

**City of Welland**



**Welland Heritage Council  
and Multicultural Centre**



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### **City sells property known as 20-26 East Main Street to Welland Heritage Council and Multicultural Centre**

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**Welland** – The City of Welland has been the owner of the building occupied by the Welland Heritage Council and Multicultural Centre since 1999.

During that time the City has maintained the property when repairs were necessary. In its current condition, and with its intended uses by the Heritage Council, there are numerous updates which are required for this building for fire safety to be in compliance with the Fire Code.

In recent months, the City has offered the building for sale to the Welland Heritage Council in an effort to minimize the undertaking of extensive renovation costs associated with bringing the building up to acceptable fire code occupancy standards.

The Welland Heritage Council Board of Directors has agreed to take on the property as they have spent several thousands of dollars upgrading the apartments on the top floors for an emergency shelter for new immigrants at its own expense. During this time period, rent costs to the City remained unchanged.

The City has agreed to sell the property to the Welland Heritage Council for a nominal fee as the City recognizes the extent of repairs and expenses the Welland Heritage Council has incurred and will continue to incur.

This undertaking is a win-win situation for both parties as the City will no longer expend costs for maintenance and repairs and the Welland Heritage Council can continue to welcome newcomers to the City and assist them in becoming participating members of the Welland community.

The new owners also plan to re-face the building which will enhance the aesthetics of the downtown core of the City.

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