

WELLAND LEADING THE WAY



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WELLAND DELEGATION MEETING WITH PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS

Welland's Mayor and senior municipal staff will be meeting with provincial officials at next week's Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) – Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) combined conference in Toronto.

Welland's delegation is comprised of: Mayor Frank Campion, Chief Administrative Officer Gary Long, General Manager of Infrastructure Services and City Engineer Sal Iannello, and Economic Development Manager Dan Degazio. Elected officials and staff from Niagara will also be attending some of the meetings. The following meetings are scheduled:

- The Honourable Steven Del Duca, Minister of Transportation
- The Honourable Michael Coteau, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
- The Honourable Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
- Ernie Hardeman MPP, PC Municipal Affairs Critic

"Having positive working relationships with the province and other levels of government will help us advance Welland's interests," said Mayor Frank Campion. "Our delegation looks forward to highlighting local and regional issues and discussing potential solutions and partnerships with key provincial decision-makers."

This year's 21st annual combined conference is themed Municipal Government: The Value Proposition. Municipal government has the biggest impact on citizens. "This conference is also an opportunity for small to medium size municipalities to discuss current challenges and opportunities, and it's important that Welland is part of the conversations," said Campion.

Approximately 2200 municipal leaders from across Canada will be attending next week's conference. A broad range of topics and discussion workshops are scheduled to grow conversations and strengthen municipal communities. From waste management to road maintenance to affordable housing, the value of municipal government is the most apparent.

For more information on the 2016 OGRA/ROMA Combined Conference visit the website at combinedconference.org or for more information on the City of Welland visit welland.ca.

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