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Memo

To: Mayor Gibson & Members of Council
From: Dave Methot, CBO
Date: October 5, 2021
Re: Issued Building Permits – Second Quarter 2021

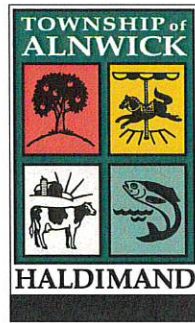
Please find attached the report of the building activity within the Township of Wainfleet for the second quarter of 2021 as found at "Appendix "A".

The attached report summarizes for the second quarter of 2021 the number of building permits issued by the Building Department and has been provided to inform Council of the types and volume of building activity within the community. This communication aligns to Council's adopted strategic plan.

APPENDIX A

Township of Wainfleet Building Permit Report - Second Quarter 2021

Permit #	Date Issued	Municipal Address	Description of Work	Value of Construction	Permit Fees
W-2020-180	08/04/2021	31802 MARSHVILLE DR	Single-family dwelling	\$320,000.00	\$2,047.20
W-2021-41	08/04/2021	12162 Gallinger ST	Septic System	\$34,000.00	\$1,165.68
W-2021-52	08/04/2021	12803 LAKESHORE RD	Demolition	\$500.00	\$174.00
W-2021-56	09/04/2021	31812 Marshville Lot 8 DR	Septic System	\$25,000.00	\$1,165.68
W-2021-57	09/04/2021	31812 Marshville Lot 8 DR	Single-family dwelling	\$700,000.00	\$4,455.06
W-2021-43	28/04/2021	74078 WELLANDPORT RD	Septic System	\$20,000.00	\$1,165.68
W-2021-70	30/04/2021	62755 CONCESSION 6 RD	Demolition	\$5,000.00	\$174.00
W-2021-71	03/05/2021	63644 SMITH RD	Garage - Residential	\$35,000.00	\$620.32
W-2021-74	07/05/2021	52219 MISENER RD	Garage - Non Residential	\$150,000.00	\$1,919.70
W-2021-30	07/05/2021	51023 LAMBERT RD	Garage - Residential	\$225,000.00	\$2,965.29
W-2021-60	07/05/2021	50802 O'Reilly's RD S	Septic System	\$28,000.00	\$1,165.68
W-2021-11	07/05/2021	10799 LAKESHORE RD	Sunroom	\$35,000.00	\$650.47
W-2021-4	10/05/2021	10122 CEDAR CREST RD	Garage - Residential	\$200,000.00	\$835.97
W-2021-79	12/05/2021	43069 WILLS RD	Septic System	\$50,000.00	\$1,165.68
W-2021-63	14/05/2021	43637 SIDER RD	Septic Pump Chamber	\$6,600.00	\$661.10
W-2021-58	14/05/2021	42134 HIGHWAY 3	Commercial - Land Development	\$776,325.00	\$1,696.67
W-2021-59	14/05/2021	42134 HIGHWAY 3	Commercial - Septic System	\$43,500.00	\$1,165.68
W-2021-51	17/05/2021	50802 O'Reilly's RD S	Single-family dwelling	\$600,000.00	\$4,873.84
W-2021-46	18/05/2021	43037 HIGHWAY 3	Deck - Residential	\$8,000.00	\$174.00
W-2021-49	18/05/2021	60849 REGIONAL ROAD 27	Septic System	\$25,000.00	\$1,165.68
W-2021-65	20/05/2021	53459 MARR RD	Agricultural Storage Building	\$93,080.00	\$1,302.48
W-2021-81	31/05/2021	73811 DOCHSTADER RD	Garage - Residential	\$20,000.00	\$369.00
W-2021-42	31/05/2021	32633 FEEDER ROAD W	Sunroom	\$150,000.00	\$919.64
W-2021-61	31/05/2021	10711 LAKESHORE RD	Exterior Renovations - Residential	\$48,000.00	\$348.00
W-2021-78	01/06/2021	44166 HIGHWAY 3	Septic System	\$40,000.00	\$1,165.68
W-2021-44	08/06/2021	74078 WELLANDPORT RD	Addition - Residential	\$97,000.00	\$572.55
W-2021-88	09/06/2021	60633 REGIONAL ROAD 27	Septic System	\$30,000.00	\$1,165.68
W-2021-90	09/06/2021	50889 O'REILLYS ROAD S	Septic System	\$34,000.00	\$1,165.68
W-2021-87	09/06/2021	63447 CONCESSION 6 RD	Garage - Residential	\$100,000.00	\$1,642.41
W-2021-14	10/06/2021	11769 HIGHWAY 3	Addition - Residential	\$80,000.00	\$1,791.91
W-2021-80	10/06/2021	44245 Buckner RD	Single-family dwelling	\$500,000.00	\$3,930.01
W-2021-86	10/06/2021	11640 LAKESHORE RD	Garage - Residential	\$24,000.00	\$174.00
W-2021-66	10/06/2021	10957 LAKESHORE RD	Shed	\$9,000.00	\$174.00
W-2021-93	11/06/2021	44245 BUCKNER RD	Garage - Residential	\$100,000.00	\$1,186.79
W-2021-92	14/06/2021	51480 HEWITT RD	Renovations - Residential	\$114,459.00	\$329.57
W-2021-53	15/06/2021	12803 LAKESHORE RD	Addition/Renovation - Residential	\$25,000.00	\$1,189.94
W-2021-89	21/06/2021	62668 TRAVER RD	Agricultural Storage Building	\$130,000.00	\$1,125.76
W-2021-97	23/06/2021	41829 FEEDER ROAD E	Septic System- Bed Repair	\$2,000.00	\$638.35
W-2021-91	25/06/2021	50810 O'Reilly's RD S LOT	Single-family dwelling	\$500,000.00	\$3,758.01
W-2021-48	28/06/2021	32633 FEEDER ROAD W	Septic System - Tank Replacement	\$6,000.00	\$666.10
W-2021-98	30/06/2021	50668 GREEN ROAD S	Pool House - Residential	\$150,000.00	\$343.69
				\$5,539,464.00	\$53,366.63



October 5, 2021

Honourable Doug Downey
Attorney General
McMurtry-Scott Building
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doug.downey@pc.ola.org

Dear Honourable Downey:

**Re: Resolution of Council of the Corporation of the Township of
Alnwick/Haldimand – Lottery Licensing to Assist Small Organizations**

At the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand's Regular Council Meeting held on September 16, 2021, Council received the resolution sent by the Town of South Bruce Peninsula dated April 23, 2021 as well as the response received from your office on August 26, 2021 in regards to the consideration of instituting an additional level of lottery licensing which would enable small organizations to obtain a lottery license. Council of the Township of Alnwick/ Haldimand adopted the following resolution of support:

Moved by Mayor Gail Latchford, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sherry Gibson;

"Be it resolved that the correspondence received from the Town of South Bruce Peninsula to the Attorney General, dated April 23, 2021; and Correspondence from the Attorney General to the Town of South Bruce Peninsula, dated August 26, 2021, RE: Lottery Licensing to Assist Small Organizations, be received and filed; and further that Council direct staff to send a letter of support to the Attorney General and all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED.

A copy of the above noted resolution from the Town of South Bruce Peninsula is attached for your reference.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



Yolanda Melburn, Deputy Clerk
Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
905-349-2822 ext. 32
ymelburn@ahwp.ca

Encls.

Cc: Angie Cathrae (angie.cathrae@southbrucepeninsula.com) , All Ontario
Municipalities



Town of
SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA

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April 23, 2021

Doug Downey
Attorney General
McMurtry-Scott Building
720 Bay Street, 11th Floor
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Dear Honorable Mr. Downey:

Re: Lottery Licensing to Assist Small Organizations

Small organizations are the foundation of rural Ontario. Thousands of hours of selfless volunteerism are logged each year by organizations who may not necessarily be considered not-for profit or charitable. That doesn't mean that they don't contribute to our communities; small organizations cook for the homeless, clean up parks and flower beds, read to young people, teach life skills to young adults, organize parades, put on concerts...the list goes on.

Many of these small organizations are not eligible to receive a lottery license. This makes it impossible for them to continue to be successful as their fundraising capabilities are extremely limited.

Through this correspondence, we request that you give serious consideration to instituting an additional level of lottery licensing which would enable small organizations to obtain a lottery license. Those who are not able to sustain a non-profit or charitable status could still receive a lottery license if their proceeds benefit the community. Thresholds could be placed on the prize values and perhaps even the number of events which could be held in a calendar year.

We hear over and over again about the hardships in our community and we know that there are organizations who have the ability to help and are not permitted to. Understanding this, Council adopted a resolution seeking your consideration.

R-226-2021

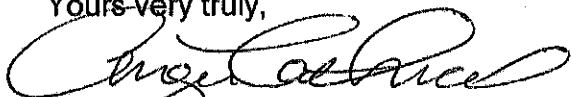
*It was **Moved** by J. Kirkland, **Seconded** by K. Durst and **Carried***

That staff are directed to contact the Ministry responsible for Alcohol and Gaming of Ontario to seek their assistance in implementing an additional level of licensing which would permit small organizations to hold fundraisers as a method of sustaining our community and organizations;

And further that all municipalities in Ontario are sent this resolution to seek their assistance in lobbying the Ministry.

We look forward to your consideration of our request.

Yours-very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angie Cathrae", written in a cursive style.

Angie Cathrae
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
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Tol Free 1-877-534-1400
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cc: MPP Bill Walker, All Ontario Municipalities



CHECK IT OUT @ YOUR LIBRARY

OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

31909 Park Street, P.O. Box 118, Wainfleet, ON L0S 1V0

Phone: 905-899-1277 | Fax: 905-899-2495 | Website: www.wainfleetlibrary.ca

New and exciting things are happening at the Wainfleet Township Public Library!

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

Curbside borrowing and In-person Browsing/Borrowing is available:

Monday and Thursday - 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Public computers are available by appointment for 45 minute sessions during the above hours.

Entry to the library is by capacity. You are required to self-screen before you enter and you must wear a mask and sanitize your hands.

Proof of vaccination is not required to enter the Library.

WAINFLEET IS A FINE-FREE LIBRARY

We are excited to announce that the Wainfleet Township Public Library is now fine-free.

We understand that fines can prevent members of the community from accessing library services and we wanted to eliminate this barrier for our patrons.

Fees will still be charged for lost or damaged materials.



Wainfleet Township Public Library joined the Libraries in Niagara Cooperative (LiNC) in April 2021

LiNC is a partnership of ten Niagara public library systems and Niagara College to share resources and a catalogue system called Evergreen.

LiNC Public Libraries include: Lincoln, Fort Erie, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Pelham, Thorold, Grimsby, Welland, Port Colborne, West Lincoln and Wainfleet Township.

If you have a Wainfleet Township Public Library Card you are automatically a LiNC cardholder. You can visit any LiNC library and borrow in person, or you can place holds and have items sent to Wainfleet for pick up. Items can be returned to any of the LiNC Libraries. Books and audiobooks can be borrowed for 3 weeks; magazines and DVDs can be borrowed for 1 week.

The Library catalogue allows you to search our Library or the entire LiNC catalogue. You can place holds, renew items, create reading lists and track your reading history.

CLOSED

Thursday, September 30
Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Monday, October 11
Thanksgiving Day



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Canadian Library Month

LE MOIS DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES AU CANADA



One card, one million possibilities

Une carte, un million de possibilités

OCTOBER 2021 | OCTOBRE 2021

FIRST NATIONS PUBLIC LIBRARY WEEK

Shki Kendaang Learning New Things Together

October 4-8, 2021

First Nations Public Library Week was initiated in 2000 by Indigenous libraries. As of 2021, there are 46 public libraries on First Nation communities in Ontario.

Artist: Chief Ladybird "Bluejays" | Digital illustration (Rama First Nation)



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October is Canadian Library Month! During this month, libraries and library partners across Canada raise awareness of the valuable role libraries play in Canadians' lives. In Ontario, the first week of October features First Nations Public Library Week from October 4 to 8. Check out our display by the magazines for some of our newest Indigenous titles. Ontario Public Library Week will take place October 17 to 23 and the theme is "One Card, One Million Possibilities." We are holding a poster contest to showcase this year's theme. Entry forms can be picked up at the front desk and entries are due October 23rd.

PROGRAMS

This October we will be offering a mix of Virtual and Grab and Go programming. If registration is required (see individual program description) please visit <https://wainfleetlibrary.ca/programs/current-programs> to sign-up.

Virtual October Storytime

This program runs weekly from October 5 to 23 and is intended for preschool and school aged children and their guardian. Registration is ongoing throughout the program. You must sign up by Friday at 4:00 p.m. to be eligible for the following week's craft. Craft kits / books will be available for pick-up each week between Tuesday and Saturday during regular library hours. Only one registration form is required per family for this 3-week program.

This program includes:

Weekly e-mail with instructions and/or weekly theme details and YouTube Storytime video link.

Weekly Craft Kit and optional Pile O' Books pick-up for your whole family!

Virtual Class Visits

Virtual class visits will be created as requested and links to their videos will be sent to classroom teachers OR live class visits can be scheduled by e-mailing cmayr@wainfleetlibrary.ca. We will use Zoom or Google meets at the teacher's request. Each class visit will include a story and drawing lesson.

Free Grab and Go Craft Kits

These kits are offered on a first come, first serve basis. No registration required.

Stop by and pick one up today.

3D Paper Pumpkin and 3D Haunted House



Craft Club Kits for \$3

These kits are available in limited quantities and by registration only. Once registration has been received and your kit is ready for pick up, staff will give you a call. Difficulty level noted in brackets. Payment must be received (cash or cheque only) when picking up your kit.

Fall Tree Painting (Easy)



Smoking Cauldron Mixed Media Art (Medium)



Macramé Ghost Wall Hanging (Hard)

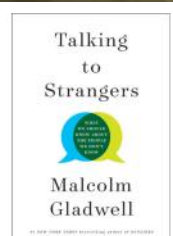


Virtual Evening Book Club - Thursday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Due to distancing measures our book club will now be hosted virtually. Registration is required.

Each participant will be loaned a copy of the current book and a Zoom meeting will be held on the last Thursday evening of the month at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the book.

This month's book is *Talking to Strangers* by Malcolm Gladwell.



E-RESOURCES



AtoZ World Travel is the most detailed travel resource for business and leisure travelers for more than 200 world cities. No other resource covers so many travel topics, so well, for so many cities.



Britannica gives you access to encyclopedias, Britannica-approved Web sites, and a Student Center with an atlas, biographies, multimedia, "How To" guides for school reports, and other learning materials.



Chilton Library is a digitized collection of manuals on automotive service and repair that includes step-by-step service and repair procedures, maintenance and specification tables, troubleshooting guides, images and videos, and ASE test prep.



Mango Languages enables adults and kids to learn languages quickly and easily with the world's most powerful language software.



National Geographic Kids includes the complete run of the magazine from 2009 to the present, as well as books, videos, and images.

High-quality informational texts are available for primary, upper elementary, and middle school English Language Arts, social studies, and science classrooms.



Novelist K-8 Plus is about books specifically for younger readers. It helps kids find books that are just right for their reading level and interests.



Novelist Plus is a readers' advisory service that helps librarians and readers find fiction books based on books they have read or topics in which they are interested. Readers can search for books by title, author or by simply describing a book they would like to read.



TeenBookCloud is a collection of ebooks, enhanced novels, graphic novels, videos and audio books, which offers students and adults of all reading levels access to an amazing range of content.



AudioBookCloud is an online audio book library collection with unlimited streaming access to the entire collection. No downloads. No software. No holds. No waiting periods. Unlimited access to all the books, all the time. Just click and listen.



Small Engine Repair Reference Center provides users with comprehensive full-text content of detailed, yet user-friendly repair guides for all manner of small engines. All of the content is organized in a powerful, easy-to-use manner so that users can quickly gain the information they need.



TumbleBooks is an online collection of animated, talking picture books which teach kids the joy of reading in a format they'll love. TumbleBooks are created by adding animation, sound, music and narration to existing picture books in order to produce an electronic picture book which you can read, or have read to you.

COVID 19 VACCINATION CLINICS WALK-INS WELCOME

FIRST AND SECOND DOSES FOR ANYONE BORN IN 2009 OR EARLIER

WAINFLEET FIREFIGHTERS' COMMUNITY HALL

OCTOBER 6, 13, 23 & 27

FROM 9:30 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.



Check out our BOARD & STAFF PICKS

Lorrie's Pick
Elin Hilderbrand *Golden Girl*

Carrie's Pick
Jenny Lawson *BROKEN (in the best possible way)*

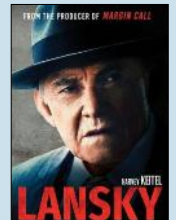
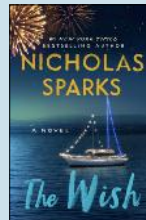
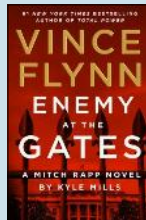
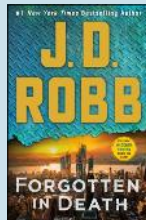
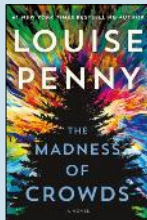
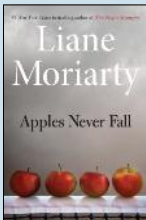
Rosalie's Pick
Miranda James *Murder Past Due*

Chris's Pick
Sanjay Gupta, MD *KEEP SHARP Build a Better Brain at Any Age*

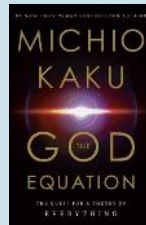
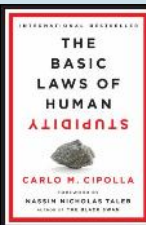
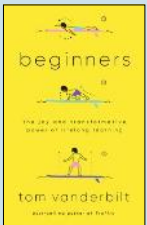
Cheryl's Pick
Taylor Jenkins Reid *MALIBU RISING*

NEW LIBRARY MATERIALS

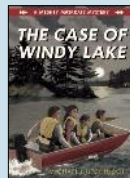
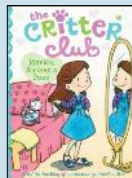
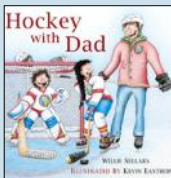
Adult Fiction Books



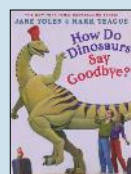
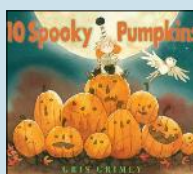
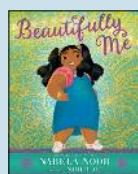
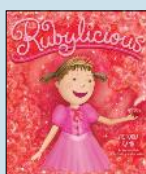
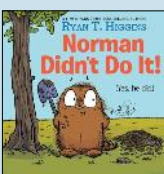
Adult Non-Fiction Books



Juvenile & YP Fiction Books



Juvenile Picture Books





MISSION STATEMENT

The Wainfleet Township Public Library Board guarantees equitable access to all with diverse opportunities for personal enrichment and lifelong learning.

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October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				30 ^{Closed} National day for Truth and Reconciliation	1	2
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FIRST NATIONS PUBLIC LIBRARY WEEK						
10	11 ^{Closed} 	12	13 ^{10 a.m.} Library Board Meeting	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Ontario Public Library Week						
24	25	26	27	28 ^{6:30 p.m.} Evening Book Club (Virtual)	29	30
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NIAGARA POVERTY REDUCTION NETWORK

October 5, 2021

To: Fort Erie Council
Grimsby Council
Lincoln Council
Niagara Falls Council
Niagara-on-the-Lake Council
Pelham Council
Port Colborne Council
St. Catharines Council
Thorold Council
Wainfleet Council
Welland Council
West Lincoln Council
Niagara Regional Council

Cc: Wayne Gates, Niagara Falls MPP
Jennie Stevens, St. Catharines MPP
Jeff Burch, Niagara Centre MPP
Sam Oosterhoff, Niagara West MPP
Tony Baldinelli, Niagara Falls MP
Chris Bittle, St. Catharines MP
Vance Badawey, Niagara Centre MP
Dean Allison, Niagara West MP

To the members of our Niagara municipal councils (cc'ing our provincial and federal representatives):

We are writing on behalf of the Niagara Poverty Reduction Network (NPRN) in order to share some feedback regarding the inter-municipal Moving Transit Forward plan that our councils will be reviewing and voting on this fall. NPRN is a collective of over 30 agencies and individuals working to wipe out poverty in Niagara through education, collaboration, and advocacy to address poverty's root causes. Our vision is for all Niagara residents to live above the poverty line, which can be achieved through our mission of Niagara residents, businesses and organizations working together to improve the quality of life in Niagara.

We appreciate your consideration of our concerns. In an acute way, we recognize that investment in Niagara transit needs to come from provincial and federal governments just as much or more than from our over-burdened municipalities. In light of this, we are particularly grateful for our councils' leadership on the relevant file. Our MPPs

NIAGARA POVERTY REDUCTION NETWORK

www.WipeOutPoverty.ca

c/o United Way Niagara

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and MPs are cc'd on this letter in order to also inform them of our concerns, and in hopes of hearing their feedback and relevant plans.

Thank you for the years of thought and consultation that you have put into the vital policy debate tied to the Moving Transit Forward plan. Thank you as well for your careful work in developing the plan's various pieces.

Re: Moving Transit Forward Service Plan, Financing, and Governance

The Moving Transit Forward model of improving transit through uploading, i.e. the Region uploading the existing lower-tier transit systems and combining them with the existing Regional system, is one that makes eminent sense to us, as this will improve coordination of our municipalities' scarce transit resources. We thus fully support the plan's core principle of funding transit through the Regional levy.

However, we are concerned by a principle simultaneously enshrined in the current version of Moving Transit Forward, to the effect that taxpayers in the lower tier municipalities are only to pay for the transit that their individual municipalities receive. This will severely limit the available municipal funds for transit expansion and improvement. The proposed rule will decrease the willingness of taxpayers both in the municipalities that currently use transit more and in the municipalities that currently use transit less from supporting significant new investment.

We thus urge you to consider a more collaborative financing model, pursuant to which higher-income Niagara municipalities agree to pay more for transit that their citizens are not currently using – so as to support our impoverished neighbours across the peninsula in a civic way, but also so as to encourage more transit and ridership within our higher-income communities, as taxpayers demand rightly demand better access to the transit that they pay for.

Our hope is that this direction will be fostered by the proposed Moving Transit Forward governance plan, which rightly enshrines a principle of representation from all municipalities on the regional transit governance body. Simultaneously, given the high economic and social stakes of transit policy, our hope is that councils' concerns about the exact appropriate structure of power-sharing within the governance model will not unduly delay the plan's implementation.

We appreciate the plan's proposal of a citizen advisory body within the transit governance model, separate from the primary governance committee. However, we urge you to incorporate citizens into the primary table, rather than leaving them out. This inclusion will permit our transit governance table to draw on the deep well of talent and goodwill among our communities' potential volunteers, and to leverage the lived experience of regular transit riders.

Transit and Intersectional Poverty Reduction

From an anti-poverty perspective, we strongly support the coordination of additional investment into transit for Niagara by all three levels of government, aimed at improving transit accessibility, availability, and quality. It is of course central to our analysis that transit is currently more used people in Niagara living in poverty than by non-impovertised people.

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Disproportionate ridership among people living in poverty flows from the reality that many people living in poverty cannot afford a car and/or gas (notwithstanding the fact that a car is generally essential in order to live anywhere in Niagara, even including the peninsula's denser/more urban areas).

As you know, better transit is key to developing our regional economy as a whole and to linking people to jobs. But our status quo in Niagara is insufficient transit (at both the lower tier/local and peninsular inter-municipal levels) and insufficiently coordinated transit (between our lower and upper tiers). The result is too many people unable to get to work opportunities in a reasonable amount of time, and/or simply unable to get to work opportunities at all.

The economic fall-out of this problem is of course felt most keenly by the low-income families and individuals who most rely on transit. Significantly, we note that the fall-out is intersectional: Indigenous, racialized, female, LGBTQ2S+, and/or disabled Niagarans are more likely to be impoverished than white, male, and/or cisgender Niagarans, due to systemic bigotry, and thus rely more on transit. On many levels, then, the Moving Transit Forward plan is justified from the perspective of human rights.

Transit and Public Health

Better transit is also important from the perspective of improving local health, for all people. In order to get to transit, people have to walk – a small but significant benefit. More use of transit would also be good from the perspective of decreasing emissions from our cars and slowing climate change – developments that would have positive implications for public health. Further, using transit is good from the perspective of mental health. It is certainly less stressful to travel by bus or train, than to drive on our increasingly congested roads.

Transit Improvement: A Positive Feedback Loop

It was observed at our NPRN Roundtable that it will be vital, precisely from an anti-poverty perspective, for our councils to develop Moving Transit Forward as a plan to make transit more appealing to people of all income levels. In reality and in public perception, transit in Niagara is currently a mode of transportation mostly for the impoverished. While the inconvenience and frequent non-availability of Niagara transit is the primary reason why higher-income people use Niagara transit much less frequently, the brand and image of Niagara transit as “the mode of the impoverished” are also a factor.

In a negative, circular way, the current result of this systemic discouragement of higher-income riders is less investment in Niagara transit, by all levels of government. Higher-income taxpayers are less likely to support investment in systems that they do not use and do not see themselves or their children using in the future. In order for Moving Transit Forward to be truly successful, then, it will have to improve the brand and image of transit. The way to achieve this (now in a positive, circular way) is to be more available and more coordinated.

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Investment to achieve the necessary next stages of improvement will thus require courage and foresight on your part as council members. We are thus particularly grateful for your consideration. In light of the above, we add only that, as transit improves through the investments that you are contemplating, more taxpayers of all income levels will be able to use transit. Public support for even more investment in transit from all three levels of government will thus grow too. We urge you to embrace this positive, cascading effect.

More taxpayers across Niagara support significantly better funded and coordinated transit than is widely known. It is our privilege to speak for some of those citizens through this letter. We are grateful to you for considering their priorities.

Thank you to all of you for your leadership in these challenging, unprecedented days. The fact that our councils are prioritizing discussion of how to improve transit, as part of our pandemic recovery, is a cause for real celebration and hope.

Please feel free to reach out to NPRN regarding any aspect of this letter. We look forward to your feedback.

Best,

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Community Care of St. Catharines

Credit Canada Debt Solutions

Cultivating Hope Foundation

District School Board of Niagara

ETFO Niagara Occasional Teachers

Goodwill Niagara

John Howard Society of Niagara

Niagara Catholic District School Board

Niagara College

Niagara Community Foundation

Niagara Community Legal Clinic

Niagara Falls Community Health Centre

Niagara Furniture Bank

Niagara Region Anti-Racism Association

Positive Living Niagara

Salvation Army Fort Erie

Social Justice Research Institute, Brock University

Start Me Up Niagara

St. Barnabus Anglican Church

Town of Fort Erie

United Way Niagara

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Women's Place of South Niagara

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Good afternoon:

As part of Ontario's efforts to implement amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* made in 2019/2020 to ensure that conservation authorities focus and deliver on their mandates of protecting people and property from flooding and other natural hazards, and conserving natural resources, three (3) new regulations have been made under the *Conservation Authorities Act*:

- Ontario Regulation 686/21: Mandatory Programs and Services. This regulation prescribes the mandatory programs and services conservation authorities would be required to provide, including core watershed-based resource management strategies.
- Ontario Regulation 687/21: Transition Plans and Agreements for Programs and Services Under Section 21.1.2 of the Act. This regulation requires each authority to have a 'transition plan' that would outline the steps to be taken to develop an inventory of programs and services and to enter into agreements with participating municipalities to fund non-mandatory programs and services through a municipal levy, among other things. It also establishes the transition period to enter into those agreements.
- Ontario Regulation 688/21: Rules of Conduct in Conservation Areas. This regulation consolidates the current individual conservation authority 'Conservation Area' regulations made under Section 29 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* into one Minister's regulation that regulates the public use of authority owned land.

The new regulations will focus conservation authorities on their core mandate by prescribing mandatory programs and services they must provide, giving municipalities greater control over which conservation authority non-mandatory programs and services they will fund, and will consolidate "conservation areas" regulations. A decision notice is available on the Environmental Registry of Ontario ([notice number 019-2986](#)).

The regulations reflect extensive comments received on the regulatory proposals posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario for 45 days from May 13, 2021 until June 27, 2021. We received 444 submissions from municipalities, conservation authorities, Indigenous communities and

organizations, environmental non-government organizations, community groups, industry, agricultural sector, and individuals. We also held 3 webinars with ministry staff in which over 500 people attended. All the feedback received during the consultation period was considered, and the final regulations were modified based on this feedback as follows:

- We extended the timeline that conservation authorities must complete the transition to the new funding framework to January 1, 2024.
- We clarified the requirements for municipal involvement in the preparation of the inventory of programs and services.
- We added the requirement for conservation authorities to provide costing information (e.g. total costs for the last 5 years) to deliver all mandatory and non-mandatory programs and services.
- We included low-maintenance passive recreation like trails, day use parks and picnicking areas in the list of mandatory programs and services.
- We provided an extended timeline for specific deliverables (i.e. core watershed-based resource management strategy) under the mandatory programs and services regulation (i.e. to be completed on or before December 31, 2024).
- We removed the requirement for conservation authorities to have community advisory boards (they will continue to be optional for conservation authorities). For clarity, conservation authorities will still have the opportunity for an agriculture representative to be appointed by the Minister.

These regulations will improve conservation and land management efforts, strengthen Ontario's resilience to climate change, ensure continued access to safe drinking water, protect people and property from extreme weather events like flooding, drought, and erosion, and most importantly protect the environment.

Thank you again for your input. You can reach the ministry at ca.office@ontario.ca if you have any questions. The Ministry will also be organizing webinars to answer technical questions in October. I look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure conservation authorities are in the best position to deliver on their core mandate.

Sincerely,

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