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WELLAND'S MARKET SQUARE IS GROWING

Welland, ON – Plans for the City of Welland Market Square phase three improvement plan will be unveiled on Saturday March 29, at 9:00 a.m. at the Welland Farmers' Market, located at 50 Market Square. City Councillor Michael Petrachenko and Regional Councillor Dan Fortier will reveal designs for future improvements to the portion of Division Street land that was purchased by the City in 2013. The Land was purchased with the intent to develop more public green space for the community to enjoy.

Councillor Petrachenko and Regional Councillor Fortier look forward to feedback from the public regarding the improvement plans. "Initially the project was intended to honour three influential political builders of Welland; however, that has now evolved to add more people of all walks of life who were cornerstones in the shaping of the City of Welland," said Petrachenko. "I feel this project is a noble initiative, in an excellent location that will allow the good people of Welland a place to share stories of their past, their present, and their vision of the future," continued Petrachenko.

After purchasing the land on Division Street, a steering committee was formed to garner ideas on how to best use the public space. Janette Loveys Smith, General Manager of Integrated Services, is excited about the project and the ideas that the committee has developed. "Some great concepts have come from the steering committee and I think the community will enjoy the new extension to Market Square," said Loveys Smith.

Plans for Market Square phase three improvements include artist renditions of a seating area, green space, a memorial wall, and a water feature. Plans to pay tribute to the late Regional Councillor Peter Kormos and other Welland dignitaries will be made public at Saturday's event. Peter Kormos attended the Saturday morning market often and was a respected public figure in Welland. He was known for his outspoken political views and charismatic cowboy boots.

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