

# COUNCIL'S 2015-2018 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: 2015 SNAPSHOTS

Niagara Falls City Council recently received a progress update on their Strategic Priorities 2015-2018. Here are some snapshots from each of the priority areas.

### **ECONOMIC GROWTH & PROSPERITY SNAPSHOTS**

- Launched New Economic Zone CIP
- 16 Business Related Seminars
- 18 Youth Related Outreach Events
- WEGO Financial Report Submitted To Provincial and Federal Government
- 299 New Business Consultations
- 123 Existing Business Consultations
- 1800 Business Inquires Answered
- 105 Clients Started Businesses
- 47 Starter Company Applicants
- 25 Businesses Started
- Over 215 Million Construction in Permit Value

### INFRASTRUCTURE SUSTAINABILITY SNAPSHOTS

- 4 Preventative Maintenance Plans for City Facilities Complete
- 62 Flower Beds & Raised Planters Maintained
- 254 Frozen Water Services Repaired
- 1 Bridge/ Culverts Replace (\$0.13 Million)
- Total lane km of winter maintenance = 1322.62
- Total cost per lane km of winter maintenance = \$1,395.22
- 8370 L.E.D. Street Lights Replaced
- 179 W.R.A.P Applications Approved
- 2.2 km Trails Developed
- 9.56 km Sidewalk Replaced (\$0.92 million)
- 3.0 km Storm Sewer Constructed (\$3.75 million)
- 2.65 km Sanitary Sewer Replaced (\$1.71 Million)
- 5.47 km Watermain Replaced (\$2.87 Million)
- 9.2 km Roadway Reconstructed/Resurfaced (\$4.98 Million)
- 15.5 km Roadway Surface Treated (\$1.08 Million)
- Thorold Stone Road Extension (Phase 1) Completed
- Stanley Avenue Road Reconstruction Project Completed

### FINANCIAL STABILITY

- Outstanding Municipal Debt Lowered by 7.578%
- Debt Servicing Cost as % of Own Revenues Lowered from 6.63% to 6.14%



City of Niagara Falls has Tangible Capital Asserts with a cost of \$1.028 Billion

# CONVENIENT, ACCESSIBLE and SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION

- School Crossing Safety Outreach Delivered to over 1000 Elementary Students
- Online Overnight Parking Launch created 2500 registered submissions
- 12.6 % increase in Niagara Transit Ridership since implementation of new routing
- WEGO Transportation Systems Facility 100% Complete

# ORGANIZATIONAL EFFICIENCY & EFFECTIVENESS

- 48 Average Age of Staff
- 15 Average Number of working day to review a Residential Building Permit
- 100% Compliance with Water Treatment Legislation
- 138 Staff Received Professional Development Training

# **HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITY**

- 6.02 ha of open space/ 1000 people
- 83% Prime Time Utilization at Gale Centre
- 419 Children Learned to Swim in City Pools
- 1356 Coronation Centre Members
- 5547 Annual Response, Total Calls from Fire Department
- Wake Up! Campaign generated, 1369 homes visited, 375 homes entered, 79 smoke alarms installed, 80 carbon monoxide alarms installed, 112 batteries replaced

### A VIBRANT & WELL PLANNED CITY

- 1,200 trees planted
- 1292 building permits issued
- 10 city coordinated environmental events
- · Cemetery business plan approved
- Lundy's Lane Cemetery Expansion commenced
- Culture Plan endorsed by Council
- Battlefield Master Plan implantation 30% complete
- · Housing Amendments made to Zoning By-law