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Construction to begin on new Provincial Offences Court Facility in Welland

NIAGARA REGION – Today Niagara Region and the City of Welland broke ground on the new Provincial Offences Court Facility at 445 East Main St., Welland (formerly known as 20 Duncan St., Welland). When completed, the Provincial Offences Court Facility will be a single storey courthouse with new public parking areas, landscaping, site lighting, and fencing.

The new facility will be approximately 20,400 square feet in total area and will be the new home for the court services currently based out of the existing Welland Provincial Offences Court and the Niagara Falls Provincial Offences Court. The project budget for the new Provincial Offences Court Facility in Welland is \$12,400,000.

The Region anticipates that work on the site will begin in early July. First, the existing building that housed the former Empire Public School will be demolished and then construction on the new building will begin. Construction of the new facility is expected to take 14 months with the new building ready for use in early Fall 2017.

The new Provincial Offences Court Facility will be constructed by The Atlas Corporation on behalf of Niagara Region. The Atlas Corporation has been in business for more than 65 years and has extensive experience in the construction of public buildings of a similar type. They were awarded this project in May 2016 following a competitive bidding process that included a prequalification and tender. For more information on the new Provincial Offences Court Facility in Welland, including regular construction updates, please visit the Region's website at www.niagararegion.ca.

Quotes

"The new Provincial Offences Court in Welland will be an investment that benefits Niagara residents and improves their access to the judicial system. Today's ground-breaking marks the beginning of a project that will support Welland's development and Niagara's future growth." ~ **Alan Caslin, Niagara Regional Chair**

"This Regional investment in Welland is good news for our downtown and will be an anchor on East Main St. that will promote further commercial development in the area. The central location provides easy access to the courts for residents from across the Niagara Region." ~ **Frank Campion, Mayor, City of Welland**