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MAYOR CAMPION DELIVERS CITY UPDATE IN SUPPORT OF UNITED WAY NIAGARA

Welland, ON - City of Welland Mayor Frank Campion delivered an insightful update regarding the city's progress, priorities, and vision during today's United Way Niagara (UWN) breakfast fundraiser. Mayor Campion addressed an assembly of more than 90 community members and key stakeholders at the Welland Public Library to raise approximately \$1,600.00 for core social programs throughout Southern Niagara.

The Mayor's presentation titled "A Good News Story" helped to raise funds for much-needed programs and services for South Niagara, and also demonstrated the City's commitment to nurture social and economic growth.

Mayor Campion's presentation gave attendees a glance at the City's 2017 progress pertaining to canal redevelopment, infrastructure renewal, business development and job creation, enhancement of public engagement, and smart city initiatives. In particular, Campion highlighted the city's commitment to capital and operating infrastructure projects, as exemplified by a \$15 million investment in infrastructure for 2018.

These priorities will provide a roadmap for Council in their decision making, and provide strategic direction for city staff. Mayor Campion completed the presentation with an outline of the City's vision. With a mandate to enrich the quality of life of residents, Council and staff will focus on repositioning the city by capitalizing on emerging trends and opportunities.

"The City has made significant progress this year, and the City has plenty to look forward to," said Mayor Frank Campion. "We were aggressive this year with a competitive approach to economic development and it's paying off."

"The Welland Public Library has always worked closely with community organizations and the City of Welland," said Qingyi Su, CEO of the Welland Library. "We recently launched a new program with Pelham Public Library and John Howard Society to provide social support services at the Library. This new program is funded by the Niagara Prosperity Initiative managed by United Way, so we truly believe the Mayor's Breakfast is for a great cause and we are honoured to host it at the Library."

United Way Niagara supports nearly 30 charitable organizations with funds raised in Niagara communities by delivering programs and services that have the greatest impact on Niagara's vulnerable and at-risk communities. All stuffed toy centrepieces displayed at the Mayor's 2017 Fundraiser Breakfast have been donated to toys-for-tots.

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