



## City of Port Colborne delegation meeting with provincial ministers

**Port Colborne, ON (Aug. 12, 2021)** – A City of Port Colborne delegation will be meeting with provincial Ministers and Parliamentary Assistants at next week's annual conference of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

The City's delegation, comprised of Mayor Bill Steele, CAO Scott Luey, and Manager of Strategic Initiatives Gary Long, have the following six meetings confirmed:

- The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation
- Jim McDonell, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Mike Harris, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
- The Honourable Lisa McLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Culture
- The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
- Donna Skelly, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation, and Trade

"Our focus next week is to increase Port Colborne's profile, discuss priority projects and important issues for our community, build partnerships with decision-makers at Queen's Park, and establish points of contact on key files," said Mayor Bill Steele. "This is part of a broader plan we're working on to enhance the City's government relations and advocacy strategy and to forge strong relationships with our federal, provincial, and regional partners."

During the Ministerial meetings, some of the projects and issues Port Colborne's delegation will include are: water/wastewater infrastructure funding; developing a marine strategy for investments in ports; COVID-19 and municipal service delivery; a new multipurpose facility at the City's waterfront; economic recovery and tourism; partnerships to support affordable housing; flood mitigation and shoreline erosion; and investments in transportation corridors as part of a goods movement strategy.

More than 1400 delegates are registered for next week's virtual AMO conference to be held from August 16 to August 18 and hosted by the City of London. Keynote presenters include Ontario Premier Doug Ford and key ministers, NDP Leader Andrea Horwath (Leader of the Official Opposition), Liberal Leader Steven Del Duca, and Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner. AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments.

### **About City of Port Colborne**

Located on the south coast of the scenic Niagara Region, Niagara's Port of Call has found the perfect balance – successful industrial and commercial sectors, comfortable and scenic residential areas, white sand beaches, unique culinary choices, the world class Sugarloaf Marina, fishing, golfing, trails, shopping districts along the historic Welland Canal and an energized festival and entertainment scene that includes live theatre – truly a community that adds to the overall Niagara Experience.

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