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## **New Niagara Parks Commission Community Website launched as part of NPC commitment to openness and transparency**

*Agenda for Friday's first Public meeting now available on site*

**NIAGARA FALLS** – The Niagara Parks Commission proudly launched its new community website <http://community.niagaraparks.com> this morning as part of its on-going commitment to openness and transparency. The new site is a main component of NPC's overall website redesign ([www.niagaraparks.com](http://www.niagaraparks.com)) and helps fulfill some of the recent recommendations contained in the Ministry of Tourism's governance and audit reviews of NPC, undertaken this past spring.

"The Commission is committed to being as open and transparent as possible," stated acting NPC Chair Archie Katzman, adding "One of the ways we can do this is by providing more information to the public about our activities and the reasons behind the decisions we make; we believe this website will help us do that."

The site also includes additional information about how the public can do business with NPC, as well as other aspects of NPC's governance, operations and community involvement. One of the advantages of the new website is that it will enhance NPC's ability to inform the public about public meetings. In this regard a specific "Commission Meetings" section has been created and will include Agendas, Commission Minutes and Activity Reports prepared by staff for the Commission's consideration during the public portion of its regularly scheduled meetings.

NPC's first public meeting is scheduled to take place at 10 a.m. on January 22, in meeting room 1 of the Commission's Oak Hall offices, located at 7400 Portage Road, Niagara Falls. Seating is limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis. One of the key items to be discussed will be the Commission's need to develop a by-law guiding its public deliberations in the future. Following the public portion of the meeting the Commission will then adjourn to discuss "in-camera" items.

The Niagara Parks Commission, an Agency of the Government of Ontario since 1885, operates to preserve and enhance Niagara Falls and the Niagara River Corridor for the enjoyment of visitors, all while remaining financially self-sufficient.

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