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CITY RECEIVES PROPOSALS FOR CANAL REDEVELOPMENT

The City of Welland has received two proposals in response to the Request for Expressions of Interest (ROEOI) soliciting individuals and groups to submit preliminary redevelopment proposals for the Welland Recreational Waterway lands. The ROEOI was issued on November 27th, 2015.

Council identified the addition of housing and commercial development along the lands as one of its main goals for its 2014-2018 term and directed staff to issue a ROEOI. Since the early 1980's, there has been a desire for these lands to be fully utilized with the introduction of mixed-use development while retaining public access to the waterfront. The redevelopment of the canal lands has been contemplated in the Welland Recreational Waterway Master Plan and the City's Official Plan. The two proposals will be reviewed by an Internal Evaluation Committee that will make recommendations to Council.

"We've embarked on a major development project for the City and we've received constructive feedback from developers, entrepreneurs, and City staff will take this input into consideration in creating development guidelines and processes," stated Mayor Frank Campion.

"We're pleased to have received two formal proposals and we know there are others who are interested in partnering with the City. Council and staff will continue to actively promote our development plans and work collaboratively with potential private sector partners. The canal is unique to Welland's history and it will play a significant city-building role in the future of our economy."

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