

Request For Proposals Project No. 2021-44 Architectural and Engineering Design Services for Waterfront Centre City of Port Colborne

Emailed proposals, plainly marked as to contents, will be received by the office of the City Clerk until **2:00:00 p.m. local time** on: **Friday, February 4, 2022**

This Request for Proposals (the "RFP") is an invitation by the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne (the "City") to prospective proponents to submit proposals to deliver architectural and engineering services for the design of a new waterfront centre at 11 King Street.

At the start of 2021, the City formed a project team to focus on redevelopment of the site fronting the Welland Canal. This waterfront area has been marked as a site with potential for redevelopment ever since the City's Public Works Department vacated it in 2018. For over 50 years, the City used and managed this site along King and West Streets under a lease from the St. Lawrence Seaway and Transport Canada.

In alignment with the priorities and vision for Port Colborne that can be found in the City's <u>2020-2023 Strategic Plan</u> and <u>2018-2028 Economic Development Strategy</u>, namely revitalizing the waterfront, improving community culture and increasing economic activity, the City has committed to investing in the construction of a waterfront centre.

Sitting adjacent to the Welland Canal, the roughly 8,000 sq. ft. centre building will be an iconic focal point for the area and any future developments. The centre will serve as a year-round community hub and public space for residents and a gateway into the city for visitors disembarking from cruise ships docking at the adjacent wharf. The City is targeting the building's in-service date to be during Q2 2024.

Prospective proponents are permitted to contact only Gary Long, Manager of Strategic Initiatives, City of Port Colborne, at <u>Gary.Long@portcolborne.ca</u>, **by email only** and no later than **Wednesday**, **January 26**, **2022**, **at 11:59:59 p.m. local time**.

Proposals will not be opened publicly.

Charlotte Madden Deputy Clerk Gary Long Manager of Strategic Initiatives

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