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MAYOR PLEASD WITH PRODUCTIVE MEETINGS WITH PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS

A delegation from the City of Welland have returned from the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Conference after having productive meetings with provincial officials. Welland's delegation was comprised of: Mayor Frank Campion, Chief Administrative Officer Gary Long, and General Manager of Infrastructure and Development Services/City Engineer Sal Iannello. The following meetings were held:

The Honourable Brad Duguid – Minister of Economic Development and Growth

- GE project update, supply chain opportunities, brownfield redevelopment funding

Staff from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- growth and development in Welland, urban boundary expansion, employment lands

Staff from the Ministry of Transportation

- support and cooperation for industrial park expansion, Highway 406 secondary access

Patrick Brown, Leader, Official Opposition; Ernie Hardman MPP (Municipal Affairs Critic)

- funding for smart cities initiatives, business incentive programs, and OMPF funding

“These municipal conferences are excellent opportunities for us to meet one on one with provincial decision-makers and staff, advocate the City’s priorities, and discuss collaborative approaches to addressing challenges and capitalizing on opportunities,” stated Mayor Frank Campion. “There were several action items that Ministry staff and City staff will be following up on as a result of our meetings and we look forward to continuing our dialogue throughout the year.”

This year’s OGRA Conference took place from February 26th to March 1st in Toronto. The conference brings together representatives from hundreds of municipalities and other organizations for education, information sharing, and delegation meetings with Ministers and provincial officials. The program also included workshops, training opportunities, and a municipal trade show.

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