

Celebrating the Welland Canal and the Summer Games

A celebration was held on March 24 to open the 64th navigation season of the St. Lawrence Seaway, when the first ship of the 2022 season sailed through the Welland Canal. The Canal with its many locks was cut through the Niagara Escarpment to let ships move between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. This helps to connect all the Great Lakes to the St. Lawrence River and the Atlantic Ocean. The St. Lawrence Seaway has an important role in Canada's economic recovery after the pandemic, and in the global supply chain.

Dignitaries from Canada and the U.S. attended the event at Lock 3, St. Catharines Museum & Welland Canals Centre. Also at this time, a huge work of art was unveiled which was painted onto the carrier CSL Welland, which was the first ship through the Canal this year. Entitled "The Runners," the piece marks the Niagara 2022 Canada Summer Games, a national competition for Canadian amateur athletes at the highest level. This year Niagara Region will host the Games from Aug. 6 to 21.



▲ Crew members of the CSL Welland beginning to unveil the ship's artwork.



▲ K.C. Hall, left, and Emmanuel Jarus, two of the four artists who created the mural "The Runners" on the CSL Welland.

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◀ The CSL Welland, the first ship to sail through the Welland Canal in 2022.



The unveiling of the mural on CSL Welland, reflected in the windows of the St. Catharines Museum complex.



Dignitaries near the CSL Welland, from left: Craig Middlebrook, Terence Bowles, Peter Lynch, captain of the Welland in the traditional top hat; Louis Martel, Walter Sendzik, mayor of St. Catharines; Jim Bradley, chair of Niagara Region; Doug Hamilton, chair of the 2022 summer games.

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