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**CITY WELCOMES MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TO WELLAND STADIUM**

**Welland, ON** - The City of Welland is pleased to announce a three-year contract that will bring an elite minor league baseball team to Welland to compliment the city's expanding sports tourism sector. The Intercounty Baseball League (IBL) is excited to add Welland to its list of cities for the 2019 season.

For the first time in Niagara, an IBL team will play at the city's 2,500 seat Welland Stadium and showcase Minor League Baseball. An announcement was made yesterday by Welland Baseball's Chief Executive Officer, Ryan Harrison, that the Burlington team is relocating and calling Welland Stadium its home.

The new Welland IBL team is scheduled to play Thursday evenings, Saturday afternoons, and occasionally on Sundays beginning this May and concluding the season in late July. Welland Baseball is welcoming the new team to the stadium by asking fans to vote on a new name for the team, and also encouraging fans to purchase season tickets in advance.

The city's Quaker Road baseball stadium is now the third largest seating capacity stadium within the Intercounty Baseball League. Welland Baseball is preparing for an exciting 2019 season that includes a pre-season opportunity to purchase tickets, and adding staff and volunteer positions to assist with management and promotion.

"We are excited to welcome a high calibre intercounty baseball team to Welland that will provide a great spectator opportunity for residents as they watch competitive rivalries in our premier baseball facility," said Welland Mayor Frank Campion.

"The Intercounty Baseball League has a storied 100-year history," said Richard Dalton, Manager of Recreation and Culture. "It's great to now have Welland included in that legacy. We're looking forward to an exciting product for fans to enjoy, and a fabulous use of our Baseball Stadium field, one of the best of its size in Ontario."

"Our organization is very excited to call Welland and Welland Stadium home for the 2019 season," said Ryan Harrison, Welland Baseball CEO. "We have already seen a tremendous amount of support from the city and are very happy to be playing out of a first-class facility that will be one of the best in the league."

To purchase tickets and discover more about Welland Baseball, purchase season tickets, or vote on naming the new team, visit [wellandbaseball.com](http://wellandbaseball.com). For more information about the City of Welland's sports facilities and program opportunities visit [welland.ca](http://welland.ca).

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