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City of Welland Receives its Second Bike Friendly Award in as Many Years

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Welland – The City of Welland received a Silver “Bicycle Friendly Award for Workplaces” at the 2008 Healthy Living Niagara workplace awards ceremony held this morning – the only municipality to receive an award.

A record number of City staff participated in the five day “Bike to get there...Where you Live, Work, and Play” events this year that took place between the 26th and 30th of May.

Niagara Region asked the City of Welland to launch Bike-to-Work Week in 2008, so the City kicked off the week with a free pancake breakfast at Welland’s Market Square that was attended by Mayor Goulbourne and City Manager, Craig Stirtzinger. A busy week followed with planned group cycling activities each day before and after work, some days starting as early as 7:00 a.m.

Gary Graziani, a Plans Examiner with the City and a Team Welland Bike Week co-captain, stated, “Bike-to-Work Week was a fun, active, and healthy event. We brought about 25 enthusiastic City of Welland staff members together to take part in the week-long activities and we are hoping for an even bigger turnout next year!”

The City of Welland received a Bronze level award for its “Bike-to-Work Week” efforts in 2007.

“We are going for gold in 2009,” said Janice Makepeace, the City’s Community Recreation Coordinator and other Team Welland co-captain.

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