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### NIAGARA SPEEDWAY

**Niagara Falls, ON --** Exciting progress is taking shape on North America's largest elevated go-kart track facility here on Clifton Hill. We are very thrilled to share some current imagery of the Niagara Speedway construction with media outlets.

Photos available for downloading via link: <https://www.goo.gl/AVXj5A>

#### **OPENING SPRING 2018**

Niagara Speedway is a marriage of traditional go-karts with the added fun & excitement of an elevated coaster styled track. Drivers get to test their driving skills along the straightaway, negotiate the hair-pin turns, and climb the elevated ramp as they head for the checkered flag.

"It looks like we're going to finish construction this fall, and hopefully in October we're going to do all our testing," said Harry Oakes, President of HOCO Limited, who owns and operates attractions, restaurants and shops on the south side of Clifton Hill. "We'll shut down for the winter, and then we're looking to launch in the spring, as soon as the weather breaks."

To sum it up in a few words, Oakes says, "it's like go-karts on steroids. You drive on a road course for a portion of the race and then spiral up ... to about 40 feet, and then come down a long hill ... kind of like the way a wooden coaster would be."

The Niagara Speedway is part of a 10-acre redevelopment project that started about a year-and-a-half ago with the demolition of the Comfort Inn Clifton Hill building. This created a 4-acre site for expansion of new Clifton Hill entertainment facilities. This

opened up 20,000 square feet of renovations, and 30,000 square feet of new buildings and extensive streetscape site work.

Already completed projects include: An updated and renovated Ripley's Believe It or Not! Museum, a completely gutted and revamped Kelsey's Restaurant which now includes the addition of a much larger, covered outdoor entertainment patio, an expanded SkyWheel pedestrian plaza, adding a Zombie Attack multi-sensory attraction created by TrioTech, new concessions stands, and the expanded 700-car parking lot (with an additional entrance/exit off Victoria Avenue).

This project will enhance the Clifton Hill entertainment experience and entertainment experience, maintaining the long-term business vitality of Clifton Hill...the "Street of Fun by the Falls!"

**Facts on the structure:**

10,000 bolts  
595,420 lbs of steel = 270,077 Kilograms  
2,150 Linear Feet of Guard Rails = 655 Linear Metres  
16,763 Individual Parts  
1,832 Welded Assemblies  
19,100 – Individual Welds  
2,200 Yards of Concrete  
4,450 Tons of Concrete  
Track Length = 2000 Feet

**Go-Kart Manufacturer and Model:**

J&J F-22 Doubles (includes 9 Horsepower Honda Engines)

Clifton Hill is Niagara Falls top destination for attractions, restaurants, entertainment and more! Located just one block away from the Niagara Horseshoe Falls, the Street of Fun is a must-visit for families, couples and sightseers.

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