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WELLAND RELEASES 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

The City of Welland released its 2017 Annual Report today on the city's website, which highlights 2017 accomplishments from city departments, the Welland Library, The Welland Historical Museum and also showcases Niagara College's 50 years of service to the community.

The city's 2017 Annual Report also demonstrates the commitment and progress of turning Welland into a smarter city through advanced technology, smarter services, and more open data. The City of Welland was one of the Top 20 Most Open Cities in the 2017 Public Sector Digest Open Cities Index. This information, along with other smart cities initiatives, can be found in the Smart City Governance section of the Annual Report.

The City of Welland 2017 Annual Report Highlights:

- Smart City strategy and initiatives
- Communication practices
- Inspiring healthy communities through recreation and culture
- Optimizing the city's hard services
- Building sustainable infrastructure
- Investing in economic development
- Financial responsibility
- 2018 projects
- 150 years of Canada in Welland

The 2017 Annual Report demonstrates how city staff—with the support of Council—have succeeded in adapting to a city in growth, and how departments have enhanced programs, services, and created resourceful projects through partnerships. Municipalities are changing and in need of finding smarter approaches to building and maintaining sustainable hard and soft services. To view the 2017 Annual Report online visit www.welland.ca.

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