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Mayor Pappas to Hold Dedication Ceremony for Bike Path Extension and New Kayak Launches

NORTH TONAWANDA— On Wednesday May 18, 2016 at 11:30 a.m., Mayor Arthur G. Pappas, as well as members of the Common Council, will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony highlighting the new bike path extension and kayak launches, in turn symbolically ushering in the spring season to the City of North Tonawanda. The ceremony will be located on the bike path at the intersection of Niagara St. and Sweeney St.

"I am very excited to see the completion of the bike path and to see the kayak launches in place," said Mayor Pappas. "The canal is an integral part of our community and now, with these projects completed, people can use their personal watercraft on the canal or you can ride your bike and watch those on the water."

Funding for the projects was acquired through grants by Lumber City Development Corporation. Lumber City was integral in administering funds totaling $289,414 for the bike path; half coming from NYS Canal Corp. with the difference from the city.

Design and construction of the Erie Canal Kayak Launches was funded by the NYS Department of State with funds provided under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund; totaling $142,700 with half provided by the NYS Dept. of State and the difference coming from the city. "It is so great to have more public access to our waterfront while providing increased recreational activities for residents and visitors," said Lumber City Development's Executive Director, Michael Zimmerman.
"It truly makes North Tonawanda a great place."

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In addition to the location on Niagara St. and Sweeney, there is an additional kayak launch at the Botanical Gardens with a dock located at Gateway Harbor Park. The bike path extension totals 6,000 feet in length and begins before the intersection of Payne Avenue and Sweeney Street and ends at the entrance of Mayor's Park.

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