



Site for new St. Catharines police station approved

NIAGARA REGION, Oct. 2, 2014 – Niagara Regional Council has approved an agreement to purchase a property in St. Catharines for the new Niagara Regional Police 1 District St. Catharines detachment. The new facility will replace current operations at 68 Church Street.

The property, owned by Gorge Holdings, Inc., is located at 196-198 Welland Avenue and 51 Niagara Street.

“The approval to proceed with the purchase of this property is great news for our police service, Niagara Region, and for the residents of St. Catharines and Thorold,” said Regional Chair Gary Burroughs. “Acquiring this property is an essential step towards developing a new, modern facility for police in the heart of downtown St. Catharines.”

“The redevelopment of police facilities in our Region has been a work in progress for a number of years,” said Henry D’Angela, Police Services Board Chair. “Regional Council’s selection of the location for the new 1 District station will provide renewed infrastructure that will serve the communities of St. Catharines and Thorold for many years to come.”

“This has been a long journey and I know the men and women of the Niagara Regional Police Service are pleased to be moving ahead on this project,” said Chief McGuire. “We all look forward to the next steps and I am confident that the citizens of Niagara will be well served from our new 1 District station.”

The agreement to purchase was reached after extensive review of several potential properties in St. Catharines, undertaken by a joint committee of staff from Niagara Region and the Niagara Regional Police Service. Regional Council established the committee to oversee the construction of the 1 District detachment.

The selected property meets the operational needs of the police and applicable land use planning principles.

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