

ANDREW NIVEN

Candidate for Niagara-on-the-Lake Town Council

Almost two years ago, I put my name forward to fill a vacant Council seat because I believed I could contribute to our community. Council chose me to serve, and I'm grateful for that opportunity. I've always understood that an appointment is not the same as being elected, and I've viewed these past two years as an opportunity to earn residents' trust through my work and decisions.

My commitment to Niagara-on-the-Lake began long before Council. I've served as Chair of the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism NOTL and Chair of the Tourism Strategy Committee. I sit on the Hotel Tax Committee, Museum Board and Soccer Board. I've also supported community events including the Candlelight Stroll and Icewine Festival. These experiences have given me a broad perspective and a strong appreciation for what makes NOTL unique.

My Approach

I believe municipal government is about balance. We can grow without losing the character that makes NOTL special, but growth must be responsible, in the right place, at the right scale and supported by the infrastructure residents expect.

During my time on Council, I've supported some applications and opposed others. My role is not to automatically say yes or no, but to consider the policies, evidence, infrastructure and community impact before making decisions in the best interests of NOTL.

My Priorities

Responsible Growth

Protecting our villages, neighbourhoods, agricultural lands and natural environment.

Strong Infrastructure

Roads, water and wastewater, stormwater, flooding and other core services.

Fiscal Responsibility

Responsible spending and thoughtful long-term planning.

Agriculture & Local Business

Supporting agriculture, local businesses and tourism.

Heritage & Community

Protecting the character and quality of life that make NOTL special.

Accountability

Listening to residents, communicating clearly and being accountable for Council decisions.

I believe Niagara-on-the-Lake deserves thoughtful, responsible and accountable leadership - leadership that puts NOTL first.