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### **WELLAND DELEGATES ATTENDED A SUCCESSFUL AMO VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

**Welland, ON** - The City of Welland's delegation attended a very successful 2020 Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) Virtual Conference from Aug. 17 – 19, along with more than 1,500 municipal representatives from 444 municipalities. Mayor Frank Champion was in attendance with corporate leadership staff to advocate for support on city projects, strategic priorities, and economic recovery from COVID-19.

Mayor Champion and staff attended meetings with the following Cabinet Ministers and Parliamentary Assistants:

- Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Hon. Jeff Yurek
- Associate Minister of Mental Health & Addictions, Hon. Michael Tibollo
- Minister of Long Term Care, Hon. Merrilee Fullerton
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing, Parliamentary Assistant, Jim McDonell
- Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Laurie Scott
- Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria
- Minister of Transportation and Francophone Affairs, Hon. Caroline Mulroney

"The AMO Conference is a great opportunity to meet with government officials to discuss our plans and priorities," said Mayor Frank Champion. "This has been an unprecedented year for all municipalities, so continuing to work with all levels of government is more important now than it ever has been. We are better prepared to face economic instability from the global pandemic and move forward with our communities in joint recovery."

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports and enhances strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario and Canada's political system. For more information on AMO, visit [www.amo.on.ca](http://www.amo.on.ca), or for more information on City of Welland, visit [www.welland.ca](http://www.welland.ca).

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