



## The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie

### MEDIA RELEASE

## **COUNCIL GIVES GREEN LIGHT TO GATEWAY CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT**

FORT ERIE, July 27, 2012 – The Gateway Condominium project is another step closer to becoming reality.

At a Special Meeting held this afternoon, Town of Fort Erie Council accepted the terms defined in the overall benefit permit for the protection of the Fowler's Toad, thus allowing the so-called "Bay Beach" project to move forward. After four and a half hours of sometimes heated debate, the Council chose not to object to the Ministry of Natural Resources' toad permit, thereby preserving the Agreement of Purchase and Sale between the Town and the developer, the Molinaro Group.

Council could have objected to the terms and conditions of the toad permit and exercised a provision to cancel the Agreement of Purchase and Sale.

The entire 4-acre parcel was acquired by the Town in 2001 for \$2.1 million and will realize \$3.45 million in community benefits paid for by the developer. The Town owns 80% of the site, including the entire beach.

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### Background Facts

The benefits to the community resulting from the project and paid by the developer are valued at \$3.45 million and include:

- a year-round multi-purpose community pavilion
- a large outdoor public event space and beachfront promenade
- open space improvements (environmental protection habitat, landscaping, walkways, seating and other park furniture, lighting, etc.)
- beach accessible washrooms/change rooms and concession area
- the reconstruction of a portion of Erie Road, Schooley Road and Eastwood and Beechwood Avenues, including the installation of a gateway feature and parking lot improvements
- "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)" construction

For further details, including site plan drawings, visit the Town of Fort Erie's web-site at [www.forterie.on.ca](http://www.forterie.on.ca)