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CITY DELEGATION RETURNS FROM OTTAWA ENCOURAGED BY CONSTRUCTIVE MEETINGS

A delegation of elected officials and senior staff from the City of Welland met with provincial and federal officials this week at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference in Ottawa.

Welland's delegation was comprised of Mayor Frank Campion, several Councillors, Director of Economic Development Dan Degazio, and Chief Administrative Officer Gary Long.

Welland delegates met with the following:

- The Honourable Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health
- The Honourable Brad Duguid, Minister of Economic Development and Growth
- Daiene Vernile, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation and the Minister of Research, Innovation, and Science
- Ontario PC Leader Patrick Brown and Ernie Hardeman (PC Municipal Affairs Critic)
- Senior officials with Municipal Affairs and Housing, Smart Cities Challenge Program, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Green Municipal Fund

"We are very pleased with the response we received during our meetings, and will continue to work closely with Ministerial staff and departmental officials on the issues we discussed in order to move our projects and priorities forward," said Welland Mayor Frank Campion.

Welland Council representatives and city staff joined more than 1,900 participants at the AMO Conference, hosted in Ottawa from August 13 - 16. AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario and Canada's political system.

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