

William A. Roberts responses to SORE 2022

Thanks to SORE for all this and I share many of your concerns. I read with great interest the letter this week to the Lake Report editor from Judy McLeod and found it extremely helpful. I also look to the Town's Heritage Committee and the Ontario Heritage Trust for guidance on these matters.

However it seems to me that many of these questions are for the NOTL Mayor and Councillors to respond to and decide upon. Because of the law suits and litigation it makes it difficult to provide comment that may be seen as prejudicial.

As a Candidate for Regional Council I am following very closely the new Niagara Official Plan and its impact on and changes that need to be made to the NOTL OP. I appreciate the Update on the Adopted NOTL OP Report to Council by Kirsten McCauley on August 22, and the several areas of 'conformity review' that are being undertaken.

In my campaigning I have stated my view and values of heritage, in part because of my experience with three Ontario historical churches and cemeteries. I am a believer in the 'precautionary principle', and the adage 'don't kill the goose that laid the golden egg'.

Once elected and with a new local and regional council in place I look forward to hearing from SORE and working together as we move forward on shared values and common goals.

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