

Welland Growth Plan Under Way

McGuinty Government Helping Community Explore New Economic Opportunities

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Ontario is helping Welland create strategies to take advantage of strengthening and building local green-energy and life-sciences clusters.

The province is helping the community strengthen the local green energy sector, study the feasibility of establishing a centre related to athletics and life-sciences practice and research, and create business retention and expansion strategies that will support job creation and retention in the area.

Ontario is supporting the projects through a \$170,000 grant from the Communities in Transition program. The program supports economic development projects to help communities in Ontario attract new investments and retain existing businesses.

This program supports the province's five-year Open Ontario plan, which is focused on creating jobs and enhancing the programs and services, including education, health care and skills training, that Ontarians value.

QUOTES

“Ontario’s investment in the communities along Niagara will make the region stronger and more diverse. These strategies will be the road map to economic success and the creation of more jobs for the hardworking people of these communities.”

– Sandra Pupatello, Minister of Economic Development and Trade

“This province’s investment allows us to rejuvenate our economic development plans and helps us to further develop our green energy sector and market our new and existing strengths to investors.”

– Damian Goulbourne, Mayor of Welland (TBC)

QUICK FACTS

- Since 2007, Ontario has provided \$13.6 million in funding for 34 announced Communities in Transition projects.
- As a result of business tax cuts and the move to a [Harmonized Sales Tax](#), the tax on business investment in Ontario is being cut in half, making Ontario businesses more competitive.

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