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CITY'S JOURNEY FOR OPEN DATA SUCCESS HIGHLIGHTED IN MUNICIPAL INTERFACE JOURNAL

Welland, ON - The City of Welland is now recognized on a global stage as a mid-size city with big city data. The city's GIS Coordinator, Jamie Leitch, demonstrates the city's journey to achieving platinum status of ISO 37120 Sustainable Cities and Communities — Indicators for city services and quality of life with the World Council on City Data (WCCD). Leitch's article "The City of Welland's Road to Certification with ISO 37120" is published in the January issue of Municipal Information Systems Association's online journal *Municipal Interface*.

The article demonstrates city staff's inter-departmental approach to collecting and uniting data from across city departments, to create a user-friendly open data system for stakeholders and city staff. Through team-work and consistency, Welland was able to report more than 90 of the total 100 indicators and achieve ISO 37120 platinum level certification. The article explains how Information Technology Staff provide a behind the scenes support system to creating a better quality of life for communities through comprehensive sets of open data.

The city of Welland strives to improve the quality of life for residents and provide efficient services through smart city initiatives and growing accessible open-data. For more information on City of Welland visit welland.ca and for more information on The Municipal Information Systems Association and its online Journal *Municipal Interface* visit misa-asim.ca.

Read: [THE CITY OF WELLAND'S ROAD TO CERTIFICATION WITH ISO 37120 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES - INDICATORS FOR CITY SERVICES AND QUALITY OF LIFE](#)

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