

## **NOTLRA INITIAL POSITION ON OLD HOSPITAL SITE!**

### **Comments to the press by Ron Simkus!**

The era of small-town hospitals has passed. There are other old hospital sites in Niagara like Fort Erie and Port Colborne that are both looking for funding for similar situations. Old hospitals in St Catharines were torn down and the Niagara Falls Hospital is slated for demolition. The Welland Hospital is looking at options for renovation, strongly supported by their council and Hotel Dieu Shaver is fundraising for renovation. At present, the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake has laid out a consultation process for engagement, and the Niagara-on-the-Lake Residents Association recommends that everyone fully support that process with input. From that, along with formalizing options, the Niagara-on-the-Lake Residents Association might come to a shared vision because it's early days right now. Once options are established, that might be the time to seek some modicum of resident consensus via survey or other.