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Fire damages historic Glencairn

Advocates call it a massive loss for NOTL's hertiage, investigation is ongoing



NOTL firefighters battle a blaze at the historic Glencairn house on the Niagara Parkway early Wednesday morning. DOUG MUNKLEY

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The historic Glencairn Estate at 14785 Niagara River Pkwy. was engulfed in flames Wednesday morning. The provincial fire marshal is looking into the cause of the blaze and assessing the extent of the damage to the 193-year-old home.

Around 6 a.m., Niagara-on-the-Lake Fire and Emergency Services responded to reports of fire coming from the three-storey home, built in 1832.

Neighbour Doug Munkley lives a few houses down the parkway and received a text around 4:45 a.m. alerting him that the estate was on fire.

"I immediately looked out the window and saw that my stepson — the volunteer firefighter's —

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O'Connor to fight 'strong mayor powers'

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Coun. Sandra O'Connor plans to argue against Niagara-on-the-Lake's use of the newly announced "strong mayor powers" granted by the provincial government to a large swath of municipalities in Ontario.

During Tuesday night's committee of the whole meeting, O'Connor announced a notice of motion for town council to petition the province to rescind the powers granted to NOTL.

The motion will be discussed at length during the next council meeting on April 29.

The province announced last week that 169 municipalities would be granted strong mayor powers as of May 1, with NOTL included.

O'Connor told The Lake Report that strong powers allocated to Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa would jeopardize equal representation among councillors.

"Once the power is given to one of those (councillors), this being the lord mayor, who can make decisions unilaterally on certain

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The Lake Report named top newspaper in Ontario

Staff
The Lake Report

The staff of The Lake Report headed home loaded down with armfuls of plaques after winning 19 awards at the Ontario Community Newspapers Association's annual journalism awards last Friday night.

Among the honours, NOTL's paper was named the top Ontario community newspaper overall in the largest circulation class.

The association's Better Newspapers Competition awards dinner and convention was held in-person for the first time since 2019 and Niagara-on-the-Lake was chosen as the venue.

Reporters, photographers, editors, publishers and advertising staff gathered at Queen's Landing last Friday and Saturday for two days of meetings, seminars and celebrations of excellence in community journalism.

The Lake Report, once again won more accolades than any other publication in the province. With its 19 latest honours, the newspaper and its niagaranow.com website have earned

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