



Niagara Business Alliance Launches 2026 Municipal Candidate Surveys

(September 1st, 2026 – St. Catharines) Niagara's next municipal councils will make decisions that directly affect the region's economic competitiveness, affordability and quality of life for years to come. The Niagara Business Alliance (NBA) believes voters deserve to know where candidates stand on these important issues before they cast their ballots.

That is why the Niagara Business Alliance is launching its **2026 Municipal Candidate Surveys**, inviting all registered mayoral and councillor candidates across Niagara's 12 municipalities to share their priorities and positions on the issues shaping the region's future.

The surveys will ask candidates about some of the most important issues facing Niagara communities, including property taxes and municipal spending, housing affordability and development, infrastructure investment, economic development and job creation, municipal services and opportunities for greater regional cooperation and shared services. Candidates will also be asked about major regional issues, and to identify the priorities they believe their municipality should focus on over the next four years.

The goal is to give Niagara residents and the business community clear, comparable information about those seeking municipal office and encourage a substantive discussion about how Niagara can remain an affordable, competitive and attractive place to live, work, invest and do business.

Candidate responses will be made publicly available in advance of voting day. All registered candidates will receive a unique survey link, and completed surveys must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. EST on Friday, September 18, 2026.

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Grimsby and District Chamber of Commerce

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Kevan Peters, Past President
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South Niagara Chambers of Commerce
(Niagara Falls, Fort Erie, Welland/Pelham,
and Port Colborne-Wainfleet)

Jennifer Santos, Executive Director
West Lincoln Chamber of Commerce

About the Niagara Business Alliance (NBA)

The Niagara Business Alliance is a non-partisan coalition representing Niagara's leading business and housing organizations, including the Niagara Association of REALTORS®, Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce, Grimsby and District Chamber of Commerce, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, Niagara Construction Association, Niagara Home Builders' Association, Niagara Industrial Association, Niagara-on-the-Lake Chamber of Commerce, South Niagara Chamber of Commerce (Niagara Falls, Fort Erie, Welland/Pelham, and Port Colborne-Wainfleet) and West Lincoln Chamber of Commerce.

Together, Niagara Business Alliance members represent thousands of businesses, manufacturers, REALTORS®, home builders, employers, employees, entrepreneurs and professionals across Niagara, working collaboratively to advocate for a stronger, more competitive and prosperous regional economy.

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