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## **CITY PURCHASES LAND FOR NEW FIRE HALL**

**Welland** – Welland City Council last evening passed a By-law for the purchase of property on King and Lincoln Streets for a Fire Station. The purchase price is \$300,000 for 4.1 acres. The property has access from King Street and Lincoln Street and is situated next to the Welland Community Wellness Complex and Rexall Pharmacy.

This land is strategically located and optimally meets the criteria identified in the City's Fire Facility Needs Study Part 1 Report previously approved by Council. It further complements the new Community Improvement Plan (CIP) being introduced for the King Street and Downtown areas, and promotes the City's Health & Wellness Strategy for the King Street Corridor.

The property is a Brownfield site and the purchase price takes into account the need for the City to remediate this site for development. The costs for remediation are estimated at \$225,000. The City will be utilizing the Atlas Landfill Site owned by the City and operated by Walker Industries to minimize those expenses with the goal of keeping the costs within a typical construction excavation cost of a Greenfield development.

The funding for the purchase of the property is from the Health & Wellness Fund created by the City from the sale of the Canadian Tire Financial Services property on Prince Charles Drive.

Chief Denys Prevost states, "I am pleased Council supports this purchase as it conforms to the recommendations contained in Part 1 of the Fire Facilities Needs Study and is strategically important for future fire service delivery designed for maximizing health & wellness for our community."

Further information concerning the Fire Facilities Needs Strategy can be found on the City's website at [www.welland.ca](http://www.welland.ca)

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