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Community Survey

Concerned City of Tonawanda residents have recently explored potential development in our city and we want to know if their vision, is your vision.

These residents believe that community input is of the utmost importance and that a holistic approach to planning and developing the City of Tonawanda is equally important.

To that end, we are conducting a survey of City of Tonawanda residents, regarding thoughts and ideas that have been recently discussed.

Please take the time to answer the following questions, as we value your opinion!

*1) Would you support a proposal to move the City Hall complex, off of Niagara Street, to another location so that area of the waterfront can be made available for development?

		Response (%)	Responses
Yes		67.47	168
No		21.29	53
Undecided		11.24	28
Answered Question			249
Skipped Question			1

*2) Would you support the relocation of City Hall to one of these sites, bringing together the City Hall offices, court, police, fire and/or public works building, to make one centrally located public safety building?

		Response (%)	Responses
Spaulding Complex		42.81	122
Clinton Small Stadium		47.02	134
Other		10.18	29
Answered Question			249
Skipped Question			1

Respondent ID	View Survey	Email	First Name	Last Name	Other
12342276	View				No change!
12342341	View				sure
12342450	View				CITY HALL IS FINE WHERE IT NOW IS!!!!!!
12342717	View				Waste of money
12342740	View				Area away from railroad due to dangerous cargo. Did needs to be near center of city for response timed
12342945	View				"Downtown" block containing old Post 264 building, within Main, Broad, Seymour and Adam St. for city hall, court & police. DPW to Spaulding or to Wales Ave. No need to move Fire Dept.
12343799	View				Leave it as it is
12345134	View				Undecided
12346310	View				No I would not support this

12435374	View			lets not make change for the sake of making change - it took Buffalo 50 years to start returning their waterfront to the people - WHY DEVELOP OURS ??? if we can get federal Homeland Security to pay for it then go ahead
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*3) If given the opportunity to swap land at Ives Pond (app.20 acres) and relocate the soccer fields, Tonawanda American Little League, tennis courts, etc., to the Little League Drive/Veteran's Park area, would you support this?

		Response (%)	Responses
Yes		38.80	97
No		42.80	107
Undecided		18.40	46
Answered Question			250
Skipped Question			0

*4) Would you support the construction of homes at the Ives Pond location?

		Response (%)	Responses
Yes		41.77	104
No		39.76	99
Undecided		18.47	46
Answered Question			249
Skipped Question			1

*5) Two builders have submitted plans for the development of Little League Drive and Veteran's Park. One plan foresees the building of 72 villa-style homes valued at \$250,00 and up. This development would rely on "condo status" being granted and the homes being taxed at only 65% of their value. The second plan looks to build 46 one and two-story style homes valued at \$250,00 and up and would be taxed at 100% of their value. Each development could add between \$190,00 and \$200,000, annually, to the city tax base, once filled to capacity. Please indicate whether or not you agree with the city's decision to develop this parcel of land for housing.

		Response (%)	Responses
Strongly Agree		25.30	63
Agree		17.27	43
Neutral		14.06	35
Disagree		11.24	28
Strongly Disagree		32.13	80
Answered Question			249
Skipped Question			1

*6) If given the choice to develop this acreage for uses other than housing, you would like to see... (you may choose more than one answer)

		Response (%)	Responses
Additional park shelters		10.92	77
Driving range/Golf dome		6.52	46
Athletic Fieldhouse		4.96	35
Dog park w/cafe'		9.79	69
Community garden/orchard		11.21	79
Ice rink		10.92	77
Sculpture park w/cafe'		6.10	43
Passive meadow		8.23	58
Athletic fields shared w/school district		7.66	54
Farmer's market		15.18	107

Challenger sports field for athletes w/special needs		6.81	48
Other		1.70	12
		Answered Question	249
		Skipped Question	1

Respondent ID	View Survey	Email	First Name	Last Name	Other
12341749	View				Sports complex, add all sporting venues to be centrally located
12342443	View				small stage for plays/musical events that would not negatively effect the neighborhood (noise level),.....
12342717	View				No
12342856	View				leave it alone
12345669	View				none of the above would generate additional income needed by the city and would actually cost taxpayers more then we pay now
12345716	View				Splash pad/water playground
12354408	View				Homes
12356598	View				Sports or public use only. Infrastructure too costly. Locate houses in other areas with existing infrastructure ie Mullen school, Riverview school, Ives, East Niagara. Come on use some common sense. BOE has plans to centralize schools. Look into it please. Once you sell off a park its gone for generations!
12360503	View				No houses. If we were concerned about tax revenue we would not have given highland school to people inc for low income no tax revenue housing. BOE plan to move riverview and Mullen to high school campus. Let's continue be stupid and offer it to people inc also and give up our park land that is not replaceable. Common sense please!!!!
12435374	View				it's already awesome - leave it alone focus on Spalding Park before destroying something that can't be replaced

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*7) If given the opportunity to relocate the Tonawanda Football Clinic and softball fields, on East Niagara Street, to the Little League Drive/Veteran's Park area, would you support this?

		Response (%)	Responses
Yes		51.81	129
No		27.71	69
Undecided		20.48	51
		Answered Question	249
		Skipped Question	1

*8) Would you support the development of houses on the East Niagara Street property (app.11 acres)?

		Response (%)	Responses
Yes		62.65	156
No		22.89	57
Undecided		14.46	36
		Answered Question	249
		Skipped Question	1

*9) Please indicate your feelings of importance on developing the 14 acres of land, known as Little League Drive and Veteran's Park.

	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Unimportant	Very Unimportant	Responses	Total
Housing Development (Brownstone or David Homes)	26.91%	12.05%	15.26%	11.65%	34.14%	249	33%
Recreational use (Athletic fields, Golf dome, etc.)	21.29%	27.31%	25.70%	11.24%	14.46%	249	33%
Community use (Dog/Sculpture park, Farmer's market, etc.)	32.53%	22.09%	18.07%	12.85%	14.46%	249	33%

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*10) Please rank where you believe housing would be more beneficial to the city.

	1	2	3	Responses	Total
East Niagara Street	44.58%	38.15%	17.27%	249	33%
Ives Pond	20.88%	40.96%	38.15%	249	33%
Little League Drive/Veteran's Park	34.54%	20.88%	44.58%	249	33%

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*11) The next several questions have to do with the 42 acres of available land at the former Spaulding Composites site, on Wheeler Street. The current footprint, approximately 42 acres, has been zoned as "Mixed use" for office and light industrial. Do you agree with this designation or would you like to see it re-zoned for other uses such as recreational, restaurant, etc.?

	Response (%)	Responses
Agree. Leave it, as is.	23.60	59
Disagree. Re-zone for other uses.	68.00	170
No opinion	8.40	21
	Answered Question	250
	Skipped Question	0

*12) In 2007, a company pitched the idea of building a multi-use arena on this site. The facility would have been used for ice hockey, conventions, concerts, trade shows, etc. and had the ability to draw in over 100,000 visitors per year to the city. Unfortunately, the company and hockey rights owners backed out due to time constraints, as the property could not be remediated and ready in a suitable time-frame for them. This project could have had an economic impact, favoring the city, in the millions of dollars per year. Would you support a similar project, if all parties were still interested in the site?

	Response (%)	Responses
Yes	84.34	210
No	7.63	19
Undecided	8.03	20
	Answered Question	249
	Skipped Question	1

*13) "Destination" type businesses seem to make great anchor tenants, fulfilling the belief that these businesses will attract other businesses to build around them. Two such companies are Splitsville, a unique bowling and dining experience and TopGolf, an entertainment and event venue with fun point-scoring golf for it's guests. With the city's close proximity to the I-290, guests from Canada, Pennsylvania and Ohio would have easy access to this site. Would you support the city's pursuit of a "destination" type business similar to these types of companies?

	Response (%)	Responses
Yes	71.89	179
No	13.25	33
Undecided	14.86	37
	Answered Question	249
	Skipped Question	1

*14) Recreational possibilities seem endless with this parcel of land. What would you like to see at Spaulding Park?
(you may choose more than one answer)

	Response (%)	Responses
Soccer fields	10.57	81
Baseball fields (lighted/non-lighted)	8.88	68
Driving range and miniature golf	14.49	111
Running track	10.84	83

Softball fields (lighted/non-lighted)		9.14	70
Footbal clinic		6.14	47
Outdoor synthetic skating rink (year-round use)		18.15	139
Golf dome		11.49	88
Tennis courts		6.79	52
Other		3.52	27

Answered Question 249

Skipped Question 1

Respondent ID	View Survey	Email	First Name	Last Name	Other
12342576	View				My concern with athletic fields is how well was the clean up of the soil? That land was pretty toxic from the Spaulding plant. Not so sure if I would want kids playing sports on this ground.
12342717	View				No
12343400	View				Can be simple shuffle board or pickle ball courts modeling off the Larkin district in Buffalo
12343799	View				Houses
12345134	View				Undecided
12345504	View				This would be the ideal use for a multi purpose recreation area. It is easy to get to and not in an area where there are houses already built 'on top' of the existing area.
12345669	View				We need jobs, most of the above options will actually increase cost to the city
12360503	View				Someone that will pay taxes
12435374	View				what would be our unique draw - don't spend a lot of money on a resource that is already abundant in the WNY area
12435450	View				Waterpark, water pad.

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*15) Are you a current resident of the City of Tonawanda?


	Response (%)	Responses
Yes		95.98 239
No		4.02 10
		Answered Question 249
		Skipped Question 1

*16) What ward do you live in?

	Response (%)	Responses
First ward		16.47 41
Second ward		18.88 47
Third ward		14.86 37
Fourth ward		23.69 59
Not sure		26.10 65
		Answered Question 249
		Skipped Question 1

17) What is your age?

	Response (%)	Responses
18-25		5.97 8
26-34		20.90 28
35-44		26.87 36

45-54		19.40	26
55-64		17.91	24
65+		8.96	12
		Answered Question	134
		Skipped Question	116

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