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**MAYOR CAMPION DELIVERS CITY ADDRESS AND OUTLINES 2020 VISION**

**Welland, ON** - Mayor Frank Campion addressed a crowd of over 100 stakeholders today at Welland's Blue Star Restaurant and delivered his annual year-in-review address in support of United Way Niagara. Mayor Campion gave a recap of the city's 2019 growth and development success stories and presented a 2020 Vision on this year's priority projects, programs, and city services.

Mayor Campion highlighted many of the city's 2019 capital projects including investments in roads, sidewalks, and water/wastewater infrastructure as well as enhancing services through investments in the Welland Public Library and the Welland Arenas.

Welland experienced exponential growth last year resulting in a record number of new housing units and building permits issued. Campion credited the 2019 housing surge to the city's economic development team for cultivating relationships with investors and for streamlining the city's approvals process.

Site preparation for a new Fire Hall Headquarters is currently underway in downtown Welland and the King Street Fire Hall is scheduled for replacement in 2021. Campion also highlighted the city's 2020 recreational investments for families that include new—or upgrades to—splash pads and playground equipment.

Mayor Campion finished the presentation with a glimpse of the city's 2020 Vision and how the City of Welland expects to surpass goals well into the future by maintaining an active economic development program, stimulating job growth, investing in the Welland Recreational Corridor, and making Welland an attractive place to live, work, and visit.

"I'm very pleased that this event was sold out," said Mayor Frank Campion. "Thanks to Ashton Homes for sponsoring our Mayor's Breakfast. This success is due to the hard work of our planning team comprised of Theresa Ettorre, Jane Walker-Scott, Bernice Booth, and Anna Smith."

For more information on United Way Niagara's programs and support services, visit [unitedwayniagara.org](http://unitedwayniagara.org). For more information on City of Welland programs, services, and projects, visit [welland.ca](http://welland.ca).

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