Individual Councillor Areas of Focus (Sticky Note Exercise)

Priority 1: Supporting Businesses and Economic Growth

*Individual Councillor Comments*

- Economic opportunity and strategy- open for business, talent and workforce development, business retention and expansion, innovation and leadership, strategy and new investment
- Joint economic Development
- Canada Games
- Tourism- eco/sport
- Continue to expand tourism: bike paths, beaches, hiking
- Tourism- eco adventure
- Regional tourism, responsible spending
- Regional approach to tourism
- Attract and retain talent through population growth
- Retaining our youth- schools, education, transportation
- Student and youth retention
- Skilled trades
- Educate our children and their parents that all jobs are important, including skilled trades
- Economic development- trades are very important, we need job retention as well as youth retention
- Fill the workplace gaps with businesses
- Entice workers and businesses to Niagara and promote a quality life style
- Growing our economy
- Economic Development- keeping and retention and new
- Growth: diversity, inclusivity, sustainable
- Identify locations for industrial growth
- Economic and community development- open for business
- Business growth and retention- economic development including tourism
- Economic development which includes business retention and expansion

Priority 2: Healthy and Vibrant Community

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- Health equity- complete communities driven by research in determinants of health
- Reduce poverty and increase equity
- Enhance quality of health in Niagara Region
- Mental health services, and focus on public health in general
- Public Health: long term seniors beds (aging population), mental health and addiction
- Public Health: seniors, long term care homes, emphasis on mental health
• Public health- mental and general
• Healthy community- mental and physical
• Quality of life and public safety
• Create a healthier, safe and more caring community
• Better promotion of our arts and culture
• Senior citizens
• Building an affordable and sustainable community
• Helping graduates in Niagara- giving a health, affordable living
• Affordable housing
• Affordable housing
• Affordable housing: providing accommodation for those less fortunate, putting new facilities on a priority list
• Affordable housing across all age groups/long term care and public health
• Affordable housing in our communities
• Quality affordable housing
• Affordable housing- seniors and LTC
• Affordable housing- innovative solutions to fill gap between social housing and home ownership
• Affordable housing- increase stock, shorten wait list including equitable access to LTC
• Affordable housing- integrated
• Integrated affordable housing
• Housing- affordable for seniors and long term care
• Solutions for affordable homes for families and the homeless and long term care facilities

Priority 3: Responsible Growth and Infrastructure Planning

Individual Councillor Comments

• One Niagara transportation authority
• Transit and Go- continue linking communities, N-S and E-W
• Improve and expand on our inter-municipal transportation services
• Transportation
• Complete transportation system
• Transportation to connect people with jobs and services
• Effective and efficient movement of people and goods
• Transportation (regional and active)
• Transportation- we need to amalgamate the 3 transit services to form one
• Create an effective and affordable transportation system
• Regional transit
• Regional Public transit- making Niagara accessible across the Region
• Aged infrastructure needs to be upgraded and for future development including transit
• Water safety and sanitation- replacing aging infrastructure is a priority for clean water
• Essential Infrastructure- i.e. transportation, water quality, public safety
• Renew, repair and replace aging infrastructure
• Prioritize new infrastructure with a mind to development (new and old)
• Essential public infrastructure
• Infrastructure in support of growth
• Look after worst first with infrastructure
• Strong asset management plan combined with infrastructure, growth and renewal
• Infrastructure development and improvement
• Grow infrastructure
• Infrastructure requirements: waste water, health, water etc.
• Green sustainable, development and practices, environmental quality
• Preservation of prime agricultural land and natural assets
• Environment
• Environmental sustainability- targets to reduce carbon footprint/greenhouse gases, look through environmental lens for projects and policy, acknowledge climate change and actions to reduce human impacts

Priority 4: Sustainable and Engaging Government

Individual Councillor Comments

• Providing high quality basic municipal services
• Core service focus
• Concentrate on core priorities
• Concept of affordability and efficiency of the Region: be as efficient as is possible while meeting the expectation of the community(ies)
• Centralization of services where it makes sense- i.e. IT and infrastructure
• Region wide fire services- one system for all 12 Municipalities
• Pursue additional partnerships with our area municipalities, post secondary institutions and businesses
• Utilize the assets of Niagara College and Brock University
• Closer partnerships with our post secondary education institutions
• Collaboration
• Region-wide consultation
• Joint Planning consultation
• Better communication between people and communities
• Communication: improve and inform, ensure community knows what it needs to know
• Integrity
• Fiscally responsible
• responsible spending