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MP Badawey meets with officials at Trade Corridors Roundtable in Port Colborne

Port Colborne, ON (March 18, 2019) – Mayor Bill Steele welcomed MP Vance Badawey and officials of local, regional and federal government and businesses last week for a roundtable discussion concerning trade corridors within southwestern Ontario.

“We need to move forward to develop strong trade corridors that will benefit businesses in our communities”, said Mayor Steele. “The federal government is key to opening doors to much needed infrastructure dollars.”

MP Badawey heard from business owners that developing trade corridors on land and water, especially the formation of a Port of Niagara that will include communities from Port Colborne through to St. Catharines, would only help to bolster the marine trade within the Welland Canal corridor.

Ken Snider, President of Port Colborne Marine Terminal stated, “On behalf Port Colborne Marine Terminal and Quebec Stevedoring Inc., Bruce Graham and myself would like to thank MP Vance Badawey and Mayor Bill Steele for providing the opportunity to be participants in the Niagara Gateway discussions. Even though Minister Garneau was unable to attend, to be with the other invitees from around our area and share our perspectives was very enlightening and encouraging.”

“We appreciate working with Niagara-Hamilton Trade Corridor representatives to strengthen economic growth in the region with strategic transportation investments, said MP Vance Badawey. “We’ve been hard at work over the past three years to create new opportunities for Canadian businesses to expand in markets around the world. The results - 14 free trade agreements, covering 51 countries, connecting us to \$1.5 billion of the world’s consumers. The movement of trade in expanded global markets will be more dependent on the St. Lawrence Seaway and an enhanced Niagara-Hamilton multi-modal system. Our collective vision today puts in place the foundation of an economically revitalized and energized Niagara.”

All participants are eager to continue the discussion and to move forward with a Niagara Trades Corridor Strategy.

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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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