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CITY HAILED FOR SAFE COMMUNITY DESIGNATION

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Being Niagara's first designated "safe community" holds a few benefits for Welland.

The designation by the Safe Communities Foundation, announced last week, means the Welland Safe Community Partnership, a committee chaired by Ward 1 Coun. Pat Chiochio, can implement "a number of programs for our citizens that don't fall within the city's scope," he said in a media release.

The community-wide safety initiative is also a benefit for business considering a move to Welland, the media release added.

Mayor Damian Goulbourne called the designation the result of community stake holders working together.

"I hope to see more involvement from the community as we progress."

The Welland Safe Community Partnership will hold its official launch during Safe Kids Week, May 30 to June 5.