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Downtown and Health & Wellness Community Improvement Plan (CIP)

Welland, ON- The City of Welland is in its second stage of preparing a Community Improvement Plan (CIP) for the Downtown Area, King Street Corridor, and Health and Wellness Cluster (centered around the Welland Hospital Site). The purpose of this CIP is to stimulate revitalization, redevelopment, and improvement in this key area of the City.

The CIP will recommend public improvement projects, including physical improvements designed to help stimulate private sector investments in the area, and initiate incentive programs designed to directly promote private sector building rehabilitation and development activity. Planning Manager Rose Di Felice, is pleased with public participation during July's public meeting and looks forward to the second meeting with interested stakeholders. "The upcoming public meeting and open house will allow the public to view a presentation on the Community Improvement Plan and more importantly share their comments and ideas on the draft plan and programs," said Di Felice.

The City's consultant has prepared a draft Land Use Concept, draft Public Realm Improvement Plan, and draft Incentive Programs for the project area. The City of Welland is hosting an open house and public meeting to obtain input on the draft concept, Improvement plan, and incentive programs. "The development of a new Community Improvement Plan for the downtown area, King Street corridor, and health and wellness cluster is a vital component in the economic, social, and environmental renewal of this area. Input from residents and businesses are a central part of creating and implementing a successful plan," said Di Felice.

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Open House and Public Meeting agenda

Date: Thursday, January 16, 2014

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Welland Main Arena, Community Room, Second Floor, 501 King Street, Welland

6:30 – 7:00 p.m. - Open House

7:00 – 7:30 p.m. - Presentation by Consultant

7:30 – 8:30 p.m. - Workshop Groups - Break-out session into smaller groups where your views and ideas regarding the above-noted items will be heard and discussed.

All business and property owners and employees in the Downtown Area and Health and Wellness Cluster as well as the public are invited to attend.