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WELLAND'S MAYOR ENCOURAGED BY POSITIVE MEETINGS IN OTTAWA

Welland, ON - Welland's Mayor and senior staff are very pleased with the reception they received in Ottawa last week and the outcome of their meetings. Mayor Frank Campion, CAO Gary Long, and Director of Economic Development Dan Degazio were in Ottawa last week for the following meetings:

- Office of the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development
- Office of the Minister of Transportation
- Office of the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
- Vance Badawey MP (Niagara Centre)
- Canada Post
- Export Development Canada (EDC)
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

"Our delegation and our presentations were well received and we will be following up with federal staff," said Mayor Frank Campion. "We accomplished our objectives: to expand our government relations strategy to the federal level and raise Welland's profile in Ottawa; to build relationships with key staff and decision-makers with face-to-face meetings; and discuss federal support to help us advance our current projects and priorities."

"Our strategic agenda of economic diversification, growth and development, infrastructure renewal, and smart city initiatives is aligned with many of the federal government's priorities," said Gary Long, CAO. "Having partnerships and a network of contacts at the federal level is important as we look to build on business investment in the City and capitalize on other opportunities to reposition us for the future."

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