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# **COMMON COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA**

February 17, 2022

The following meeting has been scheduled for **TUESDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2022**:

6:30 P.M. Robert Frank

6:45 P.M. Ralph Dailey

7:00 P.M. Bonts World Foundation

7:15 P.M. Deborah Gondek

7:30 P.M. Common Council

7:45 P.M. Executive Session

- Re: Discuss Traffic Problems with Matt's Music
- Re: El Gringo Outdoor Seating
- Re: Proposed Memorial @ Heritage Park
- Re: Complete Street Policy & Resolution Discussion
- **Re:** General Discussion
- Re: Union Contract Discussion

Respectfully submitted,

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Donna L. Braun City Clerk-Treasurer

Donna,

I would like to be placed on the Common Council Workshop Agenda for February 22, 2022 to discuss the traffic problems with Matt's Music.

Thank you

**Robert J Frank** 

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December 27, 2022

Ms. Donna Braun Common Council - Clerk/Treasurer North Tonawanda City Hall - Main Floor 216 Payne Ave North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: Outdoor Patio seating - 58 Webster Street

Dear Ms. Braun,

El Gringo Mexican Cantina on Webster Street is scheduled to open in April of 2022. Please accept this letter as a request for El Gringo Mexican Cantina to provide outdoor seating in a cordoned off outdoor patio on the Webster Street side of the building.

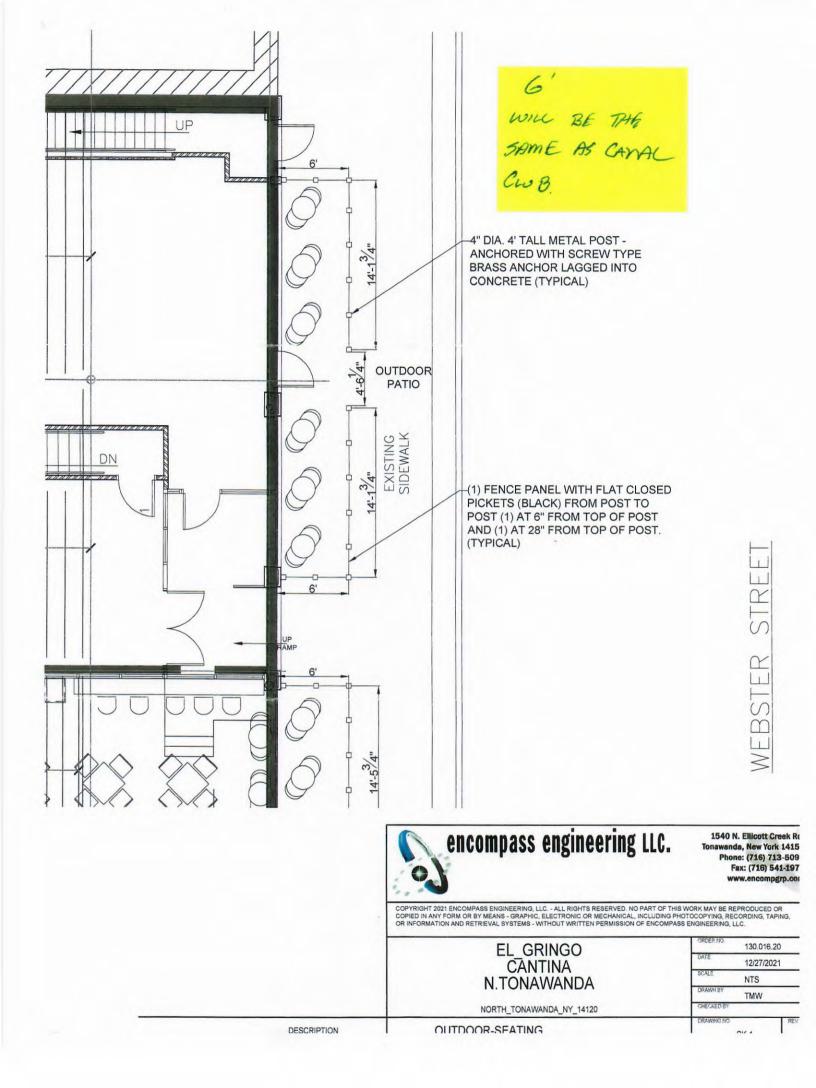
We would utilize outdoor seating in the spring, summer, and fall, starting this coming April, weather permitting. Accompanying this letter is dimensioned drawing showing our proposed plan. Please keep in mind that this patio area is fully removable during winter months.

Please address our request at the upcoming Common Council meeting and feel free to contact me at any time with questions or additional information requirements.

Thank you for your assistance

Ralph Dailey El Gringo Mexican Cantina LLC 19 Main Street – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Tonawanda, New York, 14150 (716) 316-2027 ralphdailey@me.com





The Bonts World Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, would like to construct an Overdose Memorial in North Tonawanda's Heritage Park.

The Foundation is led by Debbie Sparks, Ashley Korte, and Stephanie Insolaco.

Their mission is to save lives by raising funds to help those in need of treatment facilities and take away the stigma associated with the opioid epidemic. It is called Bonts, nicknamed for Devanti, a loving man who battled with an opiate addiction, losing his battle in 2020. The Foundation met with me and the North Tonawanda Parks and Recreation Superintendent Alex Domaradzki to brainstorm ideas on how to bring awareness into our community. They are poised and funded to construct a gazebo in Heritage Park where people can reflect on loved ones either suffering from or having lost their life to an opioid addiction (see proposed location below). Like the Children's Memorial Garden, people can purchase a name plate and have it on display in the gazebo. This initiative is also sponsored by the Community Health Alliance of North Tonawanda. What they need from the North Tonawanda Common Council are:

- 1. Approval of a Memorial at Heritage Park
- Proclamation for the ribbon cutting on Overdose Awareness Day, Wednesday, August 31. International Overdose Awareness Day is a global event held on 31 August each year. Its purpose is to raise awareness of overdoses, reduce the stigma of drug-related deaths and acknowledge the grief felt by families and friends.

#### Proposed location Heritage Park (Oliver Street Entrance).

Paved walkway leading to a 12' Vinyl Gazebo surrounded by purple flower beds.

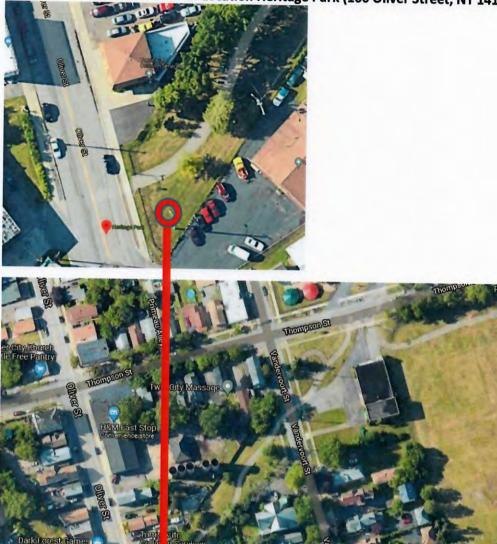
 Inside the gazebo will be name plaques attached to the rails with the names of lives lost by overdose (plaques to be purchased by families).



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## Complete Streets Policy for the City of North Tonawanda, NY

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Complete Streets policies are intended to provide guidance for the planning, design and operation of public right-of-ways within a municipality in an effort to improve public safety and access, maintenance efficiency and environmental conditions. The goal of these policies is to make roads and right-of-ways more usable for non-vehicular traffic uses using elements such as sidewalks, bicycle lanes, bus lanes, enhanced crosswalks, pedestrian signaling, alternative paving and strengthened landscaping. Municipalities can utilize these elements in both new road construction and the renovation of existing roads to reduce the severity of motor vehicle collisions, promote walking and bicycling to improve community health, reduce dependency on gray infrastructure and foster a more environmentally conscious built environment.

The New York State Complete Streets Act of 2011 establishes guidance principles for streets that enable safe use for all transportation methods including not only drivers but pedestrians, bicyclists and those using public transportation within New York State. There is, however, no universal prescriptive approach to the planning, design and operation of Complete Streets. Municipalities like the City of North Tonawanda must review their existing road infrastructure and assess their community needs while implementing complete street principles on all construction projects within the public right-of-way.

The City of North Tonawanda is committed to the implementation of Complete Streets concepts in all future road construction within the city. The purpose of this policy is to formally establish the City of North Tonawanda's commitment to the implementation of Complete Streets that promote the safe, accessible, and environmentally friendly use of public right-of-ways. Input will be gathered from the following committees, groups and agencies in the creation of this policy:

- North Tonawanda Climate Smart CommunitiesTask Force
- North Tonawanda Department of Public Works
- North Tonawanda City Engineer
- North Tonawanda Planning Board
- North Tonawanda Zoning Board
- North Tonawanda Traffic Safety Committee

#### **VISION STATEMENT:**

Establish a connected network of safe, reliable, attractive and environmentally conscious public right-ofways that utilize multi-modal transportation systems to benefit all users regardless of age, mobility or economic standing.

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#### SCOPE:

Complete Streets principals and techniques shall be included on all new infrastructure projects including the renovation of existing roadways. Opportunities to apply the City's Complete Streets policy include, but are not limited to:

A.) **Securing funding**: Formalizing North Tonawanda's commitment to a Complete Streets policy opens up new sources of funding for road projects. New funding opportunities should be fully explored as project budgets are developed.

B.) **Transportation facilities within a public right-of-way:** Streets, sidewalks, bridges and all other connecting pathways shall be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained so that users of all ages and abilities can travel safely and independently. These provisions shall include both on-road and off-road facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation.

C.) **New and Existing Road Construction:** Projects taking place within the public right-of-way, including subterrain utility projects, shall incorporate Complete Street principles wherever technically and financially feasible. Considerations shall include but are not limited to public safety, general accessibility by all road users and modes of transportation, community beautification and appeal, and a reduction in negative environmental impacts including storm water runoff and urban heat island.

D.) **Private Development:** Projects that are subject to site plan review are required to consider and include where technically and financially feasible any applicable Complete Streets elements including those listed above.

#### **DESIGN GUIDELINES:**

The City of North Tonawanda shall require the use of design guidance available for the planning and design of the Complete Streets. The consideration of local context and sensitivities shall be the primary guide during project development, however, the following design guidelines have been identified to provide technical guidance for the planning, design and operation of Complete Streets within the City of North Tonawanda:

- Highway Design Manual, New York State Department of Transportation
- Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares: A Context Sensitive Approach, 2010, Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) and Congress for the New Urbanism. [508-compliant]
- Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities, 2012, AASHTO
- Guide for the Planning, Design, and Operation of Pedestrian Facilities, 2004, AASHTO
- Proposed Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way, 2011 and 2013, U.S. Access Board
- Roadside Design Guide, 2011, AASHTO
- Urban Bikeway Design Guide, 2012, National Association of City Transportation Officials
- Urban Street Design Guide, 2013, National Association of City Transportation Officials
- Achieving Multimodal Networks, 2016, U.S. DOT Federal Highway Administration

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION:**

WHEREAS, a North Tonawanda Complete Streets Policy will improve bicycle and pedestrian friendliness and create a safe, reliable, efficient, attractive, and connected multi-modal transportation system that benefits all users regardless of age, mobility limitations, or economic standing; and

WHEREAS, complete streets that integrate multiple transportation choices for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit, with special consideration for children, the elderly and people with disabilities, contribute to the public life of a community, sustainable economic development and efficient movement of people and goods; and

WHEREAS, complete streets that are mindful of and respondent to environmental and climate conditions have a positive effect on public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Tonawanda shall, to the maximum extent practical, scope, plan, design, construct, operate and maintain all streets to provide a comprehensive and integrated network of facilities for all users of all abilities; and

WHEREAS, the City will actively seek sources of appropriate funding and pursue all available resources to assist in achieving Complete Street goals; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this policy to foster partnerships with the State of New York, Niagara County, North Tonawanda School District, citizens, businesses, interest groups and neighborhoods to implement complete streets; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Tonawanda shall encourage the use of publicly available design guidelines and best practices to guide the planning, design and operation of complete streets within the city; and

WHEREAS, complete streets should be continuously evaluated for success and opportunities for improvement sought.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of North Tonawanda, New York hereby supports the creation of a North Tonawanda Complete Streets Policy.