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City Issues Request for Proposal on Marina Redevelopment Concepts

NORTH TONAWANDA— North Tonawanda's Mayor announced that a Request for Proposal ("RFP") was issued for the development of a restaurant at the former marina property located at 1000 River Road.

The RFP is seeking qualified candidates to operate a restaurant on a City-owned site. The property is not for sale, and the restaurateur would operate under a mutually agreed upon concessionaire's agreement with the City. Candidates are asked to submit their proposal by the 4p.m. deadline on Monday, October 31st. The City will convene a seven (7) person committee to review all proposals. This committee will include the Mayor, two (2) additional members of the Common Council, three (3) members of the Lumber City Development Corporation, and the City Attorney.

"I have been committed to the rehabilitation of the Gratwick Riverside Marina since I took office, and this RFP is a continuation of that commitment. We have conducted a market/feasibility study, which directly helped us receive \$300,000 in Greenway funding to be used at this site. This RFP is another step toward a viable, economic initiative along our riverfront," stated Mayor Ortt.

Interested candidates can obtain a copy of the RFP by visiting the Community Development Department at 500 Wheatfield St., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 or by calling (716) 695-8580.

After receiving the proposals at the end of October, the review process will commence throughout the month of November. The review committee will make its recommendation to the Common Council, at which time the Common Council will vote to accept or reject the recommended proposal. The winning proposal will be selected and notified in early December.

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