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Hamilton Port Authority Signs Sister Port Agreement With Visiting China Delegation

Hamilton welcomes a special delegation from Yingkou, China this week with intent to develop a long term relationship with the Hamilton Port Authority. This unique relationship began during a visit to China this past July by port authority representatives and City of Hamilton Mayor, His Worship Larry DiIanni and Economic Development Department director Neil Everson.

During the visit to Yingkou, potential business opportunities were identified through a series of meetings with COSCO Logistics, China-based consultants, key business leaders, Mayors of area Cities, Dalhousie University of Technology and the Consulate General in Shanghai. Hamilton was invited to Yingkou City, reciprocating hospitality in Yingkou's return visit.

While here in Hamilton, the delegation will be attending presentations by City staff on environmental, planning and economic matters and will visit a number of port facilities. The itinerary also includes a visit to the Welland Canal Control Centre.

The Hamilton Port Authority will sign a sister port agreement with the Yingkou Port Group Corp. agreeing to promote goodwill, trade and maritime business between the two parties. The agreement specifically calls for the exchange of information, ideas and technology in order to improve their respective port operations.

“This agreement is a further expression of the mutual interest shared by the two ports”, stated port authority board chairman Larry Russell.

The Port of Hamilton is the leading Canadian Port on the Great Lakes for maritime trade handling over 12 million tonnes of cargo and more than 700 vessel calls per year. The Hamilton Port Authority is committed to contributing to the economic and environmental vitality of our community.

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