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Moldovan Ambassador Forges Ties with Wainfleet



Photo by Hillary Kendrick – Local officials meet with the Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova to discuss cooperation between the Niagara West riding and municipalities in Moldova. From left: Niagara West MP Dean Allison, Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs, Her Excellency Ala Belevschi, Wainfleet CAO Michael Smith, and Administrative Officer to the Ambassador Veaceslav Zubcu.

Wainfleet, ON – On May 23, the Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova to Canada, Her Excellency Ala Belevschi, met with Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs and Wainfleet CAO Michael Smith to discuss a program that will bring municipalities in the Niagara West riding and Moldova together. The meeting was arranged with the help of MP Dean Allison's office.

"I was delighted to meet Mayor Jeffs of the Township of Wainfleet and her team of great enthusiasts who are eager to engage in [this] international cooperation program," said Her Excellency Ala Belevschi in an email following the meeting. "[This program] will ultimately enrich the local communities and spread peace, prosperity, and values of democracy around the world."

The Ambassador and Wainfleet officials discussed similarities between Niagara West and Moldova. Two key points of connection are agriculture and tourism.

"It is remarkable for Wainfleet, and other local municipalities, to have the opportunity to establish international connections," said Wainfleet CAO, Michael Smith. "We look forward to exploring future partnerships with Moldovan municipalities."

The Ambassador is meeting with mayors throughout Niagara West to discuss the municipal cooperation program. At the same time, she is familiarizing Canadians with her country.



“It was an honour to host the Ambassador and learn about Moldova. We feel privileged that Her Excellency took the time to come to Wainfleet,” Mayor Jeffs remarked after the Ambassador’s visit. “It was an informative meeting,” she added.

Located in Eastern Europe between Romania and Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova has a population of 3.5 million. The country is famous for its underground wine cellars.

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