaabe and the Haudenosaunee, who agreed to share the abundance of the land through peace, friendship and mutual respect; the Two Row Wampum, by which the Haudenosaunee welcomed the settlers and agreed to share the land in mutual respect; and the Treaty of Niagara, considered a fundamental document by First Nations in all future relations and treaties with the British.

We recognize that we have a responsibility to be stewards of the land, in cooperation and collaboration with the Indigenous peoples, not only for one generation but for all generations to come. We understand that we have an obligation to learn the lessons of our history, educate ourselves about the experiences of the Indigenous people and seek opportunities to heal the wounds that will result in reconciliation with our Indigenous sisters and brothers.

Many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people live and work in Fort Erie. We stand with all Indigenous people, past and present, in promoting the wise stewardship of the lands on which we live. We have the good fortune to live in a land of such abundance, diversity and beauty – let us be vigilant in protecting Turtle Island.

NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND OPEN HOUSE

Municipal Address: 3957 Rebstock Road, Fort Erie
Owner: Crystal Ridge Homes (c/o Jeff Davis)
Applicant: Quartek Group (c/o Matthew Trendota)
File Number(s): ZBA-08-2025

The Planning, Building and By-law Services Department received an application for a Zoning By-law Amendment pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, 1990.

The application was deemed complete on April 9, 2025.

The Town’s Official Plan designates the subject lands Low Density Residential within the Crystal Beach Secondary Plan Area and zoned Residential 2 (R2) Zone, in accordance with the Town’s Comprehensive Zoning By-law 129-90, as amended.



The purpose and effect of the Zoning By-law Amendment application is to rezone the subject lands from Residential 2 (R2) Zone to Residential Multiple 1 (RM1) Zone to permit the construction of 2 blocks of townhouses (8 units in total).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Town of Fort Erie is seeking your comments on the Application. The Open House meeting is an initial opportunity for public input prior to scheduling a legislated Public Meeting on the matter, preparing a staff recommendation, and Council making a decision.

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Date: Wednesday April 30, 2025
Time: 5:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Location: Atrium, Town Hall, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie
- Submit written comments/questions to Robin Shugan, Intermediate Development Planner by email or regular mail (1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, ON L2A 2S6). All written submissions will become part of the public record and will be provided to Council.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council on the proposed Application, you must make a written request to Robin Shugan, Intermediate Development Planner.

APPEAL INFORMATION

Only the Minister, the applicant, specified persons, public bodies, and the registered owner of the land to which the by-law would apply, as defined in the *Planning Act*, may appeal the decision of Council to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT).

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND OPEN HOUSE

MORE INFORMATION

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CONTACT

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Dated at the Town of Fort Erie on Tuesday April 15, 2025

NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING

Application Type:
Applicant:
File Number(s):

Town-wide Housekeeping Amendments to Zoning By-law 129-90
Town of Fort Erie
ZBA-01-2025

PROPOSED CHANGE

The Town of Fort Erie has initiated a Housekeeping Amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning By-law 129-90. The following table summarizes the contemplated changes to the Zoning By-law:

Zoning By-law Section	Topic	Commentary
5 - Definitions	Duplex and Triplex Dwellings	Review and revise definitions to more clearly differentiate them from dwellings with Accessory Dwelling Units.
5 - Definitions	Floor Area	Revise the definition to exclude the thickness of all exterior walls from floor area to make it consistent with the definition of 5.132 “Floor Area, Net”.
5 - Definitions	Garage	Remove the minimum internal dimension requirements of 6.00 metres by 3.00 metres and height of 2.40 metres for a parking space in a garage from the definition.
5 - Definitions	Lot Coverage	Revise the definition to clarify when at-grade patios are considered towards lot coverage.
5 - Definitions	Patio, New – Definition for Walkway	Revise the definition of patio to clarify the difference between a patio and a walkway. Consider adding a new definition “Walkway” for clarity.
5 - Definitions	Trailer - Recreational Vehicles and Vehicle, Recreational	Revise these definitions to make them consistent with each other or merge them into a single definition for clarity purposes.
6 - General Provisions	6.1 (b)	Modify the provision to permit projection of eaves and gutters on accessory buildings and structures from 0.25 metres to 0.50 metres.
6 - General Provisions	6.13 (a)	Clarify that unless otherwise permitted one main dwelling shall be permitted on one lot.
6 – General Provisions	6.18 (e)	Revise to permit development on existing lots of record with a minimum of 10.00 metres of lot frontage.
6 - General Provisions	6.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change the wording of the regulation from “should” to “shall” for the provision requiring setbacks from lot lines for gates and barriers on Regional and Provincial roads. Clarify that Electric Vehicle parking spaces count towards required parking. Clarify that parking requirements for Short Term Rentals are in effect in several Core Mixed Use Zones. Update accessible parking ratios.
6 - General Provisions	6.21 (c)	Delete or revise this regulation as it is unclear what the purpose or intent of this regulation is.

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Zoning By-law Section	Topic	Commentary
6 - General Provisions	6.28, 6.29 and 6.30	Update these subsections to make them complaint with the <i>Planning Act</i> . Case law has established that legal non-conforming buildings and structures may be replaced or reconstructed as-of-right on the same building footprint.
6 - General Provisions	6.35 (a)	Revise the regulations for the location of swimming pools on irregular, corner or through lots for increased flexibility to reduce the need for Minor Variance approvals.
6 - General Provisions	6.38	Revise the section to prohibit the use of any motor vehicles for living, sleeping or eating accommodation.
6 - General Provisions	6.45	Remove the mandatory requirement for development on parcels comprised of two or more contiguous lots to be subject to Site Plan Control.
6 - General Provisions	6.51	Revise section to permit models homes to front on roads that are not yet assumed by the municipality.
6 - General Provisions	6.58	Consider adding provisions to address Short Term Rentals that are impacted by Hazard Areas along the Lake Erie shoreline.
6 - General Provisions	New – Illustration of Lot Frontage on a Lot with a Daylighting Triangle	Add an illustration to General Provisions showing how lot frontage is interpreted on a corner lot with a daylighting triangle for clarity.
Agricultural, Rural, Rural Residential and Waterfront Rural Residential Zones	7.2, 8.2, 9.2, 16A.2	Revise the permitted uses to permit up to three residential dwelling units on one lot. This may consist of up to two dwelling units in the main dwelling and one detached residential dwelling unit in an accessory building on the same parcel, or three dwelling units in the main dwelling.
17 – Neighbourhood Development (ND) Zone	17.1	Add a short description for the ND Zone to Subsection 17.1 that clarifies the intended use and purpose of this zone in accordance with the Town’s Official Plan.
General Provisions for Commercial Zones	18.1 (b) and 18.2 (a)	Revise the text to more clearly state where dwelling units are permitted in commercial zones.
Commercial Zones	21.3, 26B.3, 26D.3, 26E.3, 26F.3	Revise the parking exemption regulation to clarify that it is not applicable to Short Term Rentals.
Various	Numbering, Cross-references and Typos	Various updates will be made to section numbering, incorrect cross-references, typos and grammatical errors as required.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Town of Fort Erie is seeking your comments on the proposed amendments. The Information Open House Meeting and statutory Public Meeting are opportunities for public input prior to preparing a staff recommendation and Council making a decision.

To participate in the process and provide comments, you may:

NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Attend the Information Open House Meeting in-person, as follows:

Date: Thursday, May 1, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Location: Atrium, Town Hall, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie

2. Attend the Public Meeting in-person in Council Chambers OR virtually as follows:

Date: Monday, May 12, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie

Residents can participate in the Public Meeting in-person in the Town Council Chambers, or virtually by registering with Ashlea Carter, Acting Town Clerk by email (clerk@forterie.ca). The Public Meeting is also available to view on live stream at youtube.com/townofforterie, or by clicking on the YouTube icon on the Town's website: forterie.ca

3. Submit written comments/questions to Daryl Vander Veen, Intermediate Development Planner by email or regular mail (1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, ON L2A 2S6). All written submissions will become part of the public record and will be provided to Council.

If you wish to be notified of Council's decision on the proposed amendments, you must make a written request to Daryl Vander Veen, Intermediate Development Planner.

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MORE INFORMATION

A Staff Report accompanying the Public Meeting will be available for review by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 by accessing the Council agenda through the Town's Website: forterie.ca/en/town-hall/council-meetings.aspx

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Dated at the Town of Fort Erie on Thursday, April 17, 2025.

NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND OPEN HOUSE

Municipal Address: 3856 Terrace Lane, Fort Erie & Unassigned Parcel 0-15097 Crystal Beach Drive, Fort Erie
Owner: 1000054526 Ontario Inc.
Agent: Robert Martin, P.Eng (Project Manager)
File Number(s): ZBA-17-2024, OPA-08-2024

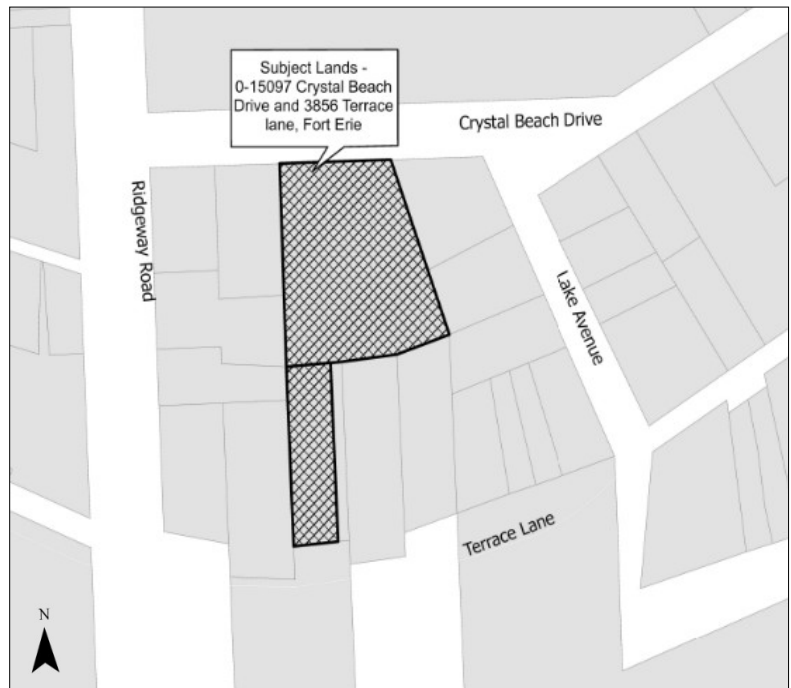
The Planning, Building and By-law Services Department received Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications, pursuant to Sections 17(34) and 34 of the Planning Act, 1990.

The applications were deemed complete on April 7, 2025.

The subject lands are designated Urban Residential and Environmental Protection in the Official Plan and are zoned Residential 2B (R2B) Zone and Hazard (H) Zone in accordance with the Town's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 129-90, as amended.

The purpose and effect of the Official Plan Amendment is to change the land use designation of the subject lands from Urban Residential and Environmental Protection to a Core Mixed Use - Special Policy Area in the Crystal Beach Secondary Plan to facilitate development of a 10-storey, 100-unit, residential apartment building with a density of 385 units per hectare. The special policy area seeks to add apartment buildings as a supported use.

The purpose and effect of the Zoning By-law Amendment is to rezone the subject lands from Residential 2B (R2B) Zone and Hazard (H) Zone to a site specific Residential Multiple 1 (RM1) Zone to facilitate the proposed apartment building. The requested site-specific provisions relate to lot area, lot coverage, setbacks, height and density.



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Town of Fort Erie is seeking your comments on the Applications. The Open House meeting is an initial opportunity for public input prior to scheduling a legislated Public Meeting on the matter, preparing a staff recommendation, and Council making a decision.

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Dated at the Town of Fort Erie on April 17, 2025.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING #3

Six Mile Creek Flooding Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

The Study

The Town of Fort Erie has initiated a Schedule 'B' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to develop a solution to address the flooding in the Thunder Bay area, specifically in the Six Mile Creek subwatershed. The study area for the project is the Friendship Trail to the north, Neva Road to the west, Colony Road alignment to the east, Lake Erie to the south. Although the area is within the documented Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority 100-year riverine floodplain, it is suspected that the localized flooding occurs primarily due to the seiche effect from Lake Erie. The Town and residents have experienced flooding over the past decades, and more recently in 2019, 2020, and 2022.

The Town has retained Montrose Environmental (formerly Matrix Solutions) to complete the EA project and an enhanced conceptual design. The study will:

- Define the study area
- Describe the existing conditions in the study area
- Develop and evaluate solutions to address flooding
- Determine a feasible solution
- Identify methods to avoid or minimize impacts

Public Meeting #1, held on December 14, 2023 was the first opportunity for the public to provide input to the project. Input provided at Public Meeting #1 was used to help understand the impacts of flooding and the relative flood risk in the study area. These inputs helped to develop the alternative solutions that were presented at Public Meeting #2 on June 24, 2024.

Purpose of this Public Meeting #3

The project team is hosting a third public meeting to provide an update on the Class EA process for the study area and present residents and stakeholders with the evaluation of alternative solutions and preliminary preferred recommendations for the study. This meeting will be an open house. There is no formal presentation planned.

Residents and stakeholders are encouraged to provide feedback on the study. Specifically, we will be looking for feedback on the results of the evaluation of alternative solutions being recommended to address localized flooding concerns.

Public Meeting Date/Time: May 6, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Place: Crystal Ridge Library, 89 Ridge Road S, Ridgeway

Have Your Say

We welcome input at the public meeting. To submit a comment or question via email, or if you have accessibility requirements, please contact one of the representatives below:

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Project Manager

Town of Fort Erie

LVespi@forterie.ca

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Nicholas Krygsman, P.Eng.

Project Manager

Montrose Environmental

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Phone: 519-859-0911

Information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will be part of the public record. Project information will be available at:

<https://letstalk.forterie.ca/>

NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND OPEN HOUSE

Municipal Address: 745 Dominion Road, Fort Erie
Owner: Crystal Ridge Homes Inc.
Applicant: Quartek Group Inc. c/o Matthew Trendota
File Number: ZBA-05-2025

The Planning, Building and By-law Services Department received a Zoning By-law Amendment Application, pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, 1990.

The application was deemed complete on April 9, 2025.

The subject lands are designated Urban Residential in the Official Plan and are zoned Residential 2 (R2) Zone in accordance with the Town's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 129-90, as amended.

The purpose and effect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is to rezone the subject lands from Residential 2 (R2) Zone to a site-specific Residential 3 (R3) Zone to facilitate development of two semi-detached dwellings. The requested site-specific provisions relate to reduced lot area and lot frontage.



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may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the OLT unless, in the opinion of the OLT, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

MORE INFORMATION

Application materials are available for review on the Town's website (<https://www2.forterie.ca/resource/planningApplications.xsp>), or by contacting Devon Morton, Supervisor of Development Approvals, by email. New or revised application materials will be uploaded to the Town's website at the link above as they become available. Please check the Town's website for updates.

CONTACT

Devon Morton, MCIP, RPP
Planning, Building and By-law Services
dmorton@forterie.ca
905-871-1600 x. 2514

Dated at the Town of Fort Erie on April 17, 2025.

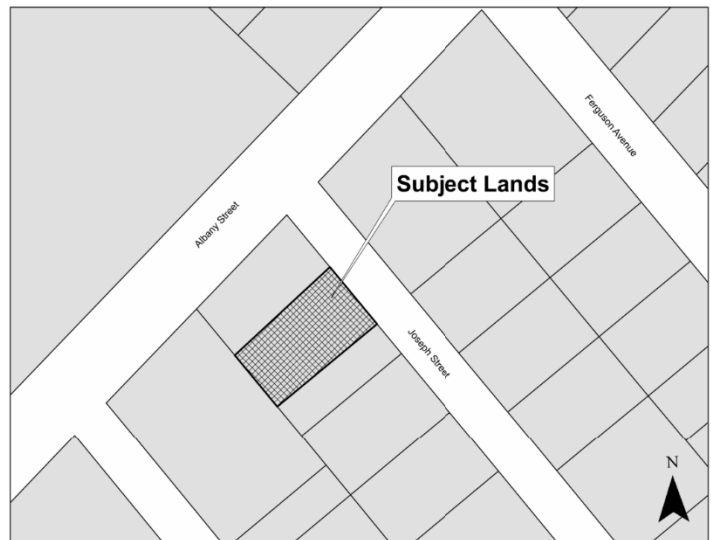
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Municipal Address: 99 Joseph Street, Fort Erie
Owner: Mathew Geerts
Applicant: LandPro (c/o Michael Sullivan)
File Number(s): ZBA-03-2024

The Planning, Building and By-law Services Department received application for a Zoning By-law Amendment pursuant to Sections 34, of the Planning Act, 1990.

The subject lands are designated as Urban Residential in the Town’s Official Plan, and zoned Residential 2 (R2) Zone, in accordance with the Town’s Comprehensive Zoning By-law 129-90, as amended.

The purpose and effect of the Zoning By-law Amendment application is to rezone the subject lands from Residential 2 (R2) Zone to a site-specific Residential 3 (R3) Zone to permit the construction of a semi-detached dwelling. The site-specific provision request is for the reduction of lot area.



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Town of Fort Erie is seeking your comments on the Application. The Public Meeting is an opportunity for public input prior to Council making a decision.

To participate in the Public Meeting, you may:

1. Attend the Public meeting, as follows:

Date: Monday May 12, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie

Residents can participate in the Public Meeting in-person in the Town Council Chambers, or virtually by registering with Ashlea Carter, Town Clerk by email (clerk@forterie.ca).

The Public Meeting is also available to view on live stream at youtube.com/townofforterie, or by clicking on the YouTube icon on the Town’s website: forterie.ca

2. Submit written comments to Ashlea Carter Town Clerk by email (clerk@forterie.ca) or regular mail (1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, ON L2A 2S6). All written submissions will become part of the public record and will be provided to Council.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council on the proposed Application, you must make a written request to Robin Shugan, Intermediate Development Planner.

APPEAL INFORMATION

Only the Minister, the applicant, specified persons, public bodies, and the registered owner of the land to which the by-law would apply, as defined in the *Planning Act*, may appeal the decision of Council to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT).

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of Council to the OLT, but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Erie before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Erie before the by-law is passed, the person or public body

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the OLT unless, in the opinion of the OLT, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

MORE INFORMATION

An Information and Recommendation Report accompanying the Public Meeting will be available for review by 5:00 PM on **Wednesday May 7, 2025** by accessing the Council agenda through the Town's Website: forterie.ca/en/town-hall/council-meetings.aspx

Application materials are available for review on the Town's website (forterie.ca/resource/planningApplications.xsp), or by contacting Robin Shugan, Intermediate Development Planner by email. New or revised application materials will be uploaded to the Town's website at the link above as they become available. Please check the Town's website for updates.

CONTACT

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Dated at the Town of Fort Erie on April 22, 2025



**The Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie
Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, March 31, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Redekop called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Councillor Lewis provided a land acknowledgment.

3. Invocation

The Clerk read the Invocation.

4. Roll Call

The Clerk gave the roll call.

Present: His Worship Mayor Redekop and Councillors Christensen, Dubanow, Flagg, Lewis and McDermott

Absent: Councillor Noyes

Staff: A. Carter, A. Dilwaria, R. Firenze, J. Frost, J. Janzen, C. McQueen, C. Patton and P. Riley.

5. Announcements/Addenda

One addendum added the presentation for Item 9.2 Larry Graber, Chair, Community Gaming and Development Corporation and Delegation Item 9.4. Michael Stepien, Director and Greg Hynde, Urban Planner, Integra Inc.

Mayor Redekop made the following announcements:

Community Clean-Up - Earth Day

Mayor Redekop advised that Town staff have been working to recruit volunteers for Earth Day clean-up events. To coordinate participation, please call Town Hall and request to speak with the Executive Assistant to the Mayor, Diana Kelley, at dkelley@forterie.ca or (905) 871-1600 ext. 2236.

6. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

6.1 Councillor Noyes - 19-2025

Due to her absence at this meeting, Councillor Noyes declared a pecuniary interest on April 14, 2025, regarding By-law 19-2025 as Dr. Teal is her Doctor.

6.2 Councillor Dubanow - Michael Stepien, Director and Greg Hynde, Urban Planner, Integra Inc.

Councillor Dubanow declared a pecuniary interest regarding Item 9.4 as he was a tenant or owner of the property at the time the holding provision was applied.

7. Notice of Upcoming Public Meetings and Open Houses

7.1 Open House - 99 Joseph Street

Zoning By-law Amendment - Owner: Mathew Geerts - Applicant: LandPro Planning Solutions (c/o Michael Sullivan) - Wednesday, April 2, 2025 - 5:00 p.m. - Atrium, Town Hall

8. Regional Councillor Report

Regional Councillor Insinna gave the following report:

Niagara EMS Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) Program Update

An update on the Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) program was provided to Regional Council by Niagara Emergency Medical Service (EMS), highlighting its ongoing impact and success. The MIH program consists of several specialized teams led by trained EMS paramedics. The Mental Health and Addictions Response Team (MHART) pairs community paramedics with mental health nurses, while the Falls Intervention Team involves collaboration between paramedics and occupational therapists to help residents remain in their homes. Additional teams include the Community Assessment and Referral Team and the Street Outreach Team, both focused on assisting the general public and vulnerable populations. The Palliative Care Team supports residents aging in place through home visits, and the newer Community Paramedicine for Long Term Care initiative works to keep seniors awaiting long-term care safe and healthy at home through direct paramedic contact, facilitated by referrals from agencies like March of Dimes.

In 2024, Niagara EMS responded to 95,705 emergency calls, with MIH teams handling 9,091 of these instead of dispatching ambulances. The teams also completed over 4,800 in-home or virtual visits, responded to more than 6,800 low-acuity calls, and transported 799 patients to hospitals. These efforts have resulted in significant cost savings, reducing resource use by 60% compared to traditional ambulance deployment. The program continues to demonstrate its value and effectiveness in the region.

Physician Recruitment Roundtable

Regional Council also received a report on the Physician Recruitment Roundtable in November 2024. The Region is focused on addressing the physician shortage and has transitioned the recruiter role from Public Health to Economic Development and Tourism to better leverage opportunities. Key takeaways from the roundtable include recognizing physicians as business owners, fostering greater collaboration with municipalities, and expanding partnerships to attract talent. Concerns were raised about potential duplication of efforts already undertaken by municipalities. A consultant's report and a proposed work plan will be presented to Council shortly.

9. Presentations and Delegations

9.1 Bob Gale, Chair and David Adames, CEO, Niagara Parks Commission

Re: Niagara Parks Commission Updates

Bob Gale, Chair and David Adames, CEO, Niagara Parks Commission, provided updates and answered questions from members of Council

9.2 Larry Graber, Chair, Community Gaming and Development Corporation

Re: Update on cGaming

Larry Graber, Chair of the Community Gaming and Development Corporation provided an update on cGaming and answered questions.

9.3 Rocco Vacca, Partner, Sullivan Mahoney

Re: 0-15850 Rebstock Road - Subdivision and Condominium Applications (Report PBBS-16-2025)

Rocco Vacca, Partner, Sullivan Mahoney LLP, provided a summary of the Application and responded to questions from members of Council.

9.4 Michael Stepien, Director and Greg Hynde, Urban Planner, Integra Inc.

Re: Request Removal of Holding Provision and Sever Land - 409 & 423 Walden Blvd.

Michael Stepien, Director, Integra Inc. provided a summary of the request to the removal of the Holding Provision and severance of land for 409 and 423 Walden Boulevard, and responded to questions from members of Council.

10. Public Meetings

None.

11. Consent Agenda

Resolution 1

Moved by: Councillor McDermott

Seconded by: Councillor Dubanow

That: Council approves the consent agenda as recommended with the exception of Item 11.3.6.

Carried

11.1 Minutes

11.1.1 Regular Council Minutes - February 24, 2025

11.1.2 Council-in-Committee Minutes - March 17, 2025

11.2 Correspondence

11.2.1 Receive - Niagara Transit - Accessibility Advisory Committee Issues

11.2.2 Proclamation - National Day of Mourning - April 28, 2025

That: Council proclaims April 28, 2025 as "National Day of Mourning" and approves their request for flags to be flown at half-mast.

Carried

11.2.3 Proclamation - Trillium Gift of Life Network - April as BeADonor Month

That: Council proclaims April as "BeADonor Month."

Carried

11.3 Board/Committee Minutes

11.3.1 Receive - Crystal Beach Business Improvement Area Board of Management - February 12, 2025; March 2, 2025

11.3.2 Receive - Traffic Coordinating Committee Minutes - February 19, 2025

11.3.3 Receive - Environmental Advisory Committee - March 5, 2025

11.3.4 Receive - Senior Citizens Advisory Committee - February 5, 2025

11.3.5 Receive and Approve Recommendations - Accessibility Advisory Committee - February 25, 2025:

Whereas: The Accessibility Advisory Committee has received numerous service-related concerns following Niagara Region Transit's assumption of transit service provision in Fort Erie; and

Whereas: Dedicated vehicles are no longer stationed within the Town to provide both OnDemand and Specialized transit services; and

Whereas: The current service hours only allow bookings to begin at 7:00 a.m., whereas Fort Erie Transit previously operated from 6:00 a.m., impacting many local employees; and

Whereas: Booking availability ends at 10:00 p.m., despite being advertised until 11:00 p.m. in other areas of the Region; and

Whereas: The current transit service provision does not adequately meet the needs of the Fort Erie community; and

Whereas: Prior to service amalgamation, Fort Erie had six OnDemand vehicles in continuous service, with access to an additional three, as well as three specialized vans dedicated solely to Fort Erie residents; and

Whereas: The Accessibility Advisory Committee has been informed that as of March 1, 2025, an additional vehicle will be allocated to Fort Erie, with plans for two more unless a fixed route is established in East Fort Erie; and

Whereas: The Accessibility Advisory Committee has become aware of a new policy of the Niagara Transit Commission, whereby drivers are not allowed to pull into driveways under any circumstances whether it be on demand or specialized transit and persons with disabilities are already feeling vulnerable utilizing the service; and.

Whereas: The Accessibility Advisory Committee seeks clarity regarding service provisions and operational concerns.

Now therefore be it resolved,

That: Council formally requests that representatives from Niagara Region Transit and service provider Voyago attend a future Council meeting to address the following:

Service Provisions for Fort Erie:

- The number of daily booking slots available for Fort Erie and whether this is a fixed allocation.
- The overall booking allocation process.
- The number of vehicles designated for OnDemand and Specialized services and whether a fixed number is assigned to Fort Erie.

Operational Standards:

- Performance metrics and policies regarding abandoned ridership.

- Complaints specific to Fort Erie riders and how they have been addressed.
- Ridership data, including the number of attempted bookings where no ride was available.
- Niagara Transit Commission consult persons with disabilities before implementing any policy that directly affects people with disabilities.

Financial Accountability:

- A breakdown of the additional \$3 million in annual funding and the services Fort Erie taxpayers receive in return.
- The cost of the additional vehicle allocated as of March 1, 2025, as well as the projected costs for the proposed two additional vehicles and/or a dedicated fixed-route service.

Community Concerns:

- Issues raised by the Accessibility Advisory Committee regarding dedicated vehicles, booking times, pick-up and delivery locations for persons with disabilities, and hours of service.

Carried

11.4 Reports

11. Consent Agenda

11.3 Board/Committee Minutes

11.3.6 Receive and Approve Recommendations - Museum and Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee - March 12, 2025:

Resolution 2

Moved by: Councillor McDermott

Seconded by: Councillor Dubanow

Road Allowance - 3798 West Main Street

That: The Museum and Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee requests that Infrastructure Services move the stairs from the road allowance in front of 3798 West Main Street to Stevensville Memorial Park for passive display.

Cluster of Buildings in Snyder

That: The Museum and Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee recommends that the cluster of buildings in Snyder, which is unique to Fort Erie and rare in Ontario, including the church, parish hall, manse, and school, be pursued as a Heritage Conservation District.

Carried, as amended

Amendment:

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

Seconded by: Councillor Christensen

That: The pursuit of a Heritage Conservation District for the Cluster of Buildings in Snyder be referred to staff for additional information, including costs, and returned to Council at the Council-in-Committee Meeting on June 9th.

Carried

12. Reports

12.1 PBBS-16-2025

Proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Draft Plan of Common Elements Condominium Information and Recommendation Report for 0-15850 Rebstock Road

(Deferred from the February 24, 2025 Council Meeting)

That: Council approves the Draft Plan of Subdivision dated October 7, 2024, for the lands known as 0-15850 Rebstock Road, showing 9 blocks intended for 16 block townhouses, 74 back-to-back townhouse dwellings and a Common Elements Condominium as illustrated in Appendix 2 of Report PBBS-16-2025, in accordance with the provisions of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. P. 13* and the Regulations thereunder, subject to the conditions contained in Appendix 8 of Staff Report PBBS-16-2025, and further

That: Council approves the Draft Plan of Common Elements Condominium dated October 7, 2024, for the lands known as 0-15850 Rebstock Road, showing 1 block for common elements as illustrated in Appendix 3 of Report PBBS-16-2025, in accordance with the provisions of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. P. 13* and the Regulations thereunder, subject to the conditions contained in Appendix 9 of Staff Report PBBS-16-2025, and further

That: Council directs staff to circulate the Conditions of Draft Plan Approval in Appendix 5 and Appendix 6 of Staff Report PBBS-16-2025 to

the applicable agencies in accordance with the requirements of the *Planning Act*.

Carried, as amended

Amendment:

Moved by: Councillor Lewis

Seconded by: Councillor Dubanow

That: The Conditions of Draft Plan Approval in Appendix 5 and Appendix 6 be amended to include an additional condition that rooftop patios are not permitted as originally agreed to in the Minutes of Settlement.

Carried

Amendment:

Moved by: Councillor Lewis

Seconded by: Councillor McDermott

That: The Conditions of Draft Plan Approval in Appendix 5 and Appendix 6 be amended to include an additional condition that Short-Term Rentals are not permitted.

Carried

12.2 CAO-04-2025

Land Committee Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2025

Resolution 3

Moved by: Councillor Flagg

Seconded by: Councillor Dubanow

That: Council receives the March 20, 2025, Land Committee meeting minutes attached as Appendix “1”, and further

That: Council authorizes the entry into a new Licence Agreement with the Crystal Beach Business Improvement Area Board of Management (CBBIA) for the purposes of a Farmer’s Market with an automatic renewal clause for the use of the Erie Road Parking Lot (“the Grove”), and further

That: Council authorizes the entry into a Licence Agreement for a 2025 pilot project between the Town of Fort Erie, the Crystal Beach Business Improvement Area Board of Management (CBBIA), and Jam Sport for the use of “the Grove” for the construction and operation of volleyball courts, subject to the provision of a certificate of insurance in the amount of \$2 million naming The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie, the Crystal Beach Hill Cottagers’ Organization, and the CBBIA as additional insured, with the

further conditions that no evening games take place and no alcohol be permitted on-site.

Carried

13. New Business/Enquiries

- 13.1 Selection of Chair and Vice-Chairs for Business Subdivision Services for the period November 18, 2024 to July 21, 2025

(Deferred from the December 2, 2024 Special Council Meeting)

That: Council receives the Memorandum regarding the selection of Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the Business Subdivision Services.

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

Seconded by: Councillor McDermott

That: The Memorandum regarding the Selection of Chair and Vice-Chairs for Business Subdivision Services be deferred to the June 24th Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

- 13.2 Memorandum - Financial Donation from the Fort Erie Underwater Recovery Unit for the Lions Sugarbowl Pavilion/Bandshell Project (SUGP23)

Resolution 4

Moved by: Councillor Flagg

Seconded by: Councillor Dubanow

That: Council receives the Memorandum regarding the financial donation from the Fort Erie Underwater Recovery Unit, and would like to thank the Fort Erie Underwater Recovery Unit for their donation of \$20,000 for the Sugarbowl Pavilion/Bandshell Project (SUGP23) and is grateful for this generous donation.

Carried

- 13.3 Notice of Resignation - Chris Shickluna - Ridgeway Business Improvement Area Board of Management

Resolution 5

Moved by: Councillor Christensen

Seconded by: Councillor Flagg

That: Council accepts the resignation of Chris Shickluna from the Ridgeway Business Improvement Area Board of Management, and further

That: Council directs staff to proceed with filling the vacancy in accordance with the Procedural By-law.

Carried

- 13.4 Notice of Resignation - Stacie VanKralingen - Bridgeburg Station
Downtown Business Improvement Area Board of Management
Resolution 6

Moved by: Councillor McDermott
Seconded by: Councillor Dubanow

That: Council accepts the resignation of Stacie VanKralingen from the Bridgeburg Station Downtown Business Improvement Area Board of Management, and further

That: Council directs staff to proceed with filling the vacancy in accordance with the Procedural By-law.

Carried

- 13.5 Notice of Resignation - Michelle Bearss - Senior Citizens Advisory
Committee
Resolution 7

Moved by: Councillor Christensen
Seconded by: Councillor Flagg

That: Council accepts the resignation of Michelle Bearss from the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, and further

That: Council directs staff to proceed with filling the vacancy in accordance with the Procedural By-law.

Carried

- 13.6 Proclamation - National Volunteer Week - April 27 - May 3, 2025
Resolution 8

Moved by: Councillor Flagg
Seconded by: Councillor Dubanow

Whereas 24 million Canadians volunteer their time through formal or informal activities, contributing nearly 5 billion volunteer hours annually; and

Whereas volunteers in the Town of Fort Erie mentor children, support those experiencing isolation, enhance and protect our public spaces, and contribute to fundraising efforts for local charitable organizations; and

Whereas the dedication and generosity of volunteers strengthen our community by supporting families, friends, neighbours, and residents in need; and

Whereas the Town of Fort Erie's volunteers include individuals, families, workers, retirees, and community members of all ages and backgrounds; and

Whereas the collective contributions of volunteers make the Town of Fort Erie a more vibrant and welcoming place to live;

Now therefore be it resolved,

That: Council proclaims April 27 to May 3, 2025, as "National Volunteer Week" in the Town of Fort Erie, and expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to all volunteers for their invaluable contributions to our community.

Carried

13.7 Councillor Dubanow - Ward 2 Servicing

Councillor Dubanow enquired if holding provisions preclude any work or development on a property or whether specific work could proceed with municipal approval, especially where sewer capacity is forthcoming.

J. Frost advised that sanitary sewer capacity is assigned when an applicant applies for a building permit, and the Town will deny permits if it does not have capacity. J. Frost further advised that the Town has not quantified the capacity it will gain in Ward 2 and that it is risky to permit development to move forward without those numbers.

A. Dilwaria advised that the holding provision relates to zoning, and applicants cannot proceed with the development as long as it is in place, including preservicing.

Councillor Dubanow enquired whether the Town considers vacant properties not in use when looking at the potential for servicing.

J. Frost advised that vacant properties still have service connections and maintain capacity. J. Frost further advised that he does not recommend reassigning capacity nor disconnecting service from those properties. J. Frost added that the Town has increased flow monitoring so that calibrations can be more accurate for wastewater models.

Councillor Dubanow further enquired why a property with existing capacity would have a holding provision applied to it.

J. Frost advised that a holding provision is applied when the proposed property development exceeds the existing capacity.

Councillor Dubanow stated that this is a priority issue as an area compatible with intensification and the adverse effects on property owners trying to redevelop.

Mayor Redekop advised that the Town has several ongoing projects to manage the capacity issue, including realigning manhole covers.

C. McQueen advised that the Town has been working diligently on this issue, especially through the Official Plan and Master Servicing Plan review. C. McQueen further advised that current and future capacity needs are being reviewed and built into the 10-year capital plan, development charges projects and the Capital Schedule. C. McQueen confirmed that servicing capacity is a top deliverable for staff for this Council.

Mayor Redekop added that the Town has applied for provincial funding for these projects.

14. Closed Session

Resolution 9

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

Seconded by: Councillor Flagg

That: Council does now go into Closed Session at 7:58 p.m. to consider the following:

14.1 Closed Session Minutes - February 24, 2025

14.2 Community Health Care Services Committee Appointment pursuant to Section 239 (2) (b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

14.3 4 and 6 Hagey Avenue - OLT Hearing pursuant to Section 239 (e) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board

14.4 PBBS-27-2025 OLT Appeal - Crystal Beach Secondary Plan - Crystal Beach Tennis and Yacht Club (1-25 Nantuckett Road) pursuant to Section 239 (e) the *Municipal Act, 2001*, litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board

Carried

15. Back to Open Session

Resolution 10

Moved by: Councillor Lewis

Seconded by: Councillor Christensen

That: Council does now rise and reconvene from closed session at 8:32 p.m. with report:

14.1 **That:** Council approves the Closed Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2025, and

14.2 **That:** Council appoints Josh Upper, Niagara Health representative, and Antonietta Culic, Niagara Health Alternate representative, to the Community Health Care Services Committee for the term ending November 14, 2026, or until their successor is appointed, and

14.3 **That:** Council authorizes staff to proceed as directed in Closed Session, and

14.4 **That:** Council approves the recommendations in Report PBBS-27-2025 and authorizes staff to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

Carried

16. Motions

16.1 Councillor McDermott

Re: Snow Plowing Sidewalks

Resolution 11

Moved by: Councillor McDermott

Seconded by: Councillor Dubanow

Whereas the Town of Fort Erie experienced a significant accumulation of snow over several storm events in the winter of 2024/2025; and

Whereas the Winter Maintenance Plan provides a minimum standard for winter control and is reviewed and updated annually to reflect Council approved levels of service response; and

Whereas the storm events in winter 2025 occurred following the approval of the Winter Maintenance Plan and have provided some lived experience on the impact of severe weather and the operations of Town resources and contracted services;

Now therefore be it resolved,

That: The Director of Infrastructure Services be requested to review the Winter Maintenance Plan, based on feedback and experience during the 2024/2025 winter season and further

That: The Director of Infrastructure Services provides recommendations to Council on possible proposed changes to the plan, including specific changes in levels of service to address snow accumulation on Jarvis Street's downtown sidewalks and in other downtown areas to further improve accessibility to businesses.

Carried

16.2 Councillor Lewis

Re: Parking within the Business Improvement Areas

Resolution 12

Moved by: Councillor Lewis

Seconded by: Councillor McDermott

Whereas many businesses are still recovering from the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the current economic climate; and

Whereas all businesses within the Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) rely on many customers and patrons who drive to their locations to support local commerce; and

Whereas many other food and beverage/retail locations, including big-box stores, offer free parking, making them considerably more attractive to consumers who are faced with paid parking; and

Whereas the Town of Fort Erie has three (3) BIAs — Bridgeburg, Crystal Beach and Ridgeway each contain at least one municipal parking lot;

Now, therefore, be it resolved,

That: Municipal parking lots within the Town of Fort Erie BIAs remain free of charge, and the municipal parking lots do not allow trailers, boats, RV's, Campers or busses to park in these lots, and further

That: Staff prepare a report or memo outlining additional options for Council's consideration related to parking in municipal parking lots in the Town of Fort Erie, including parking permits for residents without access to parking spots.

Carried, as amended

Amendment:

Councillor Dubanow suggested a friendly amendment to the second operative clause that "and their visitors" be added after "permits for residents."

Councillor Lewis and Councillor McDermott were agreeable to the motion.

16.3 Councillor Dubanow

Re: Update on Sewer Servicing in Ward 2

(WITHDRAWN)

17. Notice of Motion

None.

18. Consideration of By-laws

Resolution 13

Moved by: Councillor Flagg

Seconded by: Councillor Dubanow

That: The by-law package containing:

19-2025 To authorize the Entry into a Grant Funding Agreement to Upgrade Ophthalmology Equipment with Dr. Patricia Teal

20-2025 To Amend Zoning By-law No. 129-90, as amended Spears Gardens Subdivision (1278 Terry Drive

21-2025 To Enact an Amendment to the Official Plan Adopted by By-law 150-06 for the Town of Fort Erie Planning Area Amendment 86 - Spears Gardens Subdivision (1278 Terry Drive) - Yiliming International Real Estate Limited - Owner

22-2025 To Amend Zoning By-law 129-90, as amended - Crescent Acres Subdivision (0-10747 Kraft Road)

23-2025 To Authorize the Execution of a Subdivision Agreement with 5035003 Ontario Ltd. (Faraz Moin) - 0-10972 Seymour Avenue

24-2025 To Assume Primary Services within Plan 59M-516 (Alliston Woods, Phase 1) - 2835033 Ontario Inc. (Mitchell Williams)

25-2025 To Assume Secondary Services within Plan 59M-470 (Peace Bridge Village Subdivision, Phase 1) - Ashton Homes (Western) Limited – Aldo Vercillo

26-2025 To Designate 241 Ridge Road North as Being of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

27-2025 To Amend By-law 136-2024 (Municipal Property Occupancy Policy) and By-law 111-2019, as amended (Administrative Penalty) and to Repeal By-laws 52-2020 and 53-2020

28-2025 To Amend By-law 72-99 (Municipal Alcohol Policy)

29-2025 To Amend By-law 51-2024 (Management, Supervisory and Exempt Employees Salary Administration Plan)

are given a first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution 14

Moved by: Councillor Christensen

Seconded by: Councillor Flagg

That: By-laws 19-2025 to 29-2025 inclusive are given third and final reading to be signed by the Mayor and Clerk under the corporate seal.

Carried

Resolution 15

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

Seconded by: Councillor Flagg

That: By-law 30-2025: To Confirm the Actions of Council at its March 17, 2025 and its Council Meeting held on March 31, 2025, is given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution 16

Moved by: Councillor McDermott

Seconded by: Councillor Flagg

That: By-law 30-2025 is given third and final reading to be signed by the Mayor and Clerk under the corporate seal.

Carried

19. Scheduling of Meetings

Members of Council announced upcoming Boards and Committees meetings from April 2nd to 9th.

20. Adjournment

Resolution 17

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

Seconded by: Councillor Flagg

That: Council adjourns at 9:01 p.m. to reconvene into a Regular Meeting of Council on April 28, 2025

Carried

Mayor

Clerk



**The Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie
Council-in-Committee Minutes**

**Monday, April 14, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Redekop called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Councillor Flagg provided a land acknowledgment.

3. Roll Call

The Clerk gave the roll call.

Present: His Worship Mayor Redekop and Councillors Christensen, Dubanow, Flagg, Lewis, McDermott and Noyes

Staff: C. Cameron, A. Carter, A. Dilwaria, J. Frost, J. Janzen, C. McQueen and C. Patton.

4. Announcements/Addenda

There was one addendum which updated Reports PBBS-31-2025, PBBS-34-2025 and provided some clarification with respect to closed session Report PBBS-30-25025 and the 50 Gilmore Road item.

Mayor Redekop made the following announcements:

Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee Talent Showcase - June 11, 2025 at 3:00 PM

Mayor Redekop advised that the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee will host its second annual Talent Showcase on Wednesday, June 11th at 3:00 pm at the Lion's Leisureplex Hall. The Committee is working very hard to ensure they have a very good representation of musicians and talent from across the community.

Earth Day Clean-Up Initiatives

Mayor Redekop advised that the Town has been facilitating spring clean-up initiatives and hopes to establish this as a biannual tradition. The following groups are hosting events:

- Bridgeburg Station Downtown Business Improvement Area held their clean-up on April 5th
- Crystal Beach Cleanup (organized by South Coast Cookhouse and Crystal Beach BIA): April 19 at 10:00 AM.
- Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee Cleanup: Earth Day (April 22) at 3:30 PM in the Sugar Bowl area.
- Ridgeway BIA Cleanup: April 27 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
- Other community groups, including the Rotary Club (on June 4) and various residents, have planned cleanups across multiple dates and locations (e.g., Dominion Rd, Kraft Rd).
- Town Staff Cleanups: April 22 at multiple sites including Gibson Centre, Gilmore at Pettit Rd, Bertie St at Thompson Rd, and Green Acres.

Mayor Redekop further advised that there is still an opportunity to sign up and participate in these events. Members of the public can collect cleanup kits at Town Hall and participate on April 22. For details, contact Meagan Opatovsky at 905-871-1600 ext. 2252 or mopatovsky@forterie.ca.

Healthcare Advocacy Update:

The Town previously passed a resolution supporting the continuation of the Urgent Care Centre.

Numerous municipalities across Ontario have since endorsed this resolution, and a compiled list of supporters will be published by the Town in the near future.

Canada's Oldest Man - Burdette "Burd" Sisler

On Sunday, April 13th, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71 held a 110th Birthday celebration for Burd Sisler, who formally turns 110 on April 14th. Numerous people were in attendance, including all 5 of his children, some grandchildren, great grandchildren, great grandchildren, military veterans, and Canada Border Service Agents as Burd worked for Canada Customs. MPP, Wayne Gates presented Burd Sisler with the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

5. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

As Councillor Noyes was absent on March 31, 2025, she declared a conflict of interest regarding Item 18.1 By-law 19-2025 To Authorize the Entry into a Grant Funding Agreement to Upgrade Ophthalmology Equipment with Dr. Patricia Teal as Dr. Teal is her doctor.

6. Notice of Upcoming Public Meetings and Open Houses

None.

7. Public Meetings

8. Consent Agenda

Recommendation 1

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

That: Council approves the Consent Agenda as recommended.

Carried

8.1 PBBS-31-2025

PBBS 2024 Fourth Quarter (Q4) and Year-End Development-Building-Planning-By-law Status Report

That: Council receives Report PBBS-31-2025 regarding development, building, planning and by-law statistical reporting for information purposes, and further

That: Council directs staff to forward a copy of Report PBBS-31-2025 to Regional Niagara Planning and Development Services, the District School Board of Niagara and the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

Carried

8.2 PBBS-34-2025

Award of Tender for Erie Beach Masterplan PDS-24P-EPBSPLM

That: Council accepts and approves the Negotiated Request for Proposal (NRFP) submission for the Erie Beach Masterplan, contract PDS-24P-EPBSPLM, from Shift Landscape Architecture in the amount of \$254,068.91 (including 13% HST) and further:

That: Council amends the 2025 Capital Budget to supplement the Erie Beach Masterplan capital project (ERIE23), with \$154,000 from the Parks Development Charges.

Carried

8.3 IS-10-2025

Updates to the Consolidated Traffic By-law (South Mill Street and Washington Road)

That: Council approve the Parking Restrictions change on South Mill Street; and further

That: Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law amendment to the existing Consolidated Traffic and Parking By-laws 2000-89, Schedule C – No Parking, and further

That: Council approve a speed reduction on Washington Road from 50 km/hr to 40 km/hr, and further

That: Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law amendment to the existing Consolidated Traffic and Parking By-laws 2000-89, Schedule W – Speed Limit on Highways.

Carried

8.4 CAO-02-2025

Health and Safety Report 2024

That: Council receives Report CAO-02-2025 for information purposes.

Carried

8.5 CAO-03-2025

The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie – Annual Health & Safety Policy Review

That: Council approves an amended Health and Safety Policy for The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie, labelled as Appendix 1 in Report CAO-03-2025.

Carried

8.6 Memorandum - EJ Freeland Community Centre Investment

That: Council receives the Memorandum regarding the EJFCC Investment for information purposes.

Carried

9. Planning, Building and By-law Services

Chaired by Councillor Christensen.

9.1 Presentations and Delegations

9.1.1 Felicia Ferrusi, Coordinator, Planning and Development Services

Re: Fourth Quarter Year-End Development (PBBS-31-2025)

F. Ferrusi provided a presentation outlining the 2024 Fourth Quarter and Year-End Reporting on Growth, Development and Sustainability, and responded to questions from members of Council.

9.1.2 Jessica Abrahamse, Senior Environmental Planner

Re: Tree By-law Amendment (PBBS-32-2025)

J. Abrahamse provided a presentation regarding updates to the Town's Tree By-law 33-2024 and responded to questions from members of Council.

9.1.3 Zachary George, Junior Environmental Planner

Re: Naturalized Gardens (PBBS-33-2025)

Z. George provided a presentation regarding the proposed amendments to the Town's Lot Maintenance By-law to allow naturalized gardens, and responded to questions from members of Council.

9.2 Reports

9.2.1 PBBS-28-2025

Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment Recommendation Report for 3741 Nigh Road

Recommendation 2

Moved by: Councillor Lewis

That: Council approves the amendments to the Town's Zoning By-law 129-90 as detailed in Report PBBS-28-2025 for the lands known as 3741 Nigh Road, and further

That: Council directs Staff to prepare the necessary by-law.

Carried, as amended

Amendment:

Moved by: Mayor Redekop

That: A sunset clause be included in the amending zoning by-law requiring a building permit to be submitted within 3 years from the date of passage of the by-law.

Carried

Amendment:

Moved by: Mayor Redekop

That: The maximum height of the buildings be 2.5 storeys or 9 metres and that rooftop patios not be permitted.

Carried

Amendment:

Moved by: Mayor Redekop

That: The number of dwelling units permitted be reduced from 10 units to 7 units.

Carried

9.2.2 PDS-32-2025

Tree By-Law Amendment – By-law 33-2024 A By-law to Regulate the Destruction or Injuring of Trees

Recommendation 3

Moved by: Mayor Redekop

That: Council approves the amendments to the Town's Tree By-law 33-2024 as detailed in Report PBBS-32-2025, and further

That: Council directs Staff to prepare the necessary by-law.

Carried, as amended

Amendment:

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

That: Schedule B of the draft by-law be amended to reduce the maximum cash-in-lieu from \$250,000 to \$200,000 and any additional assessed amount from \$50,000 to \$40,000.

Carried

Amendment:

Moved by: Councillor Lewis

That: Draft Plan of Subdivision and Condominium be added to "Developers who are applying for an Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment, Site Plan Control or a Commercial or Industrial Development" on page 25.

Carried

Amendment:

Moved by: Councillor Noyes

That: That stump removals not be included in the provisions of the Tree By-law.

Lost

Amendment:

Moved by: Councillor Noyes

That: Language in the Tree By-law regarding a tree permit includes the removal of the tree and the stump.

Carried

Amendment:

Moved by: Councillor Noyes

That: The By-law include a provision to permit the removal of any invasive trees located on residential lots, subject to the issuance of an exemption letter.

Lost

Amendment:

Moved by: Councillor Noyes

That: The by-law include a provision requiring that, where a tree is removed from an urban area or in a heritage area and there is sufficient planting capacity at or near the location of removal, the replacement tree shall be planted in that same urban or heritage area.

Carried

9.2.3 PBBS-33-2025

Proposed Amendments to Lot Maintenance By-law to Allow Naturalized Gardens

Recommendation 4

Moved by: Mayor Redekop

That: Council approves the amendments to the Lot Maintenance By-law attached as Appendix 1 to Report PBBS-33-2025.

Carried, as amended

Amendment:

Moved by: Mayor Redekop

That: Pollinator Garden beds will be set back 1 metre from the residential front lot line and front of the side yard lot lines.

Carried

9.3 New Business/Enquiries

9.3.1 Memorandum - Draft Parkland Dedication By-law

Recommendation 5

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

That: Council receives the Memorandum regarding the Draft Parkland Dedication By-law for information purposes.

Carried

9.3.2 Councillor Noyes - Dog Park Enquiry

Councillor Noyes enquired about the installation date of a dog park in Ward 6, raising concerns about the repeated delays to the dog park project, noting it was originally expected to be completed several years ago, with more recent timelines targeting last summer. She recalled that the project was postponed due to the West Main Street reconstruction and believed an RFP had already been issued and approved.

Staff clarified that while an RFP may have gone out for design, the construction tender has not yet been issued. Staff are currently working with the existing road contractor to obtain pricing for the dog park installation in hopes of achieving cost savings by using a contractor already on site.

The quotation received was over budget, so staff are seeking additional quotes for comparison. If the road contractor's price remains the lowest, a capital budget amendment will be brought forward to proceed with the work.

It was confirmed that if the road contractor is awarded the dog park work, installation can begin in the park area as soon as it is safe and accessible, without waiting for the full completion of the road project. Councillor Noyes emphasized the importance of moving forward and requested that staff prioritize the dog park's completion.

9.4 Business Status Report

No changes.

10. Infrastructure Services

Chaired by Councillor Lewis.

10.1 Presentations and Delegations

None.

10.2 Reports

10.2.1 IS-09-2025

Municipal Parking Lot Review

Recommendation 6

Moved by: Mayor Redekop

That: Council approve the staff recommendation **Option A** from Report IS-09-2025, to maintain free parking during the day in municipal parking lots in the Business Improvement Areas, and to allow paid overnight parking, and further

That: Council direct staff to update the necessary By-laws to allow overnight parking in Municipal Lots located in the Business Improvement Areas, and further

That: Council direct staff to update By-law 132-2024 to Establish Fees and Charges for the Town of Fort Erie, as necessary.

Carried

10.3 New Business/Enquiries

10.3.1 Councillor Noyes - Windows to the Water - Signage and Hours of Use

Councillor Noyes raised concerns regarding the current signage at the Town's "Windows to the Water" access points, which fall under both Infrastructure and Planning. While signs indicate that dogs are not allowed, they also note that dogs on leashes are permitted, consistent with park regulations.

Councillor Noyes also expressed concerns on behalf of area residents about the current posted hours of operation, which are from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. She noted that some of these access points are narrow (approximately 60 to 66 feet wide) and directly abut residential properties. Residents have expressed discomfort with individuals lingering in these areas late at night. As a result, she suggested that the hours of use be revised to "dawn to dusk" or "during daylight hours" to reduce disruption to nearby homeowners.

Councillor Noyes acknowledged that any change to the signage or hours would require Council direction and asked that staff prepare a

memo for consideration at the April 28th meeting. Councillor McDermott requested that staff provide clarification on the existing signage and policies so that Council could consider any proposed amendment with a full understanding of the current situation. Staff confirmed that they would prepare a memo accordingly.

10.4 Business Status Report

No Changes.

11. Corporate and Community Services

Chaired by Councillor Flagg.

11.1 Presentations and Delegations

None.

11.2 Reports

11.2.1 CS-04-2025

2024 Development Charges Reserve Fund Status

Recommendation 7

Moved by: Mayor Redekop

That: Council receives Report CS-04-2025 regarding the 2024 Development Charges (DC) Reserve Fund Status, for information purposes, and further

That: Council amends the 2025 Capital Budget to substitute the Sims Ave Upgrade - SH22 capital project (SIMM25) with \$9,250 Road DC Reserve with Road Refurbishing Reserve, and further

That: Council amends the 2025 Capital Budget to substitute the South Ridge Meadows Subdivision Parker Ave capital project (SRMP24) by \$60,708 with funding decreases of \$9,375 to Road DC Reserve and \$51,333 to Storm DC Reserve and increases of \$9,375 from Road Refurbishing Reserve and \$51,333 from Storm Refurbishing Reserve, and further

That: Council amends the 2025 Capital Budget to substitute the South Ridge Meadows Subdivision Wells Ave capital project (SRMW24) by \$60,795 with funding decreases of \$9,450 Roads DC Reserve and \$51,345 Storm DC Reserve and increases of \$9,450 with Road Refurbishing Reserve and \$51,345 with Storm Refurbishing Reserve, and further

That: Council amends the 2025 Capital Budget to reopen and supplement Arthur Street Upgrade capital project (ARTH20) by \$445,600 (including non-rebatable HST) with \$110,825 from the Road

Refurbishing Reserve, \$110,825 from the Road DC Reserve, \$117,655 from the Storm DC Reserve, \$61,315 from the Wastewater DC Reserve and \$44,980 from the Water Refurbishing Reserve, and further

That: Council amends the 2025 Capital Budget to supplement Albany Street capital project (ALBY23) by \$207,770 (including non-rebatable HST) with \$53,170 from the Road Refurbishing Reserve, \$53,170 from the Road DC Reserve, \$50,715 from Storm Refurbishing Reserve and \$50,715 from the Storm DC Reserve.

Carried

11.2.2 LLS-01-2025

Voting Methods for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections

Recommendation 8

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

That: Council authorizes in-person ballot voting using vote tabulators as the primary voting method for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election; and further

That: Council authorizes internet voting as an alternative voting method for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election; and further

That: Council directs Staff to prepare the necessary by-law to authorize the use of internet voting as an alternative voting method.

Carried

11.3 New Business/Enquiries

None.

11.4 Business Status Report

No changes.

12. Closed Session

Recommendation 9

Moved by: Councillor Lewis

That: Council does now go into Closed Session at 9:04 p.m. to consider the following:

12.1 Closed Session Minutes - March 31, 2025

12.2 Memorandum - 271 Ridgeway Road pursuant to Section 239 (c) of the Municipal Act, 2001, a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board

12.3 PBBS-29-2025 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations pursuant to Section 239 (i) of the Municipal Act, 2001, a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group or persons, or organization

12.4 PBBS-30-2025 OLT Appeal - 0-14166 Hendershot Draft Plan of Subdivision Pursuant to Section 239 (e) of the Municipal Act, 2001, litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board

12.5 50 Gilmore Road pursuant to Section 239 (c) of the Municipal Act, 2001, a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board

13. Back to Open Session

Recommendation 10

Moved by: Councillor Lewis

That: Council does now rise and reconvene from closed session at 9:43 p.m. with report:

12.1 **That:** Council approves the Closed Session Minutes of March 31, 2025, and

12.2 **That:** Council authorizes staff to proceed as directed in Closed Session, and

12.3 **That:** Council approves the recommendations in Report PBBS-29-2025 and authorizes staff to proceed as directed in Closed Session, and

12.4 **That:** Council approves the recommendations in Report PBBS-30-2025 and authorizes staff to proceed as directed in Closed Session, and

12.5 **That:** Council authorizes staff to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

Carried

14. Scheduling of Meetings

None.

15. Adjournment

Recommendation 10

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

That: Council adjourns Council-in-Committee at 9:44 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk



February 11th, 2025

Reference: Flag Raising Request to Celebrate Pride Niagara Festival

Dear Town of Fort Erie,

We are excited to let you know that planning for this year's Pride Niagara Festival is well under way!

With the current political climate and rise in hate crimes targeting 2SLGBTQ+ communities, acknowledging our strengths as a community is key to our health and safety.

For the 15th year, we invite each municipality to join our Annual Pride Flag raising on Monday June 2nd as part of this year's Pride Niagara Festival!

Pride Niagara requests that each municipalities Mayor (or council representative) raise the flag (as provided by Pride Niagara) Monday June 2nd. Alongside Pride Niagara representative, we ask each municipality to share words of support and acknowledgement to our 2SLGBTQ+ community.

With this request we ask each municipality to deliver a statement of support during the opening remarks of their first June Council meeting. In support of Niagara's 2SLGBTQ+ communities and Pride Niagara's leadership with the development of positive and safer spaces, providing social connectivity, information and community outreach while spearheading local activism throughout the Niagara Region.

As June is internationally recognized as Pride month, we greatly encourage each municipality to have the flag raised for the month of June, but we formally request the flag to be flown for a minimum of Niagara Pride week. (Saturday May 31st- Sunday June 8th)

To coordinate flag raising across all municipalities on Monday June 2nd, our time request for Town of Fort Erie at 9am. Once the council's participation, date and time are confirmed, Pride Niagara will announce your involvement in this year's festival.

We look forward to continuing building the tradition with each municipality and sincerely hope we can work together.

Thank you,

Enzo De Divitiis
Pride Niagara Board of Directors

Flag raising
Mon June 2
9:00am

Town of Fort Erie
1 Municipal Centre Drive
Fort Erie, Ontario
L2A 2S6

In recognition of Community Living Month in the province of Ontario we would like to request that the Mayor raise our flag at Town Hall on **Thursday May 1, 2025 at 9:00 am.**

We would like to request that Mayor Redekop declare May as Community Living Month in the Town of Fort Erie!

This year we will also be holding a celebratory breakfast after the event at our 615 Industrial Ave address and will be inviting everyone who would like to join us back to our Administrative office.

Community Living Fort Erie would also like the opportunity to make a short presentation to Council in recognition of Community Living Month in April.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding confirmation of the date and time of the flag raising event and the presentation to Town Council.

I may be reached at Community Living ~ Fort Erie 905-871-6770, ext. 227 or sleemet@clfe.ca

Thank you,
Sandra Leemet
Executive Director

Community Living- Fort Erie



Flag Raising:
Apr 29 - 9:00 AM

March 11, 2025

Town Council
Town of Fort Erie
1 Municipal Centre Drive
Fort Erie, ON L2A 2S6



301- 8 Church Street
St. Catharines, ON L2R 3B3
P: 905.684.8688

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RE: Proclamation- Leave a Legacy Month

To Fort Erie Council,

May is Leave a Legacy Month, a national awareness campaign created by Canadian Association of Gift Planners, to highlight the importance and impact of gifts in wills. For many residents in our community, there is a misunderstanding that you need to be wealthy to have philanthropic intentions or to make a real impact in your community. However, generosity is a powerful force for good. Every day people here in Fort Erie are turning intent into impact. They are doing this using the power of their Will. Adding a charitable gift to your Will can make an impact for generations to come and create a legacy your family can be proud of.

Niagara Community Foundation (NCF) is Niagara's philanthropic partner. Through permanent endowment funds NCF has raised over \$91.5 million and has granted in excess of \$31 million to charities across Niagara, since it was founded in 2000. This year marks 25 years of NCF connecting donors to causes and communities to resources.

NCF would like to mark this milestone by raising awareness about the power of your Will to make a lasting impact for generations to come. Leaving just 1% of your estate to charity can make a significant difference. NCF is here to help turn your intent into impact.

Across Niagara, we would like to proclaim May as Leave a Legacy Month, an opportunity to encourage all residents of Fort Erie to leave a gift to charity in your Will. By taking this step, we can ensure a stronger, more vibrant, and more generous Niagara for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bryan Rose".

Bryan Rose

Executive Director, Niagara Community Foundation

Flag Raising
May 5-10:00am

Hepatitis C Care Clinic | Community Coordinator
Niagara Health System | Addiction Services
Karen.Usick@NiagaraHealth.on.ca
W: 905-378-4647 x32555 | C: 289-696-2523
260 Sugarloaf Street, Port Colborne, ON L3K 2N7

March 31, 2025

Greetings and good afternoon!

I am contacting you today on behalf of the Niagara Health System's – Addiction Services - Hepatitis C Care Clinic. Each year the 12 municipalities of Niagara have been so incredible to provide your support and the proclamations for the Canadian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Day awareness. J

In May of 2016, Canada's Health Minister – Jane Philpott signed on to the World Health Organizations (WHO)'s first ever-Global Viral Hepatitis Strategy, with the goal to eliminate viral hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030. To support Canada's Global strategy, all provinces and communities across Canada are working together to raise awareness. I am delighted to announce that we once again will be hosting a Canadian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Day awareness event. We will join our national partners on Friday May 9, 2025 to recognize this very important awareness day! Our program will be collaborating with the Niagara Health System – Welland Hospital Site at 65 Third Street, Welland. Our Community event will run from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Hepatitis C Care Clinic event will encourage individuals to learn about hepatitis, liver health . . . how to receive hepatitis testing, care, and treatment. Our community event will also allow us to highlight the services of Niagara Health System's - Mental Health and Addiction programs. In addition, the care and services of the many community partners that will be joining us at our street-based Health and Social Services Fair. We invite you to join us at our awareness day event! Please feel free to contact me for further details of the event! Alternatively, we can arrange to meet at a more convenient time, to allow us to share about who we are and what we do as a Team! J

Again, this year the following prominent landmarks will illuminate in yellow and red to show their support – Canadian and USA Falls, Peace Bridge and the Welland Bridge 13. Are you wondering how you can help and offer your support! We are inviting you to join with Niagara's awareness campaign, and that of our national partners to proclaim Friday May 9, 2025, as Canadian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Day throughout the 12 municipalities of Niagara. Together we are strong . . . we can join together to raise awareness and to help individuals throughout Niagara!

If you have any questions, or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Take care and have a lovely day!

Karen

Karen Usick – Reg. N

Hepatitis C Care Clinic | Community Coordinator

March 21, 2025

His Worship, Mayor Wayne Redekop

Town of Fort Erie
1 Municipal Centre Drive
Fort Erie, ON L2A 2S6

Dear Wayne,

On behalf of Hospice Niagara, I want to begin by sincerely thanking you and the Town of Fort Erie Council for your steadfast support and commitment to bringing 10 hospice beds to the Fort Erie community. Your leadership in providing a \$150,000 contribution to the capital campaign has been instrumental in getting us to this critical point in the project.

Today, I write to respectfully request that the Town consider increasing its contribution by an additional \$100,000—bringing your total support to \$250,000. This additional funding will help us secure the final capital dollars needed to get the shovel in the ground as soon as possible and guard against further cost escalation due to ongoing construction and tariff increases. With this additional support, we anticipate breaking ground in late spring or early summer of this year, and opening our doors in fall/winter 2026.

We have available, the last family space – the second internal courtyard. This would be an ideal naming opportunity for the Town, and matches the Ridgeway Lions contribution to the other courtyard.

This timeline is essential. As you are aware, Fort Erie's hospital-based palliative care unit is scheduled to close in 2028. By advancing the hospice build now, we can ensure that the new residence is fully operational well before the hospital unit closes, maintaining uninterrupted access to end-of-life care for people in Fort Erie and surrounding communities.

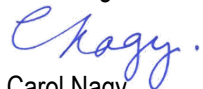
The need for hospice beds across Niagara continues to grow, with waitlists increasing steadily. This new build will not only meet the urgent needs of Fort Erie residents, but will also serve our region as a whole—offering care that is dignified, person-centered, and closer to home.

We are pleased to share that the project has received full endorsement from the Ministry of Health to move forward with tendering, which is now underway. The total projected cost of the build is \$12 million, and we are making steady progress toward reaching this goal. Your continued support will help us cross the finish line.

The Town of Fort Erie has been a tremendous and valued partner in this journey, and we are so grateful for the strong relationship we've built together. We look forward to continuing this partnership as we bring this long-overdue and essential service to life for the people of Fort Erie.

Thank you for considering this request, and for your ongoing leadership and vision.

Warm regards,



Carol Nagy
Executive Director

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**The Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie
Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes**

**March 25, 2025, 4:00 p.m.
Conference Room 1**

1. Call to Order

The March 25, 2025, Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

The staff resource gave the roll call.

Present: Lori Brant, Chair; Dennis Hernandez-Galeano, Vice Chair; Adam McLeod; Gary Kooistra; Marilyn Abbs; Jennica Giesbrecht; David Pantano.

Absent: Lindsay Davis; Councillor Noyes

Staff Resources: Keegan Gennings, Chief Building Official; Sean Hutton, Manager of Facilities and Parks; Bev Bradnam, Manager of Corporate and Community Initiatives.

Guest: Elizabeth Latif, Project Manager, Parks Planner (t 4:24 p.m.).

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Recommendation 1:

Moved by: Marilyn Abbs
seconded by: Adam McLeod

That: The March 25, 2025, Agenda of the Fort Erie Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be approved as printed. (Carried)

5. Adoption of Minutes

Recommendation 2:

Moved by: Marilyn Abbs

Seconded by: Adam McLeod

That: The February 25, 2025 Minutes of the Fort Erie Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be approved as printed. (Carried)

6. Playground Replacements for Goderich Street Park

Project Manager, Parks Planner, Elizabeth Latif, provided a power point presentation outlining the replacement (1 to 1 ratio) for the Goderich Street Playground. It was noted that there were two swings (a belt style and an infant style) and Elizabeth was asked about including an accessible swing. She explained that because it is a replacement they are only able to use the space designated, which would not allow for an additional swing. If it was to be increased it would limit the number of playground equipment pieces as it would impact the “safety zone”. Elizabeth explained that there is currently a ramp to the playground area but not into the surface area and it was noted that it is currently quite a drop. Elizabeth advised that part of the budget will be allocated to include a ramp into the play area to allow for a safer entry.

The AAC members noted their preference for rubberized surfaces in playgrounds as the engineered wood fibre is not accessible; however, they do understand that it is costly and the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (MYAP) does recommend rubberized surfaces for the larger, more frequented playgrounds and those that have a splash pad adjacent.

Elizabeth advised that the Ferndale Park upgrade is being worked on by her colleague, Kathryn, and a tender should be going out late spring-early summer. Following the tender there will be concepts for the AAC to review. Elizabeth also noted that staff have requested additional funding to the approved capital budget so that rubberized surfaces can be included, especially with the splash pad in close proximity.

7. Site Plan Review

There were no site plans to review.

8. Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2019-2023

8.1 Survey Responses

The Committee worked through numbers 16-28.

With respect to parking spaces, Keegan advised that the Zoning By-law has differing designated spaces than what is outlined in the AODA Design of Public Spaces Standard, noting that the DOPS requirements are for municipal lots and does not impact new commercial development as they would fall under the Zoning By-law. It was noted that the AAC does review

site plans and provides comments on parking, occasionally requesting consideration for additional spaces.

Sean will be asked to comment on the Council Chambers doors and when automatic door openers will be considered.

Discussion took place about accessible washrooms not being available after hours for events held in the Erie Road parking lot ("the Grove"). Lori noted that there are no accessible washrooms for use in the downtown Crystal Beach area after hours as the only accessible washroom in a restaurant is now take out only. It was suggested that portable washrooms that are accessible should be considered. Lori recommended a permanent washroom in the Grove that is accessible, but it was noted that the Town leases the parking lot on Erie Road. Lori suggested that the BIA could be given a key to the beach washrooms to be used during after hour events. Bev advised that two agreements are coming forward on Monday night for use of the Grove and perhaps Councillor Noyes could ask about washroom facilities. *(Following the meeting, Sean advised that there was one accessible portable toilet in the Grove last year and in past years and one standard toilet. For 2025, staff have ordered two of each for placement in the Grove).*

8.2 Awareness Campaign re Parking and Blocking of Sidewalks

See Item 9.9 – AAC members will be participating in Ridgifest to kick-start the campaign and social media will also be used for messaging.

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8.3 Recognition of Accessibility Improvements

Bev advised that she has notified the Clerk's Department that we would like to recognize the StopGap ramp businesses that participated in the program and certificates will be presented at the Council meeting of May 26, 2025, during National AccessAbility Week – NAAW.

9. Outstanding Business

9.1 Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee

Bev advised that 2025 is the year to submit compliance reports to the Province. Many of her colleagues that belong to the Ontario Network of Accessibility Professionals have reported that those municipalities that have Specialized Transit services have received notification from the Province that a desk audit will be undertaken. The Region of Niagara is one of the many municipalities that are having to undergo the audit.

9.2 Parking Concerns

Dave noted that the Avondale on Ridgeway Road has two ramps but they are right in front of the parking spots and difficult to access. Dave also

noted that there is a salt box in between the Chinese Restaurant and Avondale store that blocks the sidewalk and makes it difficult if you are trying to get between businesses, especially with a mobility device. It was noted that the salt box may have been moved now that the winter is over but the Committee felt it important to advise the owner that the salt box should not be placed there in the future.

9.3 Barrel Restaurant Access

A letter was forwarded to the Barrel with the previous March 17, 2023, letter attached. Committee members suggested having a meeting in their separate room and show them how difficult it is for persons with disabilities and the elderly to open the heavy doors. Remove from outstanding.

9.4 Beatties - accessible door

The door closest to the accessible parking space has been opened and it was agreed that the sidewalk is not wide enough to allow for an automatic door unless it opens inward. Bev did follow-up but no response has been received. Remove from outstanding.

9.5 Transit Issues

Bev read excerpts from the Niagara Transit Commission's letter dated March 3, 2025, addressed to the Town Clerk in relation to the AAC's resolution from September 2024 and the request to attend a future Council meeting to answer specific questions. The NTC's General Manager, Carla Stout, advised that she was not provided direction by the Board to attend a Council meeting. Bev advised that the General Manager had recently attended a Council meeting in Grimsby and was asked by a Council member how much the Town of Grimsby pays and how many riders there were and the Councillor calculated that each ride was costing taxpayers \$80.00. While transit has always been subsidized, it was noted that this is not efficient or cost effective under the current framework.

Lori advised that riders are completely frustrated and another individual was stranded in Welland on Saturday. Lori advised that she has followed up with the Niagara Falls Councillor that suggested all accessibility committee members meet but she has advised that there is currently too much going on. Dennis advised that some AAC members were considering going to Regional Council to request details about why funding was cut. Committee members advised that they would also like details on what was actually cut from the Transit budget, especially since the Town is being required to pay so much more. Committee members requested that the Mayor and Regional Councillor be invited to the April meeting to discuss the Committee's concerns and request details about the budget cuts made. Lori asked that we provide facts to both the Mayor and Regional Councillor that shows what we had in terms of vehicles, ridership numbers and operating costs vs. what we are receiving now.

Bev will provide Jennifer Pennell-Ajie (staff member who was the Town's Transit Supervisor when the Town ran the service) with the response from Carla Stout, which questions the numbers provided by Jennifer to the Committee and ask her to clarify other details contained in the letter. Bev reviewed the questions that were outlined in last month's minutes that are going to Council on March 31, 2025. Committee members will provide any additional questions they would like to ask prior to the next meeting. It was noted that the new policy related to not pulling into people's driveways that require specialized transit should also be included in the discussions. Lori described a recent incident about someone being left outside and 911 had to be called to assist the individual. The family of the individual has written a letter to the Niagara Transit Commission, and they are looking into it.

9.6 Accessible Archery

Dave advised that he has followed up with an email. Remain on outstanding.

9.7 Seniors Stepping Out Event - June 14, 2025

Committee members advised that they would prefer participating in Ridgifest as the SSO event takes place during Father's Day weekend and no one was available to participate.

9.8 Access Now

Bev advised that we can start populating the Access Now app and she will be keeping an eye out for any type of funding that may be available to conduct more in-depth validation and/or Map Missions.

9.9 SeaTrac

Lori advised that, following out last meeting, she contacted the company and they are looking for a Canadian distributor and she has reached out to an individual in the York Region to see if there is any interest.

10. New Business

10.1 Proclamation for National AccessAbility Week (NAAW) - May 25-31, 2025

National AccessAbility Week (NAAW) is a time when accessibility and inclusion are promoted across communities and workplaces, and a time to celebrate the contributions of Canadians with disabilities.

Recommendation 3:

Moved by: Adam McLeod
Seconded by: Marilyn Abbs

That: Council proclaims May 25-31, 2025, as "National AccessAbility Week". (Carried)

11. Next Meeting Date

The next AAC meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in Conference Room #1 at Town Hall.

12. Adjournment

Recommendation 4:

Moved by: Marilyn Abbs

Seconded by: Gary Kooistra

That: The March 25, 2025, meeting of the Fort Erie Accessibility Advisory Committee does now hereby adjourn at 5:59 p.m. (Carried)



Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

February 24th, 2025 at 4:30 pm

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:38pm

2. Roll Call

The Chair gave the roll call.

Present: Paige Henneberger, Mackenzie Arts, William Connor, Linkyn Willick, Adelaide Dy, Athena Bozich, Giulia Piazza, Dario Costa, Addison Wightman, Rileigh Arts, Alyssa Poulin, Grace Wang, Erica ZhaoKing Ndibwami, Alexis Isaacs, and Queen Ndibwami,

Absent: Mojeed Fayemi, King Ndibwami, Hailey Hudson, and Nicholas Mete

Staff: Mayor Redekop and Krista Connor

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

That: The Agenda for February 24th, 2025 be adopted as presented.

Moved by: Adelaide Dy

Seconded by: William Connor

Carried

5. Adoption of Minutes

That: The Minutes for January 27th, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Moved by: Erica ZhaoKing

Seconded by: Linkyn willick

Carried

6. Correspondence

7. Presentations and Delegations

- a. none

8. Mayor's Report

- a. Mr. Mayor complimented how well the Student Led Leadership Conference at GFESS went, and how important it was for the youth.

9. Business Arising From Minutes

- a. Free Skate (March 12th, 2-3:30pm)
 - Mackenzie Arts passed around a sign up sheet to see who can attend
 - Wear MYAC sweaters.
- b. March Tween Dance (April 5th, 6-8pm)
 - We also used the same sign up sheet as the free skate to see who can attend
 - Mrs. Connor will purchase pop, pizza and bring a change float
 - Decorations: no more balloon arch because it got popped, we can replace them with streamers, as well as update our DJ booth, and have a song request list (QR code or instagram). Mackenzie will get decorations.
 - Committee also wants to open it up to grade 5 students as well.
 - Mackenzie suggested we will visit the Elementary Schools to advertise.
 - Adelaide Dy will go to St. Philomena
 - Alyssa Poulin will go to St. Joseph
 - Linkyn Willick will go to OLV and Peace Bridge
 - Paige Henneberger will go to John Brant
 - Rileigh Arts will do Garrison
 - William Connor can do St George
 - Mackenzie Arts can drop off at Stevensville
 - Mackenzie Arts will order cards and get them to MYAC members.
- c. Everyday Influencer Leadership Conference
 - Everyone also agreed how they loved the speakers.
 - Committee loved the interactiveness of the workshops as well as how many options there were
 - Adelaide Dy liked the "No Idea is a Bad Idea" workshop and how you can develop events from small ideas.
 - Linkyn Willick liked what Audrey said about how you don't have to be the smartest or the loudest in the room to be a good leader.
- d. Community Volunteering Events
 - Erica Zhao couldn't find any
 - Grace Wang and William Connor are going to try to see if we have anymore options as to how to get involved.
- e. Elementary Partnerships
 - Mrs. Connor and William Connor said they wanted to make this an end of year initiative.
- f. March Social Media Campaigns
 - Mackenzie complimented Athena and Paige saying they looked great.
 - Athena will take the lead on our St. Patrick's Day Craft initiative to post on Social Media.
- g. Earth Day Initiatives
 - Mr. Connor will look into planting trees with Friends of Fort Erie Creeks.

- April 22 is Earth Day, Mackenzie Arts suggested a clean up on the Friendship Trail and maybe split up to different ends and meet in the middle.
- Mr Mayor suggested Mackenzie reach out to Sean Hutton to see which areas are in need of a group to clean up.
- h. Sports Event
 - Committee voted on a Sports Event or Talent Showcase, and came to a consensus to run a Talent Showcase.
 - Committee decided to also run a Food Drive Competition.
- i. Talent Showcase
 - Athena Bozich will talk to the GFESS Dance Team to find participants.
 - Mackenzie Arts suggested we reach out to High Schools and Elementary Schools early on for performers.
 - Mackenzie Arts will reach out to inquire about available days to book the banquet hall.

10. Sub-committee Reports

- a. Promotions
- b. Communications
- c. Miscellaneous
- d. Activities
- e. Attendance
- f. Meeting Preparation

11. New Business

- a. Earth Day Social Media Campaigns
 - Mackenzie explained that last year MYAC did a week of tips to protect the planet that were posted each day of the week.
 - Athena Bozich will send a signup sheet for who can do what.
- b. Food Drive Competition
 - Committee will discuss it closer to.
- c. Budget Report
 - Will revisit once the treasurer has an updated report.

The next meeting of **MYAC** will be held on March 31st at 4:30pm in Conference Room #1.

12. Adjournment

That: The Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee adjourns at 5:08pm

Carried by: Addison Wightman

Seconded by: Paige Henneberger

Carried

Mackenzie Arts

Mackenzie Arts, Chair

Addison Wightman

Addison Wightman, Secretary



Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

March 31st, 2025 at 4:30 pm

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:35pm

2. Roll Call

The Chair gave the roll call.

Present: Mackenzie Arts, Rileigh Arts, Paige Henneberger, Linkyn Willick, William Connor, Athena Bozich, Mojeed Fayemi, Queen Ndibwami, King Ndibwami, Grace Wang, Erica Zhou, Adelaide Dy, Giulia Piazza, Alyssa Poulin, Dario Costa

Absent: Addison Wighman, Hailey Hudson, Nicholas Mete, Alexis Isaacs

Staff: Cole Patton, Mayor Redekop, Bill Connor, Krista Connor

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

That: The Agenda for March 31st, 2025 be adopted as presented.

Moved by: Adelaide Dy

Seconded by: Erica Zhou

Carried

5. Adoption of Minutes

That: The Minutes for February 24th, 2025 be adopted as presented.

Moved by: Linkyn Willick

Seconded by: Athena Bozich

Carried

6. Correspondence

7. Presentations and Delegations

- a. none

8. Mayor's Report

- Mr. Mayor reported on how multiple groups in the community are interested in doing Community Clean Ups so they are looking at running two during the year.
- He also noted that there will be some of them joining us for our clean up and photos for social media.
- Lastly, he encouraged us to send our Earth Day social media campaign to Cole to be posted on the Town socials as well.

9. Business Arising From Minutes

- a. Free Skate Recap
 - Mackenzie noted that there was a good turnout of families and children but we are hoping to have more MYAC members attend as last time it was just her and Rileigh.
- b. March Tween Dance (April 5th, 6-8pm)
 - Our Tween Dance is this Saturday, April 5th from 6-8pm.
 - Mackenzie instructed MYAC members to come at 5:30pm to set up.
 - Committee decided on no balloon arch and instead to do a photo booth/wall and have a DJ booth.
 - The Connors will deal with purchasing pop and ordering pizza ahead of time.
 - Wear MYAC hoodies!
- c. Community Volunteering Events
 - Erica and Will reported on local volunteering events that MYAC can help with for Easter.
 - The Fort Erie Library is running an Egg Hunt on April 17 from 4-5pm. Erica and Adelaide will look into how MYAC can help with this.
- d. Earth Day Clean Up
 - Tuesday, April 22 at Sugar Bowl Park, starting at 3:30pm.
 - Mackenzie will be in touch with Sean Hutton to provide supplies.
 - All of MYAC is to attend, Mackenzie passed around the sign up sheet. Community members and other youth are also invited.
- e. Tree Planting
 - Mr Connor reported that we will partner with Friends of Fort Erie Creeks to plant 10 trees at the Stevensville Conservation Area.
 - The tentative date is Thursday, April 24 at 3:30pm.
- f. Earth Day Social Media Campaigns
 - Athena will send out a form to sign up for making posters. A different Earth Day tip or fact will be on each one.
 - Post from April 15-22.
 - Posts done by next Friday and sent to Athena.
 - Rileigh, Erica, Will, Adelaide, Dario, Paige, Mackenzie signed up to make posters.
 - Mackenzie and Rileigh will format them so they all match and are cohesive.
 - Mr. Mayor suggested we send posters to Cole to be posted on Town socials as well.
- g. Food Drive Competition
 - Will revisit more in May
 - Mackenzie explained that our previous prize was \$500 worth of arts/sports supplies, Mackenzie and William will look at the budget to see where we see room for that.
- h. Talent Showcase (June 11th)
 - On Wednesday June 11 at 4pm (ending time TBD)

- Mackenzie explained that we need a liaison at each school to talk to the art/ music teachers. Lakeshore: Erica and Adelaide, NCC: Queen, GFESS: Linkyn
- The committee agreed we should hold more MYAC meetings for getting work done and preparing for our Talent Showcase. Mackenzie will email Diana Kelley to book the Conference Room.
- Mackenzie suggested we partner with the library, Erica and Adelaide will look into this.
- Committee also suggested a bake sale and will revisit this idea.

10. Sub-committee Reports

- Promotions
- Communications
- Miscellaneous
- Activities
- Attendance
- Meeting Preparation

11. New Business

- MYAC Scholarships
 - Mackenzie has poster we can use from last year to send this out ASAP to Guidance Counsellors and schools.
 - Adelaide will send information to Guidance Counselor at Lakeshore and Mackenzie will do the same for GFESS.
 - Scholarship will be due on May 23rd to vote on May 26th meeting.
 - Secondary Scholarship is \$500, same criteria as last year (volunteerism, community service, over 80% average, attending post secondary).
 - Elementary Scholarship is \$50, nominated by each school.
- End of Year Celebration
 - Mackenzie explained that typically the MYAC does an end of year celebration to celebrate all of our accomplishments during the year.
 - Ideas were: Ice cream party, candy salad, bowling (lucky strikes), go for dinner, and movie night.
 - Mackenzie will look into cost of these events and update the committee.

The next meeting of MYAC will be held on April 28th at 4:30pm in Conference Room #1.

12. Adjournment

That: The Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee adjourns at 5:11pm

Carried by: Paige Henneberger

Seconded by: Rileigh Arts

Carried

Mackenzie Arts

Mackenzie Arts, Chair

Paige Henneberger

Paige Henneberger, Vice Chair
(Acting Secretary)



**Community Gaming Development Corporation (CGDC)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 19, 2025
Conference Room 1**

1 Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm.

2 Roll Call

The Chair gave the roll call.

Present: Larry Graber, (Chair), Mike Foster, (Vice-Chair), Mark Lacasse (Secretary/Treasurer), Margo Pinder, Deanna Ward, Alonte Vassallo and Councillor McDermott

Absent: Rayomand Darukhanawalla and Karlee Griffin, Manager of Accounting Services

Staff: Grace Gress, Coordinator, Gaming Compliance

3 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

3.1 Councillor McDermott – Fort Erie Multicultural Centre – Councillor McDermott is a member of the organization

4 Adoption of the Agenda

Resolution 1

The Agenda for February 19, 2025 was adopted by unanimous consent.

Carried

5 Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution 2

The Minutes for November 27th, 2024 were approved by unanimous consent.

Carried

6 Correspondence

None.

7 Coordinator, Gaming Compliance's Report

7.1 Financials

Board members reviewed and discussed the Net Proceeds Available to Charities and the Monthly Event Share Reports.

7.2 Monthly Report

Meeting with OLG/OCGA

Staff attended the biannual Municipal Consultation meeting with the OLG and OCGA held via ZOOM. Discussion topics included a cGaming update, budget based permitting, OLG update, policies discussion and a discussion of use of proceeds.

7.3 Response to Enquiries

None.

8 Allocations and Applications

a. March Allocations

Resolution 3

Moved by Alonte Vassallo
Seconded by Mark Lacasse

That: the CGDC Board of Directors approves the March budget allocations as presented for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025;

- i. Arid Group Homes (Niagara) - \$60,000
- ii. Canadian Mental Health Association - \$30,000
- iii. Community Living Fort Erie - \$75,000
- iv. Douglas Memorial Hospital Auxiliary - \$15,000
- v. Fort Erie Meals on Wheels - \$32,000
- vi. Niagara Victim Crisis Support Services - \$7,500
- vii. Strong Fort Erie Neighbourhoods - \$45,000
- viii. Women's Place of South Niagara - \$70,000

That: CGDC staff notify the permittees of their preliminary budget allocation.

Resolution 4

Moved by Mike Foster

Seconded by Alonte Vassallo

That: the CGDC Board of Directors approves the budget allocation as presented for Fort Erie Multicultural Centre of \$80,000, and

That: CGDC staff notify the permittee of their preliminary budget allocation.

Carried

9 New Business and Enquiries

None

10 Next Meeting Date

10.1 March 26th, 2025

11 Adjournment

That: The CGDC Board of Directors adjourns at 5:55 pm.

Larry Graber, Chair

Grace A. Gress, Coordinator, Gaming Compliance



Community Gaming Development Corporation (CGDC)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 26, 2025
Conference Room 1

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm

2. Roll Call

The Chair gave the roll call.

Present: Larry Graber (Chair), Mike Foster, Larry Graber (Vice-Chair), Mark Lacasse (Secretary/Treasurer), Raymond Darukhanawalla, Margo Pinder, Alonte Vassallo and Deanna Ward

Absent: Councillor McDermott

Staff: Grace Gress, Coordinator, Gaming Compliance and Karlee Griffin, Manager, Accounting Services

Guests: None

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

a. None

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by: Rayomand Darukhanawalla

Seconded by: Mike Foster

That: The agenda for March 26, 2025, be adopted as presented.
Carried

5. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Alonte Vassallo

Seconded by: Margo Pinder

That: The Minutes for February 19, 2025 be adopted as presented.
Carried

6. Correspondence

- a. None

7. Coordinator, Gaming Compliance's Report

- a. Financials

Board members reviewed and discussed the Net Proceeds Available to Charities and the Monthly Event Share Report.

- b. Monthly Report to the Board

Staff shared a copy of the presentation with board members for their feedback, prior to the Chair presenting it to Council.

8. Allocations and Applications

- a. April Allocations

Moved by: Rayomand Darukhanawalla

Seconded by: Margo Pinder

That: the CGDC Board of Directors approves the April budget allocations as presented for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2026;

- i. Friends of Lakeshore Catholic High School - \$16,425
- ii. Ganawageh Urban Homes - \$65,000
- iii. Greater Fort Erie Minor Hockey Association - \$90,000

That: CGDC staff notify the permittees of their preliminary budget allocation.

Carried

- b. Applications

Hamilton Health Sciences Foundation – Application to Manage and Conduct Raffles

Moved by: Mike Foster

Seconded by: Margo Pinder

Whereas: Hamilton Health Sciences Foundation has made application to manage and conduct raffle lotteries and,

Whereas: the applicant has met all necessary requirements needed to manage and conduct raffle lotteries,

Now therefore be it resolved that: the CGDC does hereby grant permission to Hamilton Health Science Foundation to manage and conduct raffle lotteries.

Carried

9. New Business and Enquiries

- a. None

10. Next Meeting Date

- a. Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 4:00 pm in Conference Room #1

11. Adjournment

That: The CGDC Board of Directors adjourns at 3:52 pm

Larry Graber, Chair

Grace A. Gress, Coordinator, Gaming Compliance



Crystal Beach Business Improvement Area Board of Management SPECIAL Meeting Minutes

Sunday March 2nd, 2025 at 2:00 pm
Fretz Heating & Plumbing office – 3998 Erie Road, Crystal Beach

1. Call to Order

The chair called the meeting to order at 2:13pm

2. Roll Call

Present: Kirk Fretz, Tom Lewis, Regan Greatrix, Melissa Dubois

Absent with regrets: Chris Hawkswell, Robin Bannerman

3. Agenda Items

A) The following events were reviewed and approved for 2025:

- **HER Weekend** – April 11, 12 & 13, 2025 – celebrating women – various businesses sponsoring with activities and special offers (previously carried)
- **Crystal Beach MONOPOLY game** – April, May, June 2025 - in lieu of the previously sanctioned monthly pub crawls – a monopoly game featuring ALL businesses in the downtown area plus landmarks, will be created to involve all retail and run for 3 months. Completed cards will be entered to win gift cards / gift certificates.
- **ACB March of Umbrellas** – May 10th, 2025 – ACB invites all to do a stroll in CB (previously carried)
- **Farmers Market** – May 18th – October 12th, 2025 – annual Farmers Market in the Grove on Sundays 9am to 2pm
- **Crystal Beach Civic Celebration** - July 1st – July 4th Festival – CDN & US celebrations in the Grove, beer tent, 2-3 food trucks and bands
- **Groove in the Grove** – Saturday evening live band series to help create a vibe from 5pm to 7:30pm encouraging visitors and locals to discover the downtown area
- **SupperMarket** – Thursday June 26th – Thursday August 29th 5pm to 9pm for 10 consecutive weeks in Waterfront Park – live entertainment on stage, food trucks and beer tent managed by KIN Club
- **Derby Days** – Derby Road closed to vehicular traffic from Erie Road to Lincoln to encourage entertainment and games Friday evenings through Sunday evenings in the summer – June 27th to August 29th
- **Disco on Derby** – Saturday August 30th, 2025 – Derby Road closure from 7pm to 11pm for a disco party in the street.
- **CB5K & FallFest** – CDN Thanksgiving weekend Saturday October 11th, 2025. Annual 5k run along Erie Road (involving road closure from 9am to 3pm). Running times announced on stage in the Grove followed by FallFest activities. Licensed area, live entertainment and 2-3 food trucks.

- **Halloween Walk** – Saturday October 25th, 2025 – 3:00pm to 5:00pm -annual Halloween walk involving Erie & Derby Road closures whereby Trick or Treat'ers stroll the downtown district receiving candy from businesses. Themed activities may also be planned in the Grove.
- **Crystal Beach Derby Road Christmas Market** – December 5th to 7th, 2025
- **Hangover Hustle** – mini marathon on Derby Road at noon on New Year's Day. Road closure on Derby to the Queen's Circle from 10am to 2pm.

Moved by: Melissa Dubois

Seconded by: Regan Greatrix

Carried

B) Digital Property Ownership Policy

Be it resolved that all digital and social media accounts associated with the Crystal Beach Business Improvement Area (CBBIA), including but not limited to the BIA website, LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, and event-related accounts (e.g., Supper Market), be linked to the CBBIA's official email rather than personal/individual accounts.

Furthermore, all passwords and membership list/contacts shall be securely maintained by the BIA Treasurer and the appointed Councillor, unless otherwise directed by the CBBIA Board or the Town of Fort Erie.

Moved by: Regan Greatrix

Seconded by: Melissa Dubois

Carried

C) Crystal Beach 2025 Supper Market

Motion to approve the Ridgeway Crystal Beach Kin Club (RCKC) as the operator/vendor of the Beer, Wine, and Music for the Crystal Beach BIA (CBBIA) 2025 Crystal Beach Supper Market. RCKC will have a shared management role, with an 80/20 revenue split between RCKC and CBBIA. Kirk will serve as the primary contact, with Councillor Tom Lewis as an additional board representative on the Supper Market Committee.

Moved by: Regan Greatrix

Seconded by: Melissa Dubois

Carried

4. Next Meeting Date

Crystal Beach AGM Wednesday, March 12th, 2025 at 6:00 pm @ the Fort Erie Public Library, Crystal Ridge Branch Meeting Room.

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:03pm.

Moved by: Melissa Dubois

Carried



**The Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie
Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Minutes**

**April 9, 2025, 3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 1**

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.

2. Roll Call

W. Thomas gave the roll call.

Present: A. Morrison, K. Kendrick, A. Chiarello, S. Towner, W. Redekop, W. Thomas

Staff: A. Hair, E. Terry, C. McQueen, B. Antonio

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Adoption of the Agenda

That: The Agenda for April 9, 2025 be adopted as presented.

Moved by: A. Chiarello

Seconded by: S. Towner

Carried

5. Adoption of Minutes

That: The Minutes for September 11, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Moved by: A. Chiarello

Seconded by: S. Towner

Carried

6. Staff Updates

B. Antonio provided an update on the AHCIP and number of active applications.

E. Terry provided an update on Regional CIP's following the CIP Coordinator meeting at the Region.

7. New Business

W. Redekop made a motion nominating W. Thomas as co-chair to the AHAC.
Seconded By: A. Chiarello

Carried

A. Chiarello requested that AHAC members review the future plan for the committee and what else the committee can achieve now that the AHCIP is in place. Would like this to be an agenda item at the next AHAC meeting.

It was discussed that AHAC members should review the lodging house by-law passed by Port Colborne Council.

A. Morrison to provide update to committee on development at 745 Crescent Road.

W. Redekop to forward Niagara College contact information to staff to request a "tiny home" presentation at upcoming AHAC meeting.

8. Next Meeting Dates

July 9, 2025 - 3:00 PM, Conference Room #1.

9. Adjournment

That: The AHAC Committee adjourns at 3:52.

Moved by: A. Chiarello

Seconded by: S. Towner

Carried



Memorandum

Planning and Development Services

Prepared for: Regular Council

Meeting Date: Monday, April 28, 2025

Title: Black Creek Water Windows

The Town of Fort Erie Waterfront Strategy places an emphasis on creating Waterfront Windows for use and enjoyment of residents and visitors. Community Planning Staff have been working to complete a Waterfront Windows project in the Black Creek Neighbourhood that predates the current Staff.

The project has confirmed survey lines, informed residents that any encroachments need to be removed, installed signage that was previously prepared and stored at a Town facility and going forward will incorporate tree plantings along the boundaries of the windows, add benches and pathways at select locations.

Councillor Noyes contacted Staff to share two concerns from residents about the current signage installed at the Waterfront Windows:

1. The time listed is from 6am to 11pm
2. Dogs are currently not permitted at these locations (even on a leash)

As these signs were printed a few years ago, they do not reflect that *By-law No. 73-2021* was amended via *By-law No. 138-2022* to permit dogs in parks and public spaces excluding beaches on a leash. The current signs are consistent with Park and Open Space signs throughout the Town as these signs have not been updated since the new By-law was adopted. Staff do not foresee this as a significant issue because By-law Staff are aware of the new By-law and no one will be penalized for walking with their dogs on a leash in these public spaces.

The current times listed on the Waterfront Window signs are consistent with the hours posted for Parks and Open Spaces throughout the Town. For the purposes of consistency, Staff do not recommend changing the Waterfront Window times for one area. In addition, "Dusk to Dawn" will vary dependent on the time of the year and creates enforcement challenges.

Based on Council direction Staff could order decals (heavy duty stickers) to make the requested amendment to the signs. Staff estimate that this will cost about \$1000.00 for all 5 of the Black Creek Signs and would require an increase to the Park enhancement budget, however, Staff do not recommend amending these signs in isolation. Council may want to consider making this a larger project for Parks and Open Space signs throughout the entire municipality for consistency if a change at this location is desired.

Prepared by:
Edward Terry MCIP, RPP
Manager of Policy and Community Planning





The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie
By-law 31-2025

**Being a By-law to Authorize the Use of Internet Voting as an Alternative
Voting Method for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections**

Whereas Section 42 (1)(b) of the *Municipal Elections Act* permits municipalities to make use of alternative voting methods; and

Whereas By-law 115-2000 was passed by the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie on May 23, 2000, to permit the use of voting and vote counting equipment at elections; and

Whereas Report LLS-01-2025 was considered and approved at the Council-in-Committee meeting held on April 14, 2025, to authorize the use of internet voting as an alternative voting method for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections; and

Whereas it is deemed desirable to authorize the use of internet voting for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections;

Now, therefore, the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie enacts as follows:

- 1. That** internet voting is authorized as an alternative voting method for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections.
- 2. That** the Clerk of the Town is authorized to affect any minor modifications, corrections or omissions, solely of an administrative, numerical, grammatical, semantical or descriptive nature to this by-law or its schedules after the passage of this by-law.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 28th day of April 2025.

Mayor

Clerk



The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie
By-law 32-2025

**Being a By-law to Authorize the Entry into a Licence Agreement with the
Crystal Beach Business Improvement Area
Board of Management (CBBIA) (Farmers’ Market)**

Whereas By-Law 48-2024 authorized the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Licence Agreement with the CBBIA for the operation and management of the Farmers’ Market and the use of the Erie Road Parking Lot; and

Whereas the said Licence Agreement for the 2024 seasonal Farmers’ Market expired on October 14, 2024; and

Whereas it is deemed desirable to enter into a new Licence Agreement with the Crystal Beach Business Improvement Area Borad of Management for the operation and management of the Farmers’ Market at the Grove with an automatic yearly renewal clause;

Now, therefore, the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie enacts as follows:

- 1. **That** the entry into a Licence Agreement with the CBBIA for the annual operation and management of the Farmers’ Market and the use of the Erie Road Parking Lot, in a form satisfactory to the Town’s Solicitor, is authorized and approved.
- 2. **That** the Mayor and Clerk of the Town is authorized and directed to execute the Licence Agreement and to affix the corporate seal thereto.
- 3. **That** the Clerk of the Town is authorized to affect any minor modifications, corrections or omissions, solely of an administrative, numerical, grammatical, semantical or descriptive nature to this by-law or its schedules after the passage of this by-law.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 28th day of April 2025.

Mayor

Clerk



**The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie
By-law 33-2025**

**Being a By-law to Exempt a Certain Block in
Plan 59M-506 from Part Lot Control,
Royal Ridge Drive
Part of Block 1 (Royal Ridge Subdivision)
2834127 Ontario Limited (Andrew Sacco) – Owner**

Whereas the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie deems that the lands described in section 1 of this by-law should be exempted from the provisions of subsection 50(5) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended (the “*Planning Act*”), since such lands are to be used for dwelling units as permitted by Zoning By-law No. 129-90, as amended;

Now therefore the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie enacts as follows:

- 1. **That** the provisions of subsection 50(5) of the *Planning Act* shall not apply to the lands described as follows:
 - (a) Part of Block 1
Registered Plan 59M-506, Fort Erie
Designated as Parts 1-3 inclusive on Reference Plan 59R-18236

For the purposes of creating three (3) lots for residential development.
- 2. **That** in accordance with subsection 50(7.3) of the *Planning Act*, this by-law shall expire one year from the date of the registration of this by-law in the Land Registry Office at which time subsection 50(5) of the *Planning Act* shall apply to those lands in the reference plan described in Section 1 of this by-law.
- 3. **That** upon final passage of this by-law, the Town Law Clerk shall cause this by-law to be registered in the local Land Registry Office.
- 4. **That** the Clerk of the Town is authorized to affect any minor modifications, corrections or omissions, solely of an administrative, numerical, grammatical, semantical or descriptive nature to this by-law or its schedules after the passage of this by-law.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 28th day of April, 2025.

Mayor

Clerk



The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie By-law 34-2025

Being a By-law to Set the 2025 Tax Rates and to Levy Taxes for the Year 2025

Whereas Section 312(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25 as amended, (the “*Act*”) provides for the purposes of raising the general local municipality levy, a local municipality shall, each year, pass a by-law levying a separate tax rate, as specified in the by-law, on the assessment in each property class in the local municipality rateable for local municipality purposes; and

Whereas Section 312(6) of the *Act* provides that the tax rates to be levied under subsection (2) or (4) are subject to the following restrictions

1. The rates must be set so that when levied on the applicable assessment rateable for local municipality purposes, an amount equal to the general local municipality levy or special local municipality levy, as the case may be, is raised.
2. The rates on the different classes of property must be in the same proportion to each other as the tax ratios established under section 308 for the property classes are to each other; and

Whereas Section 257.7 (1) of the *Education Act* R.S.O. 1990, c. E.2, as amended, (the “*Education Act*”) provides that every municipality shall, subject to the regulations, in each year, levy tax at the rates prescribed under Section 257.12 of the *Education Act*, on residential and business property in the municipality, according to the last returned assessment roll; and

Whereas Section 257.12 (1) of the *Education Act* provides that the Minister of Finance may make regulations prescribing the tax rates for school purposes for the purposes of Section 257.7; and

Whereas The Regional Municipality of Niagara has by By-law 2025-04 set Niagara’s 2025 tax ratios at 1.0000 for the residential class, 1.0000 for the new multi-residential class, 1.9700 for the multi-residential class, 1.7021 for the pipelines class, 1.7349 for the commercial class, 2.6300 for the industrial class and 2.140048 for the aggregate extraction class; and

Whereas The Regional Municipality of Niagara has, by By-law 2025-03, set the tax rates for the Region Levy, Waste Management and Transit; and

Whereas the Minister of Finance has by Ontario Regulation 420/24 prescribed the tax rates for school purposes; and

Whereas it is necessary for the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie, pursuant to the *Act*, to levy on the whole rateable property according to the last returned assessment roll for the 2025 tax levy for the Town of Fort Erie, the sums set forth for various purposes in Schedule A attached to and forming part of this by-law.

Now, therefore, the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie enacts as follows:

1. **That** for the Year 2025, the levy upon the assessment classes of the rates of taxation pursuant to current value assessment for general purposes as set out in Schedule A attached to and forming part of this by-law, is approved and adopted.
2. **That** the levy provided for in Schedule A attached to this by-law shall be reduced by the amount of the interim levy for 2025 as approved by By-law 2-2025.

3. **That** payments in lieu of taxes due to The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie shall be based on the assessment roll and the tax rates for the Year 2025.
4. **That** in the case of railway right-of-way and utility transmission corridor taxes due to The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie in accordance with the regulations as prescribed by the Minister of Finance, pursuant to the *Act*, the actual amount due to The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie shall be based on the assessment roll and the tax rates for the Year 2025 as approved by regulation.
5. **That** the following due dates and tax rates are established for the following assessment classes for the final tax levy for 2025:

a) Due on each of June 30, 2025, and September 29, 2025

<u>Class</u>	<u>2025 Rate</u>
Residential	1.818524%
Pipelines	3.714888%
Farmlands and Managed Forests	0.454632%
Commercial, no education (PBA)	2.889517%

b) Due on each of July 31, 2025, and September 29, 2025

<u>Class</u>	<u>2025 Rate</u>
Multi-residential	3.434082%
Commercial occupied	3.769517%
Commercial, excess/vacant	3.769517%
Industrial, occupied	5.260328%
Industrial, excess/vacant	5.260328%
Aggregate Extraction	4.075301%

Non-payment of the amount on the dates stated above shall constitute default, and any subsequent installments shall become payable.

6. **That** the minimum tax bill shall not be less than \$10.00.
7. **That** taxes shall be paid on or before the due date of each installment to the Treasurer of the Town of Fort Erie at 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6, or at most financial institutions, in accordance with the provisions of this by-law.
8. **That** a penalty of one and one-quarter percent (1.25%) of the amount of each installment shall be imposed on the first day of default and an interest charge of one and one-quarter percent (1.25%) imposed on the first day of each calendar month thereof in which default continues until the taxes are paid as prescribed by Section 345 of the *Act*.
9. **That** the Treasurer is authorized to accept part payment from time to time on account of any taxes due, and to give a receipt of such part payment. No part payment shall be accepted on account of taxes in respect of which a tax arrears certificate is registered under the *Act*, except under an extension agreement entered into under Section 378 of the *Act*.
10. **That** the Clerk of the Town is authorized to affect any minor modifications, corrections or omissions, solely of an administrative, numerical, grammatical, semantical or descriptive nature to this by-law or its schedules after the passage of this by-law.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 28th day of April 2025.

Mayor

Clerk

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE
2025 TAX RATES**

Schedule A to By-law 34-2025

Property Class	RTC/RTQ Code	Tax Ratio	Town Tax Rate	Region General/Police	Waste Mgmt Tax Rate	Transit Tax Rate	Education Tax Rate	Total Tax Rate	Current Value Assessmt
Residential & New Multi-Residential	RT;NT	1.000000	0.776428%	0.728438%	0.072526%	0.088132%	0.153000%	1.818524%	\$ 3,954,355,668
Multi-Residential	MT	1.970000	1.529563%	1.435023%	0.142876%	0.173620%	0.153000%	3.434082%	\$ 43,467,517
Commercial occupied	CT;DT;ST;GT	1.734900	1.347025%	1.263767%	0.125825%	0.152900%	0.880000%	3.769517%	\$ 240,317,459
General rate only (PBA)	CM	1.734900	1.347025%	1.263767%	0.125825%	0.152900%	0.000000%	2.889517%	\$ 26,256,000
excess land	CU;DU;SU;GU	1.734900	1.347025%	1.263767%	0.125825%	0.152900%	0.880000%	3.769517%	\$ 5,892,988
vacant land	CX	1.734900	1.347025%	1.263767%	0.125825%	0.152900%	0.880000%	3.769517%	\$ 19,547,100
Industrial	IT;LT	2.630000	2.042006%	1.915792%	0.190743%	0.231787%	0.880000%	5.260328%	\$ 46,455,754
excess land	IU;LU	2.630000	2.042006%	1.915792%	0.190743%	0.231787%	0.880000%	5.260328%	\$ 1,003,541
vacant land	IX;LX	2.630000	2.042006%	1.915792%	0.190743%	0.231787%	0.880000%	5.260328%	\$ 4,645,500
Aggregate Extraction	VT	2.140048	1.661593%	1.558892%	0.155209%	0.188607%	0.511000%	4.075301%	\$ 3,419,700
Pipelines	PT	1.702100	1.321558%	1.239874%	0.123447%	0.150009%	0.880000%	3.714888%	\$ 17,727,000
Farmlands	FT	0.250000	0.194107%	0.182110%	0.018132%	0.022033%	0.038250%	0.454632%	\$ 60,033,500
Managed Forests	TT	0.250000	0.194107%	0.182110%	0.018132%	0.022033%	0.038250%	0.454632%	\$ 1,217,800
									<u>\$ 4,424,339,527</u>

TAX IMPACT

Town Levy	Region General/Police	Waste Mgmt Levy	Transit Levy	Education Levy	Total 2025 Levy
\$30,702,723	\$ 28,805,005	\$ 2,867,952	\$ 3,485,042	\$ 6,050,164	\$ 71,910,886
\$ 664,863	\$ 623,769	\$ 62,105	\$ 75,468	\$ 66,505	\$ 1,492,710
\$ 3,237,136	\$ 3,037,053	\$ 302,379	\$ 367,445	\$ 2,114,794	\$ 9,058,807
\$ 353,675	\$ 331,815	\$ 33,037	\$ 40,145	\$ -	\$ 758,672
\$ 79,380	\$ 74,474	\$ 7,415	\$ 9,010	\$ 51,858	\$ 222,137
\$ 263,304	\$ 247,030	\$ 24,595	\$ 29,888	\$ 172,014	\$ 736,831
\$ 948,629	\$ 889,996	\$ 88,611	\$ 107,678	\$ 408,811	\$ 2,443,725
\$ 20,492	\$ 19,226	\$ 1,914	\$ 2,326	\$ 8,831	\$ 52,790
\$ 94,861	\$ 88,998	\$ 8,861	\$ 10,768	\$ 40,880	\$ 244,369
\$ 56,821	\$ 53,309	\$ 5,308	\$ 6,450	\$ 17,475	\$ 139,363
\$ 234,273	\$ 219,792	\$ 21,883	\$ 26,592	\$ 155,998	\$ 658,538
\$ 116,529	\$ 109,327	\$ 10,885	\$ 13,227	\$ 22,963	\$ 272,932
\$ 2,364	\$ 2,218	\$ 221	\$ 268	\$ 466	\$ 5,537
<u>\$36,775,051</u>	<u>\$ 34,502,011</u>	<u>\$ 3,435,166</u>	<u>\$ 4,174,307</u>	<u>\$ 9,110,759</u>	<u>\$87,997,296</u>

		Town	Region	Education	Total	CVA						
Railway Right of Way	WT	\$ 130.58	\$ 147.25	\$ 291.60	\$ 569.43	263.67	\$ 34,430	\$ 38,825	n/a	n/a	\$ 76,886	\$ 150,142
Hydro Right of Way	UT	\$ 186.16	\$ 209.93	\$ 436.50	\$ 832.59	76.07	\$ 14,161	\$ 15,969	n/a	n/a	\$ 33,205	\$ 63,335
							<u>\$ 48,591</u>	<u>\$ 54,795</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 110,091</u>	<u>\$ 213,477</u>

	2025 Tax Rate	2024 Tax Rate	Increase (Decrease)
Residential & New Multi-Residential	1.818524%	1.701516%	6.88%
Multi-Residential	3.434082%	3.203576%	7.20%
Commercial occupied	3.769517%	3.566521%	5.69%
General rate only (PBA)	2.889517%	2.686521%	7.56%
excess land	3.769517%	3.566521%	5.69%
vacant land	3.769517%	3.566521%	5.69%
Industrial	5.260328%	4.952597%	6.21%
excess land	5.260328%	4.952597%	6.21%
vacant land	5.260328%	4.952597%	6.21%
Aggregate Extraction	4.075301%	0.000000%	
Pipelines	3.714888%	3.515730%	5.66%
Farmlands	0.454632%	0.425380%	6.88%
Managed Forests	0.454632%	0.425380%	6.88%

Business Improvement Areas	Tax Levy	Assessment	Rate
Bridgeburg BIA	\$ 40,700		
Commercial occupied		\$ 14,949,520	0.243954%
Commercial vacant/excess land		\$ 1,635,400	0.243954%
Industrial occupied		\$ -	0.369819%
Industrial vacant/excess land		\$ 65,000	0.369819%
Ridgeway BIA	\$ 45,000		
Commercial occupied		\$ 12,499,115	0.329763%
Commercial vacant/excess land		\$ 145,000	0.329763%
Industrial occupied		\$ 661,000	0.499901%
Crystal Beach BIA	\$ 33,390		
Commercial occupied		\$ 7,629,124	0.387919%
Commercial vacant/excess land		\$ 793,400	0.387919%
Industrial occupied		\$ 122,000	0.588061%



The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie
By-law 35-2025

**Being a By-law to Authorize the Execution of a Licence Agreement with
Crystal Beach Area Board of Management and JAM Sports
(for Volleyball Games and Tournaments – 0 Erie Road)**

Whereas the Town of Fort Erie leases the lands municipally known as 0 Erie Road and locally known as the Grove pursuant to a Lease and Municipal Capital Facility Agreement with Crystal Beach Hill Cottagers’ Organization, dated May 24, 2022; and

Whereas pursuant to the terms of the Lease, the Lands may be used as a location or venue for community events or special events that are organized or approved by the Licensor and may be temporarily altered as necessary to accommodate such events; and

Whereas Crystal Beach Business Improvement Area Board of Management and JAM Sports desire to install new volleyball courts and use the lands for Volleyball games and Tournaments for the 2025 season; and

Whereas it is deemed desirable to enter into a Licence Agreement with the Crystal Beach Business Improvement Area Board of Management and JAM Sports for the installation of two new beach volleyball courts and the operation of volleyball games and tournaments.

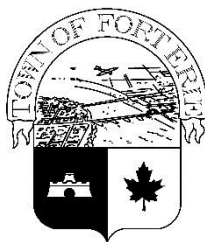
Now, therefore, the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie enacts as follows:

- 1. **That** the entry into a Licence Agreement with the Crystal Beach Business Improvement Area Board of Management and JAM Sports for the installation of two new volleyball courts and the operation and management of Volleyball games and Tournaments and the use of Erie Road Parking Lot for that purpose, in a form satisfactory to the Town’s Solicitor, is authorized and approved.
- 2. **That** the Mayor and Clerk are authorized and directed to execute the Licence Agreement and to affix the corporate seal thereto.
- 3. **That** the Clerk of the Town is authorized to affect any minor modifications, corrections or omissions, solely of an administrative, numerical, grammatical, semantical or descriptive nature to this by-law or its schedules after the passage of this by-law.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 28th day of April 2025.

Mayor

Clerk



The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie
By-law 36-2025

Being a By-law to Amend Zoning By-law No. 129-90, as amended
2121-2191 Houck Crescent
1736106 Ontario Inc. (Connie Nothdurft) – Owner

Whereas the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie passed By-law 229-04 on the 13th day of December 2004, rezoning the lands known municipally as 2121, 2135, 2149, 2163, 2177, and 2191 Houck Crescent with a Holding provision that requires the Owner to enter into a Development Agreement with the Town; and

Whereas a Development Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie and 1736106 Ontario Inc. (Connie Nothdurft) was entered into on June 20, 2023, and a subsequent Amending Agreement was entered into on March 17, 2025; and

Whereas in a letter dated November 7, 2023, Upper Canada Consultants, agent for the Owner, requested the Holding provision be removed; and

Whereas it is deemed desirable to authorize and approve the removal of the said Holding provision;

Now, therefore, the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie enacts as follows:

- 1. That** Schedule “A” of By-law 129-90, as amended, is further amended by changing the zoning on portions of the lands shown on the attached Schedule “A” from “Rural Residential (RR-328 (H)) Zone” to “Rural Residential (RR-328) Zone”.
- 2. That** the Clerk of the Town is authorized to affect any minor modifications, corrections or omissions, solely of an administrative, numerical, grammatical, semantical or descriptive nature to this by-law or its schedules after the passage of this by-law.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 28th day of April 2025.

Mayor

Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"



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By-law No. 36-2025

**THIS SKETCH FORMS PART OF SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 129-90
PASSED THIS 28th DAY OF APRIL 2025.**



Subject Lands - 2121-2191 Houck Crescent, Fort Erie



Lands to be rezoned from "Rural residential (RR-328 (H)) Zone" to "Rural Residential (RR-328) Zone"



Lands to remain zoned "Environmental Protection (EP) Zone"

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The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie By-law 37-2025

Being a By-law to Amend the Lot Maintenance By-law 92-2019 to Permit and Regulate Naturalized Gardens

Whereas By-law 92-2019 was passed by the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie on June 17, 2019, to provide for the maintenance of property and land within the Town of Fort Erie; and

Whereas at the Council-in-Committee meeting held April 14, 2025, Council considered and approved Report PBBS-33-2025, recommending amendments to the Lot Maintenance By-law; and

Whereas the proposed amendments support the Town's commitment to environmental stewardship and biodiversity, including its resolution to apply to become a Bee City through Bee City Canada, by permitting and regulating naturalized gardens; and

Whereas it is deemed desirable to amend By-law No. 92-2019 to incorporate these changes, including the addition of new definitions, and to clarify provisions related to vegetation and turfgrass maintenance;

Now therefore the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie enacts as follows:

1. **That** Section 2.0 of By-law 92-2019 is amended by adding the following definitions, to be inserted in alphabetical order in accordance with the existing sequence of definitions in the By-law:

"Front Yard" means a yard extending across the full width of a lot between the front lot line of such lot and the nearest part of any building or structure on such lot.

"Injurious insect" means any insect that is deemed a health hazard in the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, or any insect that is capable of causing structural damage to a building or structure, including termites and carpenter ants.

"Naturalized Garden" means an area or vegetation deliberately planted or cultivated with one or more species of wildflowers, shrubs, annuals, perennials, ornamental grasses, trees or combination of them, that is maintained by a person.

"Perimeter Strip" means the cutting of a minimum 10 metre (32 feet) wide border of vegetative growth or turfgrass immediately adjacent to the lot line where the lot line adjoins any other property;

"Pollinators" may include bees, butterflies, wasps, flies, some beetles and hummingbirds. Pollinators transfer pollen in and between flowers while visiting a plant for food.

2. **That** Section 6.1 of By-law No. 92-2019 is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

"6.1 Every Owner shall ensure that, other than on land zoned for agricultural operations, turfgrass is kept trimmed to a maximum height of 15 cm (6 inches), including the grassy boulevard portion of any highway or part thereof, in front of, alongside, or at the rear of, any building or land;"

3. **That** Section 6.2 of By-law No. 92-2019 is deleted and replaced with the following:

"6.2 Notwithstanding Section 6.1, every Owner shall ensure that, if a property consists of turfgrass and is over 1 hectare (2.47 acres) in size, the cutting of a perimeter strip is required whenever the growth exceeds 15 cm (6 inches) in height."

4. That Section 6.3 of By-law No. 92-2019 is deleted and replaced with the following:

“6.3 Every Owner shall maintain all vegetative growth, which for the purpose of this section includes naturalized gardens and other vegetation, on the lot of their property according to the following requirements:

- (a) Vegetative growth shall not obstruct sidewalks or streets;
- (b) Vegetative growth shall be set back 1 metre from any lot line located in the front yard of the property;
- (c) Vegetative growth shall not conceal or interfere with the use of any fire hydrant or water valves;
- (d) Vegetative growth shall not restrict driver and/or pedestrian sight lines at intersections, driveways, sidewalks, walkways, or visibility to all traffic control devices;
- (e) Vegetative growth shall not encroach on any neighbouring or Town properties; and
- (f) Vegetative growth shall not contravene any other conditions respecting health and safety as the Director considers advisable.”

5. That Section 6.4 of By-law No. 92-2019 is deleted and replaced with the following:

“6.4 Every Owner shall maintain their land free of the prohibited plants as identified in Schedule "B" of this By-law.”

6. That the following new Sections 6.5, 6.6 and 6.7 are added to By-law 92-2019:

“6.5 Every Owner shall ensure that weeds are controlled by:

- (a) pulling or otherwise removing the plants from the soil;
- (b) cutting the roots or stalks of the plants before the seeds have developed sufficiently to ripen after cutting;
- (c) turning the soil in which the plants were growing so as to kill the weeds; or
- (d) in the case of poison ivy, treating it with a herbicide that causes the plant to be destroyed, or prevents the growth of plants or the ripening of its seeds, provided that nothing in this clause authorizes the use of any herbicide contrary to any other law in force in the Province of Ontario.

6.6 Every Owner shall keep their land and structures clean and free from:

- (a) dead, decayed, felled, fallen or damaged trees, or other natural growth, and the branches or limbs thereof which may create an unsafe condition; and
- (b) injurious insects, termites, rodents, vermin or other pests, as well as conditions which may result in the harbouring of such pests. Pollinators shall be exempt from this subsection.
- (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), pollinators shall not be housed within any settlement area as defined in the Town's Zoning By-law.

6.7 Every Owner shall ensure that trees or shrubs on their land do not interfere with:

- (a) the Town's or Region's highways, works, including sewer and water pipes;
- (b) pedestrian or vehicular traffic on a highway;

- (c) motorists’ or pedestrians’ view of directional signs or traffic control devices on a highway; or
- (d) the sightlines of motorists or pedestrians.”
- 7. **That** By-law 92-2019 is further amended by adding a new Schedule “B” entitled “Prohibited Plants”, attached to and forming part of this by-law.
- 8. **That** all other provisions of By-law 92-2019, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.
- 9. **That** the Clerk of the Town is authorized to affect any minor modifications, corrections or omissions, solely of an administrative, numerical, grammatical, semantical or descriptive nature to this by-law or its schedules after the passage of this by-law.

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Mayor

Clerk

**SCHEDULE “B”
Lot Maintenance By-law 92-2019, as amended**

PROHIBITED PLANTS

For the purposes of Section 6.4 of this By-law, the following plants are prohibited from being grown or maintained on any land within the Town of Fort Erie:

1. Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*)
2. Common buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*)
3. Glossy buckthorn (*Frangula alnus*)
4. Dog-strangling vine (*Cynanchum rossicum*; *Cynanchum louiseae*)
5. Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*)
6. Giant hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*)
7. Japanese knotweed (*Reynoutria japonica* var. *japonica*)
8. Phragmites (*Phragmites australis* subsp. *australis*)
9. Poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*)
10. Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*)
11. Ragweed (*Ambrosia artemisiifolia*)
12. Any noxious weeds designated by or under the *Weed Control Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. W.5

Note: This list may be updated from time to time by Council or as required to reflect amendments to the *Weed Control Act* or other applicable provincial legislation.



The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie By-law 38-2025

Being a By-law to Authorize the Entry into a Temporary Heritage Conservation Easement Agreement with Cherry Hill Club Limited 912 Cherry Hill Boulevard North

Whereas Cherry Hill Club Limited is the registered owner of the lands and premises municipally known as 912 Cherry Hill Boulevard North in the community of Ridgeway, within the Town of Fort Erie, which is legally described as Lot 26 Conc 3 Lake Erie; Lot 27 Conc 3 Lake Erie; Fort Erie; Regional Municipality of Niagara (the "Property"); and

Whereas one of the purposes of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, is to support, encourage and facilitate the conservation, protection and preservation of the heritage of Ontario; and

Whereas that the Owner intends to apply for a site plan control application and building permits for the Property to undertake renovations and additions; and

Whereas In accordance with Section 37(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 the Town may enter into agreement, covenants and easements with owners of real property for the conservation, protection and preservation of heritage in Ontario; and

Whereas Sections 37(2) and 37(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act provide that such covenants and easements entered into by the Town, when registered in the Land Registry Office against the real property affected by them, shall run with the real property and may, whether positive or negative in nature, be enforced by the Town or its assignee against the owner or any subsequent owners of the real property even where the Town owns no other land which would be accommodated or benefited by such covenants and easements; and

Whereas The Owner and the Town desire to conserve certain heritage resources on the Property as set out in this Agreement and the Schedules thereto with the intent of protecting certain items on the existing clubhouse; and

Whereas Report PBBS-18-2025 was considered at the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on March 17, 2025, and subsequently approved by Council, to authorize entry into a Temporary Conservation Easement Agreement with Cherry Hill Club Limited; and

Whereas to this end, the Owner and the Town agree to enter into this Heritage Easement Agreement (hereinafter called the "Agreement"), which shall be temporary in nature existing until such time as a Site Plan Agreement for the development of the Property is registered on title and a new designating by-law for the part legally described as Part of Lot 27 Conc. 3 Lake Erie Bertie designated as Part 1 on 59R-18347 has been passed under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act and brought into force and effect, after which the easement will be released, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement; and

Whereas The Owner is entering into this Agreement voluntarily and in good faith to ensure the preservation and protection of the heritage resources identified herein; and

Whereas it is deemed desirable to enter into a Temporary Heritage Conservation Easement Agreement with Cherry Hill Club Limited for 912 Cherry Hill Boulevard North;

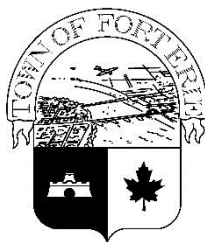
Now therefore the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie enacts as follows:

- 1. **That** the entry into a Temporary Heritage Conservation Easement Agreement with Cherry Hill Club Limited for 912 Cherry Hill Boulevard North, is authorized and approved.
- 2. **That** the Mayor and Clerk are authorized and directed to execution the Temporary Heritage Conservation Easement Agreement, in a form satisfactory to the Town’s solicitor, and to affix the corporate seal thereto.
- 3. **That** the Clerk of the Town is authorized to affect any minor modifications, corrections or omissions, solely of an administrative, numerical, grammatical, semantical or descriptive nature to this by-law or its schedules after the passage of this by-law.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 28th day of April 2025.

Mayor

Clerk



The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie
By-law 39-2025

Being a By-law to Amend By-law 112-2023 (Municipal Parking Lot Use and Maintenance Policy) and By-law 132-2024 (Fees and Charges By-law)

Whereas By-law 112-2023 adopts a policy respecting the regulation, use and maintenance of municipal parking lots in the Town of Fort Erie (the “Municipal Parking Lot Use and Maintenance Policy”); and

Whereas By-law 132-2024 establishes the Fees and Charges for services provided by the Town of Fort Erie (the “Fees and Charges By-law”); and

Whereas at the Council-in-Committee meeting held April 14, 2025, Council considered and approved Report IS-09-2025, directing that overnight parking be permitted in certain municipal parking lots within the Business Improvement Area (BIA) districts, and that associated fees, including a nightly fee, 31-day pass, and a six-month hotel guest pass, be implemented and included in the Town’s Fees and Charges By-law; and

Whereas it is deemed necessary to amend By-laws 112-2023 and 132-2024 to implement overnight parking in designated BIA municipal parking lots and establish associated fees for guest and public use;

Now therefore the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie enacts as follows:

- 1. **That** Appendix 1 of Schedule A to By-law 112-2023 be repealed in its entirety and replaced with Schedule A attached to and forming part of this by-law.
- 2. **That** the Fees and Charges By-law 132-2024 be amended to include the overnight parking fees set out in Schedule A attached hereto.
- 3. **That** the Clerk of the Town is authorized to affect any minor modifications, corrections or omissions, solely of an administrative, numerical, grammatical, semantical or descriptive nature to this by-law or its schedules after the passage of this by-law.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 28th day of April 2025.

Mayor

Clerk

MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT USE AND MAINTENANCE POLICY
Appendix ‘1’ – Revised April 2025

Level 2 Parking Lots

1. **That** overnight parking between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. shall be permitted in the following municipal parking lots:
 - Courtwright Street BIA Lot
 - Erie Road BIA Lot
 - Jarvis Street BIA Lot
 - Lincoln Road BIA Lot
 - Village Square BIA Lot
2. **That** the following overnight parking fees be approved and included in the Town’s Fees and Charges By-law:
 - a) A fee of \$2.00 per night for overnight parking;
 - b) A 31-day overnight parking pass available for \$50.00; and
 - c) For commercial hotels located within BIA districts that do not have on-site parking, an overnight guest parking pass may be purchased at the rate of \$50.00 per room, valid for a six-month term.



The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie By-law 40-2025

Being a By-law to Amend By-law 119-03, as amended (Parks and Beaches By-law)

Whereas By-law 119-03, as amended, provides for the regulation of the use of Parks and Beaches in the Town of Fort Erie; and

Whereas Report IS-03-2025 was considered and approved at the Council-in-Committee meeting held March 17, 2025, directing that Bay Beach operations be amended to permit Stand Up Paddle Boards and Kayaks, Monday to Thursday (excluding holidays) at any time, and Friday to Sunday and holidays except between the hours of 11:00 and 18:00; and

Whereas it is deemed desirable to amend the Parks and Beaches By-law 119-03, as amended, to reflect the changes to the Bay Beach operations; and

Whereas it is also necessary to add certain definitions to the by-law, including "Human-powered Watercraft" and "Marine Vessel," to support the operational changes at Bay Beach;

Now, therefore, the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie enacts as follows:

1. **That** Section 1, "**Definitions**", of By-law 119-03, as amended, is further amended by inserting the following definition immediately following (c), and re-lettering the remaining definitions accordingly:

"(d) "**Human-powered Watercraft**" means marine vessel pleasure craft that are not fitted with a motor; (examples: kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddle boards, rowboats, rowing shells, watercycles, paddleboats);"

2. **That** Section 1, "**Definitions**", of By-law 119-03, as amended, is further amended by inserting the following definition immediately following (e), and re-lettering the remaining definitions accordingly:

"(f) "**Marine Vessel**" means a watercraft or other artificial contrivance as a means of transportation in or on the water, including motorized and human-powered watercraft;"

3. **That** Section 3, "**General Regulations and Prohibitions**", of By-law 119-03, as amended, is further amended by inserting the following subsection immediately after (j), and re-lettering the remaining sections accordingly:

"(k) moor or beach a motorized marine vessel in areas other than those posted for that purpose;"

4. **That** By-law 119-03, as amended, is further amended by inserting the following as new Section 3.2 – Regulations for Bay Beach:

"3.2 Regulations for Bay Beach

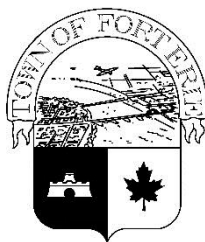
- (a) To permit Stand-Up Paddleboards and Kayaks,
 - (i) Monday to Thursday (excluding holidays) at any time, and
 - (ii) Friday to Sunday and holidays except between the hours of 11:00 and 18:00."

5. **That** the Clerk of the Town is authorized to affect any minor modifications, corrections or omissions, solely of an administrative, numerical, grammatical, semantical or descriptive nature to this by-law or its schedules after the passage of this by-law.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 28th day of April 2025.

Mayor

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The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie
By-law 41-2025

Being a By-law to Amend Traffic By-law 2000-89
(Speed Limits and Parking)

Whereas By-law 2000-89, as amended, provides for the regulation of traffic and parking on highways in the Town of Fort Erie; and

Whereas during the meetings of the Traffic Coordinating Committee, the Committee resolved to approve two requests, each for distinct reasons, as follows:

- **Washington Road:** Following the traffic calming study that has been conducted, it has been determined that the speed limit shall be reduced from 50 kilometres per hour to 40 kilometres per hour along the section of Washington Road between Helena Street and Dominion Road; and
- **South Mill Street:** Following the Staff Review that has been conducted, it has been determined that adding “No Parking” restrictions along the West side of the section of South Mill Street between Highland Drive and Farr Avenue and to allow parking on the East side of the road between Highland Drive and Farr Avenue with the exception of 30m on either side of the designated crosswalk on South Mill Road behind John Brant Public School; and

Whereas it is deemed desirable to amend Traffic By-law 2000-89, as amended, accordingly.

Now therefore the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie enacts as follows:

1. **That** Schedule “W” to By-law 2000-89, as amended, is further amended by inserting the following:

SCHEDULE ‘W’		
SPEED LIMIT ON HIGHWAYS		
COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3
HIGHWAY	BETWEEN	RATE OF SPEED
Washington Road	West side of Helena Street to East side of Dominion Road	40 km/hr.

2. **That** Schedule “C” to By-law 2000-89, as amended, is further amended by adding the following:

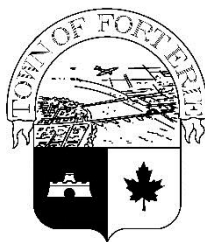
SCHEDULE ‘C’			
NO PARKING			
COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3	COLUMN 4
HIGHWAY	SIDE	BETWEEN	PROHIBITED TIMES OR DAYS
South Mill Street	West Side	South limit Highland Drive and North limit Farr Avenue	Anytime

3. **That** the Clerk of the Town is authorized to affect any minor modifications, corrections or omissions, solely of an administrative, numerical, grammatical, semantical or descriptive nature to this by-law or its schedules after the passage of this by-law.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 28th day of April 2025.

Mayor

Clerk



The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie
By-law 42-2025

**Being a By-law to Authorize the Execution of a Subdivision Agreement with 1314566 Ontario Ltd.
Hershey Estates (0-12054 Centralia Avenue North)**

Whereas Draft Plan of Subdivision was originally approved by Council, with conditions, on March 24, 2000, to create 22 lots for single-detached dwellings and a public road, per Staff Report PDS-50-2000; and

Whereas a modified Draft Plan of Subdivision was approved by Council, with conditions, on February 20, 2018, to create 16 lots for single-detached dwellings, 1 block for emergency access, 1 block for drainage, 1 block for environmental conservation, and an public road, per Staff Report PDS-15-2018; and

Whereas an application for final subdivision agreement has since been applied for and all conditions of Draft Plan approval have been satisfied by the Owner, except those requiring the execution of an agreement; and

Whereas it is deemed desirable to enter into a Subdivision Agreement with 1314566 Ontario Ltd. to control the development of the lands described in Schedule “A” of the Subdivision Agreement, and also attached hereto as Schedule “A,” and forming part of this by-law.

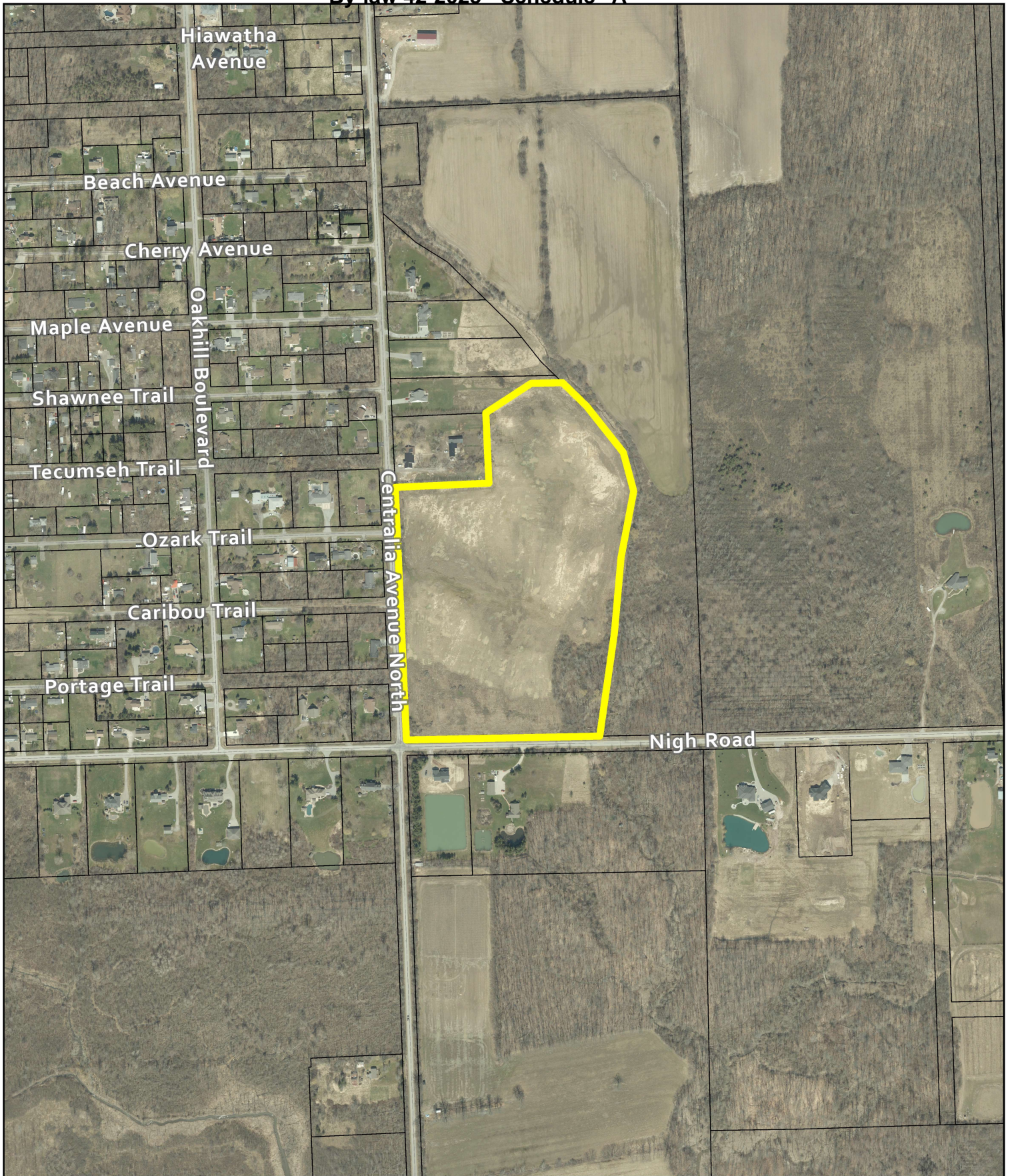
Now, therefore, the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie enacts as follows:

- 1. **That** the entry into a Subdivision Agreement with 1314566 Ontario Ltd. (the “Developer”), in a form satisfactory to the Town’s Solicitor, is authorized and approved.
- 2. **That** the Clerk of the Town is authorized to affect any minor modifications, corrections or omissions, solely of an administrative, numerical, grammatical, semantical or descriptive nature to this by-law or its schedules after the passage of this by-law.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 28th day of April 2025.

Mayor

Clerk



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LOCATION MAP

Hershey Estates Subdivision



Subject Lands - 0-12054 Centralia Avenue North, Fort Erie





The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie
By-law 43-2025

**Being a By-law to Confirm the Actions of Council at its
Council-in-Committee Meeting Held April 14, 2025,
and its Regular Council Meeting Held April 28, 2025**

Whereas it is desirable to have the actions and proceedings of Council adopted, ratified and confirmed by by-law; and

Now, therefore, the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie enacts as follows:

- 1. **That** the actions of Council at its Council-in-Committee Meeting held on April 14, 2025, and its Regular Council Meeting held on April 28, 2025, including all motions, resolutions and other actions are adopted, ratified and confirmed as if they were expressly embodied in this by-law, except where the law requires the prior approval of any authority.
- 2. **That** where no individual by-law has been or is passed with respect to the taking of any action authorized in or with respect to the exercise of any powers by the Council, then this by-law is deemed for all purposes to be the by-law required for such authorization or exercise of any powers.
- 3. **That** the Mayor and officers of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie are authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to such actions or to obtain approvals where required.
- 4. **That** except where otherwise provided, the Mayor and the Clerk are authorized and directed to execute all documents arising from such actions.
- 5. **That** the Clerk of the Town is authorized to affect any minor modifications, corrections or omissions, solely of an administrative, numerical, grammatical, semantical or descriptive nature to this by-law or its schedules after the passage of this by-law.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 28th day of April 2025.

Mayor

Clerk