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WELLAND PARTNERS WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Welland, ON - The City of Welland is once again partnering with Habitat for Humanity Niagara (HFHN) and transferring a serviced lot in the City to HFHN for the amount of \$10,000 to assist the organization with its next build. The City of Welland is also entering into an agreement with HFHN to provide exemptions to development charge payments. This will provide financial relief to the non-profit organization of over \$7,000 for a single-detached or semi-detached home.

Presently, there are 18 homes in Welland built by HFHN, with 12 of the homes built on lands provided by the City. Mayor Frank Campion is pleased to collaborate with HFHN and Niagara College in breaking down financial barriers to housing. "The City of Welland is committed to building and fostering partnerships with key community stakeholders and we're highly appreciative of the work that Habitat does in Welland and throughout Niagara Region," said Campion. "We're also keen to have vacant in-fill lots developed and adding value to our neighbourhoods. Selling surplus City owned lots will generate additional tax revenue while partnering with Habitat to assist low income families realize their dream of owning a home."

Alastair Davis, Chief Executive Officer for Habitat for Humanity Niagara values collaborating with the City and Niagara College, in providing a living classroom for up to 200 students to learn skilled trades. "Habitat values its local partnerships with both government and community organizations as we work together towards a common goal of strengthening our community," said Davis. The organization plans to build on the Welland lot this year, and is once again partnering with the College's Construction Trade Program.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-for-profit organization that mobilizes volunteers and community partners to build affordable housing, and promotes homeownership as a means to breaking the cycle of poverty.

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