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Palmwood Property Identified in Waterfront Strategy for Redevelopment

During last night's Council meeting, Town Council voted unanimously to support a zoning bylaw amendment to 3823 Terrace Lane (Palmwood). The proposed new development includes a five-storey, mixed-use building with commercial and residential capabilities. This amendment was recommended by Town Planning Staff as it was in-line with the newly approved Waterfront Strategy. The Waterfront Strategy is being used to provide a broad based vision for Fort Erie's 45 km of water's edge land along Lake Erie and the Niagara River.

"Over the next couple years, we will be experiencing some changes to the profile of our waterfront," said Mayor Wayne Redekop. "One way for us to grow our economy is to invest in our Town's natural assets. Proceeding with the Waterfront Strategy is one of the smartest investments we can make because it is designed to complement the beauty of our Town without jeopardizing the integrity of our community."

"Town Council and Staff have been working on this strategy for the past two years," said Rick Brady, Director, Planning Development Services. "We have completed the necessary studies, conducted intensive community engagement, and budgeted appropriately. Now, it's time to get the work done. It will take nearly 10-years to fully implement this strategy but it's a 10-year investment that will have a significant and positive impact on the Town's future."

Other recommendations for 3823 Terrace Lane (which were also included in the Waterfront Strategy) include the reconfiguration of the parking area; the extension of the pedestrian trail to the property; the reconfiguration of the walkway on site to connect Terrace Lane to the waterfront; and, the creation of a landscape node at the water's edge for public use all at the expense of the developer of the Palmwood.

For more information on the Waterfront Strategy, please contact David Heyworth, Manager, Land Use Policy, at dheyworth@forterie.ca or 905-871-1600, ext. 2504. For information about the Town's planning process, please contact Kira Dolch, Development Approvals, at kdolch@forterie.ca or 905-871-1600, ext. 2502.