

Dan Degazio, retired manager of economic development, named one of the Economic Developers Council of Ontario's top-10

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Welland, ON – Dan Degazio, who served the City of Welland for over 30 years as both a councillor and employee, retired in the spring of this year, but his work is still being recognized.

This week, Degazio was named one of the Economic Developers Council of Ontario's (EDCO) top-10. This honour is awarded to an individual who has demonstrated overall excellence in the economic development profession and delivered local initiatives that have had resulted in a positive impact in their respective community.

“When you look at the body of work in Dan’s time in the role, you’re looking at a great deal of accomplishment,” said Mayor Frank Campion. “I would estimate that during his tenure as the manager of economic development, he and his team brought in investment over one billion dollars, and we see that strong legacy continues with our current team.”

In addition to City duties, Degazio was an active member of EDCO and a driving force of the EDCO Investment Alliance.

“EDCO’s 1,100 members are dedicated professionals who work tirelessly to enhance their local economies, quality of life and investment opportunities,” read part of the statement in a letter sent to City Hall. “To be selected as a Top Ten demonstrates the level of achievement that Mr. Degazio reached. EDCO is proud to have the City of Welland as members.”

The role of economic development in communities remains vital, especially as the City recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. To learn more about the City of Welland’s economic development activities, visit www.madeinwelland.ca.

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