

# Mayor Frank Champion's statement on the Russian invasion of Ukraine

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I stand with the people of Ukraine and the Ukrainian-Canadian community in Welland, Niagara, Canada, and the world in condemning the Russian invasion of the sovereign Ukraine nation.

I, along with countless other leaders, call on Russia to immediately end all hostile action against Ukraine.

We have a strong, vibrant Ukrainian community in our city. Our Ukrainian neighbours and friends feel the impact of this unprovoked war on their homeland. Many of these residents still have family and connections to Ukraine, and we stand in absolute and resolute solidarity with them.

In August of last year, I welcomed members of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) Niagara Region and others from the Ukrainian community to raise the Ukrainian flag and celebrate the 80th year of the UCC and the 30th anniversary of Ukrainian independence. This independence is now under siege.

If you know anyone with ties to Ukraine, please show them empathy and compassion during this difficult time. We pray peace will prevail. We pray for the safety of all those suffering the uncertainty that comes with a threat on their lives, values, and freedom.

I ask you to please pray for the people of Ukraine.



Mayor Frank Champion

