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New City Engineer Takes the Helm in August

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Welland – Welland City Council announced the appointment of the new General Manager, Engineering, Public Works, and Transportation Services/City Engineer at its meeting this evening.

Mr. Sal Iannello, P.Eng., will officially take the helm as General Manager and City Engineer August 5, 2008, replacing J. David Shantz, P.Eng. Mr. Shantz will be enjoying some unused vacation time after the 27th of June, his last day on the job, before officially retiring July 31.



Mr. Iannello brings with him 27 years of experience in the engineering field in both the public and private sectors. He started his career with a construction engineering firm before moving on to the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority, and eventually holding four posts within the Region of Niagara's Public Works Department. Mr. Iannello is currently the Director of Operational, Planning, and Development Services for the City of Port Colborne, a position he has held for over 5 years, with a 15 month hiatus during those years where he was the Executive Director of the Ontario Concrete Pipe Association.

"Through my current position with the City of Port Colborne, I have worked with Mr. Shantz and other members of his department on numerous occasions", said Mr. Iannello. "I look forward to building on those relationships to forge a cohesive team that will continue to work hard to move the City of Welland Strategic Plan forward", continued Sal.

Mr. Iannello holds a Degree in Civil Engineering (Bachelor of Science) from Queen's University; as well as Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and Masters of Arts in Political Science Degrees from Brock University.

Mayor Damian Goulbourne extended a warm welcome to the new addition to the City's Corporate Management Team at tonight's council meeting. "Council and staff are pleased to welcome Mr. Iannello to the City of Welland. The City Engineer's department plays a strategic role in ensuring the City's services and infrastructure are sound building blocks for the future growth of this City", stated Mayor Goulbourne.

With many construction projects currently under way in the City, including an extensive downtown revitalization project, and expansion of the City's transit fleet and public transportation services, Mr. Iannello will be taking over at a very busy time for the Engineering, Public Works, and Transportation Services Department.

"I'm looking forward to this exciting, new challenge in my career", says Mr. Iannello.

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