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CITY OFFICIALS MEETING WITH PROVINCIAL MINISTERS

Welland, ON - Welland's Mayor, several City Councillors, and the CAO are heading to Ottawa this weekend for the annual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference that starts on Sunday, August 19, and finishes on Wednesday, August 22.

Mayor Frank Champion, Councillors John Chiocchio, John Mastroianni, Leo Van Vliet and CAO Gary Long will represent the City of Welland at various meetings and join 1900 participants attending this year's conference.

The following meetings are confirmed:

- The Honourable Jim Wilson, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation, and Trade
- The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Sport
- Carla Nell, Vice President of Municipal and Stakeholder Relations, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)
- Teepu Khawja, Manager, Ministry of Transportation

City officials will also join Niagara Region's delegation for the following meetings:

- The Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Transportation
- The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Laurie Scott, Minister of Labour

"This AMO conference will be an opportunity for us to introduce ourselves to the new provincial Ministers and their staff, provide a profile of our city, update them on our current projects, and promote our jobs, growth, and development agenda," said Welland Mayor Frank Champion. "We'll be listening to speeches from Premier Ford and his Cabinet to gain insight into their priorities, the future of the provincial-municipal relationship, and how they will be partnering with municipalities in delivering programs and investing in infrastructure."

"An integral part of our government relations and advocacy strategy that will be part of our focus at this conference and in the coming months, is ensuring that Welland's voice is heard and that we're contributing our thoughts and innovative ideas to help shape and influence good public policy that supports communities and prepares us for future challenges and opportunities." said CAO Gary Long.

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