

# Planning and Economic Development Committee

Niagara Region

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# **Key Areas of Focus**

The Niagara College Strategic Plan sets out key areas of focus that provide direction to our longer-term view.

Supporting each area of focus are actions that will lead us to achieving our vision.



# **Campus Highlights**

- Total enrolment of nearly 10,500 students across Niagara campuses
- Significant regional employer with approximately 1,800 NC employees

#### **Welland Campus**

- Applied Health Institute
- Rankin Technology Centre
- Green Automotive Technology Lab
- Simplii Financial Athletic Centre

#### **Niagara-on-the-Lake Campus**

- Culinary, Tourism, and Beverages
- Business and Environment
- Greenhouses and CannaBunkers
- Winery, Brewery, Distillery, vineyard



#### **Partners in Research & Innovation**





















Addressing the skilled trades crisis



Addressing the health care crisis



**Empowering students to achieve their dreams** 







Advancing a more equitable and diverse college



**Graduating tomorrow's global citizens** 



Closing Canada's productivity gap

Ambitious multi-year goal to advance the needs of our community:

#### Expanded Applied Health Institute

 Train and graduate more nurses, PSWs, paramedics, dental practitioners, pharmacy technicians and more

#### New Centre for Skilled Trades

- Expand current programs in construction, welding, engineering technology
- New programs in HVAC and plumbing

#### Expansion of On-Campus Student Residence

Increase capacity and enhance the student experience





### **Engaged and Collaborative Partners**

Niagara College is very grateful for Niagara Region's continued collaboration and support.

#### 2018-2023

 Multi-year \$1,400,000 total commitment to support capital expansion plans at the Daniel J. Patterson Campus, Niagara-on-the-Lake (Food and Beverage Innovation Centre, HESIC greenhouse)

#### 2023-Present

- Collaboration in bringing Asahi-Kasei to Niagara region
  - Involvement of Niagara College from the beginning
  - Multiple visits by Asahi-Kasei to the College during the evaluation
  - Hospitality engagements
  - Co-location on Welland Campus

#### 2024-Present

Consultation and collaboration on the postsecondary student housing strategy initiative





## **Key Advocacy - International Student Program**

- NC's core mission is to respond to community and labour market needs
- NC works closely with local industry partners to support the health of regional economies

#### **Advocacy**

- Post Graduate Work Permit (PGWP) Eligible Programs
  - National labour market needs identified, without regional consideration
- Expansion of the list of PGWP-eligible programs to reflect critical regional and provincial workforce needs
- NC is a critical partner in investment attraction to the region









# Thank you

