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**WELLAND DELEGATES MEET WITH PROVINCIAL MINISTERS AND KEY STAKEHOLDERS AT
ONTARIO GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE**

Welland, ON – The City of Welland delegate team partook in several high-level meetings with provincial officials and stakeholders this week in Toronto. Elected officials and city staff attended the 2020 Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) *Vision for a Prosperous Tomorrow* Conference and meetings to discuss Council’s strategic priorities and initiatives.

City staff had the opportunity to meet with the Italian Trade Commission as-well-as other investors and developers to discuss city projects. Management staff from the city’s Public Works Division also attended the conference to participate in workshops, attend presentations, and meet exhibitors and vendors.



Welland delegates met with:

Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation

Jim McDonell, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Sheref Sabawy, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism & Culture Industries

Welland Officials and staff attended the conference to strengthen the city’s government relations strategy through better connections and communication with upper levels of government.

Some of the topics discussed this week included:

Urban Boundary Expansion

Residential Growth and Development

Community Improvement Program Incentives

Transportation corridor management strategies

Welland’s Waterfront Redevelopment Plan

Provincial Infrastructure Funding

Municipal Modernization Funding to Improve Service Delivery and Business Processes

Industrial Investments in Job Creation

“Our delegate is very pleased with our meetings, continuing the dialogue, and forging strong working relationships with provincial officials to advance the city’s strategic priorities,” said Gary Long, CAO.

The Ontario Good Roads Association advances the infrastructure and transportation interests of its members through training, advocacy and services. The 2020 OGRA Conference *Vision for a Prosperous Tomorrow* was hosted at Toronto’s Fairmont Royal York, from February 23 to February 26, 2020. For further information about OGRA and the conference, visit www.ogra.org.

Photo, Left to Right: Steve Zorbas, General Manager Corporate Services; Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation; Dan Degazio, General Manager Economic Development; Gary Long, Chief Administrative Officer

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