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ROTARY CLUB OF WELLAND PARTNERS WITH CITY ON LEGACY PROJECT

Welland, ON - Rotary Club of Welland announced that the City of Welland was chosen as the 100 Anniversary Legacy Project recipient at last night's Council Meeting. Council and city staff were delighted to accept the honour and participate in creating a Rotary Club of Welland legacy that will celebrate the club's centennial year in 2020. Rotary Club of Welland received several applications for the legacy project; however, decided to grant the city with the task of enhancing a socially connected public space that is a reflection of the organization's legacy.

The City of Welland will receive \$100,000 from the Rotary Club over a period of five years to assist with a repurposed public space development which will take the name Rotary Club of Welland Park. The new Rotary Park will be located at the Lincoln Street Docks area. Signage adorning the park will be implemented for the Rotary Club's centennial anniversary on April 1, 2020. The city will also relocate the Rotary Bench to the new park, and form a plan to feature public artwork that supports environmental, social, cultural, heritage, and age-friendly themes.

Rotary Club of Welland launched a legacy project request for proposal in March 2018 to the general public, community residents, Rotarians, and former Rotarians. The city's proposal to the Rotary Club of Welland 100 Anniversary Legacy Project was recognized for its creativity and its commitment to developing a legacy park that supports the physical and emotional well-being of the community.

"I'd like to thank the Rotary Club of Welland for their significant financial contribution and continued volunteerism to our community. This contribution and the creation of the Rotary Club of Welland Park, builds on the momentum generated along with the investments made to create a public space and an interregional destination designed to bring more families and individuals to our recreational waterway to enjoy new amenities and programming," said Welland Mayor Frank Campion. "We look forward to partnering with Rotary on a park concept over the next twelve months and incorporating this into our multi-phase canal redevelopment strategy."

"The Rotary Club of Welland looks forward to developing a public space in Welland that includes a place where we are able to reflect our values and mission," said David Alexander, Rotary Club of Welland President. "We received a number of great ideas that I hope in the future we will also be able to consider."

Rotary Club of Welland has supported municipal projects for more than 70 years. The organization helped fund construction of a city-owned swimming pool in 1939-1940, assisted with purchasing two Well-trans buses during the 1980's and 1990's, and has contributed to city playgrounds and ice rinks. For more information on City of Welland community improvement projects visit welland.ca. For more information on Rotary Club of Welland initiatives visit wellandrotaryclub.com.

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