CITY COUNCIL PRESENTS KEY TO THE CITY TO DR. DAN PATTERSON

Welland, ON - Welland City Council was pleased to pay homage to one of the city's most advanced and dynamic leaders at last night's Council Meeting. Mayor Frank Campion presented the Key to the City to Dr. Daniel Patterson and thanked him for 25 years of dedicated service as the President of Niagara College.

Dr. Patterson built a reputation as a leader of innovation and an architect of cutting-edge education. He has spent more than two decades of his professional career towards developing the Welland and Niagara-on-the-Lake campuses.

Dr. Patterson was a visionary in modernizing the Welland Campus into a state-of-the-art facility and a front-runner for the Walker Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Centre (WAMIC). Due to Dr. Patterson's collaborative approach to hands-on learning, the City of Welland was able to work with WAMIC faculty and students to better assist investors in establishing sophisticated industries throughout the city.

"I have enjoyed working with Dr. Patterson over the past several years," said Mayor Frank Campion. "He created and maintained an excellent working relationship with us, which assisted our economic development efforts. His leadership at the college resulted in dynamic growth in programming and facilities at the Welland Campus that provided excellent employment and educational opportunities for our community. On behalf of City Council and staff, I wish Dr. Patterson the very best in his retirement."

Dr. Patterson leaves behind a legacy of better learning through more than 130 innovative programs. Niagara College provides unique living laboratories and top-notch facilities that deliver hands-on applied learning opportunities and world-class applied research. For more information on Niagara College visit niagaracollege.ca, or for more information on the City of Welland visit welland.ca.

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