

Tim Baliasak — Principal Issues, Priorities and Commitments (derived from the candidate presentation)

Key Priorities and Issues Identified

- Managing growth throughout all Niagara-on-the-Lake villages, not just Old Town.
- Implementing contextual zoning, particularly in Glendale.
- Ensuring consistent and appropriate planning policies for future development.
- Preparing for the projected growth associated with Glendale and its anticipated population increase.
- Managing increased residential traffic resulting from new development.
- Recognizing that each village (Old Town, Virgil, St. Davids, Queenston and Glendale) has different needs.

Developing a long-term recreation plan to serve both active retirees and young families.

- Creating a responsible tourism strategy that balances the needs of residents and visitors.
- Integrating traffic planning, tourism planning and recreation planning into a coordinated municipal strategy.
- Modernizing municipal development policies so they reflect current growth realities.
Improving infrastructure, particularly active transportation infrastructure.

Specific Promises and Commitments

- Implement contextual zoning in Glendale and throughout the municipality.
- Develop policies to manage growth and development across all villages.
- Establish a long-term recreation plan for the community.
- Create a tourism strategy that promotes responsible and sustainable growth.

- Bring the existing traffic plan back to the table and continue work on it.
- Coordinate traffic, tourism and recreation planning rather than treating them as separate issues.

Update municipal development policies so developers clearly understand the town's expectations.

- Represent residents with a united vision based on consistency, hard work and dedication.
- Support the continued use of the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT).
- Use MAT revenues to improve infrastructure, particularly pathways and active transportation.
- Require short-term rentals to pay the same accommodation tax as hotels.

Notable Quotes

- *"We need a long-term vision for a recreation plan and how it will serve the community as a whole"*
- *"We need to create a tourism strategy for responsible and viable growth to see balance for both residents and visitors alike"*
- *"The developers need to know when they come to town exactly what it is the town is looking to do."*