

CITY DELEGATION RETURNS FROM SUCCESSFUL MEETINGS IN TORONTO

Welland, ON - Welland's Mayor and members of the city's Corporate Leadership Team have returned from Toronto after two days of successful meetings with various government Ministries and public sector organizations.

Mayor Frank Campion, Chief Financial Officer/General Manager of Corporate Services Steve Zorbas, City Engineer/General Manager of Infrastructure and Development Erik Nickel, and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Gary Long were in Toronto on Wednesday and Thursday for the following meetings:

- Office of the Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Finance
- Dr. Frances Morton-Chang, Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, University of Toronto
- Office of the Honourable Jim Wilson, Minister of Economic Development and Jobs
- Ontario Investment Office (OIO)
- The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Attorney General and Minister for Francophone Affairs (photo attached)
- Michael Jacek, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Director General and staff, Taipei Cultural and Economic Office
- Office of the Honourable Monte McNaughton, Minister of Infrastructure
- Office of the Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Transportation
- Economic Development and Culture Division, City of Toronto

"I'm really pleased with what we accomplished in terms of continuing the dialogue with our government contacts regarding strategic issues for Welland; establishing new contacts in other organizations and developing mutually beneficial partnerships; and forging relationships with new Ministers and staff and providing an overview of Welland's current projects and priorities," said Welland Mayor Frank Campion. "We covered a lot of issues, reinforced key priorities and messages with several Ministers' Offices, and discussed innovative ideas and potential partnerships regarding the future of long-term care and seniors housing, economic development, and promoting the city's Francophone community and culture."

"The city's government relations program that is focused on issues, partnerships, and advocacy at the regional, provincial, federal, and international levels is helping us achieve Council's priorities and move the city forward in a new strategic direction," said CAO Gary Long. "Our Corporate Leadership Team will be following up on action items and key takeaways from our meetings this week and we look forward to having more discussions with provincial officials this fall."



Photo: CAO, Gary Long; Welland Mayor, Frank Campion; Attorney General & Minister of Francophone Affairs, Caroline Mulroney; Parliamentary Assistant, Amanda Simard; Chief Financial Officer, Steve Zorbas

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