

## Mayor Campion invites the community to step back into the mayor's morning walks on Merritt Island

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**Welland, ON** – Beginning Wednesday, October 6, the community is invited to walk and talk with Welland Mayor Frank Campion as he reinstitutes his Mayor's Walk on Merritt Island every Wednesday, beginning at 8 a.m.

Halted due to COVID-19, the walks resume in October. Those participating are asked to always keep a safe distance from one another. The Mayor has held the walks since 2016.

"Walking and getting some fresh air is a great way to start the day," said Campion. "Inviting the community to join is an opportunity to discuss what's happening in the city and how it affects the shortand long-term vision of the city."

The walks will last roughly 40 minutes, and those participating should dress for the weather with appropriate clothing and footwear. Walks will not occur if severe weather happens.

Bringing the mayor's walk back into the fold in 2021 hits on two of council's strategic priorities: communications, community engagement, and organizational culture and health and well-being.

"We promote being active, and it's always good when you can walk the talk," said Campion. "There are many important issues that face our community and many important decisions that will come as a result. Being able to engage with residents about what affects them and what they have at the top of their mind helps create a more fulsome debate when it comes to policy and decision-making."

There is no registration required, and all ages are welcome to join each Wednesday morning.

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