



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

5:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CIVIC SQUARE

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Pages

1. OPEN SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - (5:00 P.M.)
 - 1.1 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
 - 1.2 ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA
 - 1.3 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST
 - 1.4 COUNCILLORS TO DETERMINE AGENDA ITEMS AND BY-LAWS TO BE REMOVED FROM THE BLOCK FOR DISCUSSION IN COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (OPEN)
2. ORAL REPORTS AND DELEGATIONS - NIL
3. COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (OPEN)/AGENDA BLOCK
 - 3.1 2025 Budget Amendment Meeting #1. Ref. No. 24-4
4. BY-LAWS - NIL
5. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW
 - 5.1 A By-law to adopt, ratify and confirm proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Welland at its meeting held on the 20th day of November, 2024.
6. ADJOURNMENT

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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
FINANCE DIVISION

REPORT FIN-2024-31
November 20, 2024

SUBJECT: 2025 Budget Amendment Meeting #1

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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report FIN-2024-31: 2025 Budget Amendments - Meeting #1.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This recommendation is aligned to Council's strategic priority of ensuring "**Economic Growth**" for creating a diverse economy through partnerships and emerging markets to ensure sustainable growth and quality employment.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides a summary of budget amendments submitted by 3:00 PM on November 14, 2024, that will be reviewed and considered at the November 20, 2024, Special Council Meeting. (Budget Amendment Meeting #1)

BACKGROUND:

On November 4, the Mayors 2025 Proposed Budget was published for Council's review and amendment. On November 11, 2024 staff presented the proposed budget to Council highlighting the key impacts, challenges and budget changes for budget year 2025. The first of three scheduled amendment meetings will be held on November 20, 2024, followed by a second meeting on November 27, during which further amendments will be reviewed for conditional approval. Final approval of any strictly conditional budget amendments is scheduled for the Special Council Meeting on December 4, 2024. This multi-step process ensures that Council has ample time to carefully consider proposed changes and their potential impact on the overall budget.

DISCUSSION:

Process for Amendment Meeting and Presentation:

The City Clerk will introduce each amendment, and a mover and seconder will be determined. Council members will have the opportunity to present their proposed amendments at the scheduled meetings and will have five (5) minutes to speak or ask questions. This allows for open discussion and ensures that all proposed changes are fully understood before being voted on.

The amendments will be reviewed in two categories:

1. Tax-Supported Operating and Capital Budget Amendments (Appendix I).
2. Rate-Supported (Water/Wastewater) Operating and Capital Budget Amendments (Appendix II).

This structured approach ensures that all types of amendments, whether related to general taxation or rate are given due consideration. Additionally, the 2025 Budget Amendment Resolution Forms, submitted by the cutoff time of 3:00 PM on November 14, 2024, are attached as Appendix III of this report.

Final Approval Process

Amendments are initially approved on a “strictly conditional” basis. At the December 4, 2024, meeting, amendments will receive final approval without additional debate, following prior discussions at earlier meetings.

FINANCIAL:

For each proposed amendment, staff will provide an estimated tax or rate impact, helping Council assess the financial implications of each proposed change. This will include an analysis of how each amendment will affect the overall tax levy or rates, providing a clear picture of the potential fiscal outcomes. The estimated impact will be a key factor in determining whether an amendment should proceed through the two-step approval process.

The impact on the 2025 proposed budget will be finalized at the December 4, 2024, Special Council meeting.

CONCLUSION:

This report provides a summary of the budget amendments submitted by 3:00 PM on November 14, 2024, that will be reviewed and considered at the November 20, 2024, Special Council Meeting. (Budget Amendment Meeting #1)

ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix I - 2025 – Tax-Supported Operating and Capital Budget Amendments

Appendix II - 2025 – Rate-Supported (Water/Wastewater) Operating and Capital Budget Amendments

Appendix III - 2025 Budget Amendment Resolution Forms

2025 Tax Supported Operating & Capital Budget Amendments									
		Mayor's proposed Tax Levy (after forecasted assessment growth 2.91%) as of November 4, 2024							3.54%
Item #	Councillor	Date Received	Amendment	Amendment Type	Submitted (\$)	Council - "Strictly Conditional"	Council - Final Decision	Impact (Rounded to 3 decimal places) (%)	Municipal Tax Levy Impact (%)
November 20, 2024 - Amendment Meeting #1									
1	DiMarco	2024-11-14	The number of employees in this dept is approx. 6x the number of a few yrs ago, I understand things may have changed some, but NOT to this extent (remove)	Human Resources Advisor/ (150) (Business Case)	-\$132,450.00			-0.269%	3.28%
2	DiMarco	2024-11-14	Job description and explanation of duties does not warrant yet another new employee, the number of can not be determined due to the stop to issuing updated staff/phone list by dept (remove)	Records and Information Management Coordinator/ (120) (Business Case)	-\$89,418.00			-0.182%	3.09%
3	DiMarco	2024-11-14	The communication term was never a factor until the past 4/5 yrs until such time there was never a need, we would receive all communication directly from a GM/Manager ... when this was first implemented we were receiving duplicate messages by both the author and this, at the time, newly created ... (Remove) <i>*Councillor Chiocchio Submitted similar amendment - November 14, 2024</i>	Communication Specialist/(125) (Business Case)	-\$120,628.00			-0.245%	2.85%
4	DiMarco	2024-11-14	Staff has done the required work to now ... and hopefully things slow down some ... if the naming of a Director is a factor needing this position its unfortunate <i>*Councillor Chiocchio Submitted similar amendment - November 14, 2024</i>	Economic Development Officer (710) (Business Case)	-\$135,260.00			0.000%	2.85%
5	Chiocchio	2024-11-14	To Provide a Part Time Seasonal Garbage Collector for Welland Including Cooks Mills and Dain City During April to September on Saturday and Sundays	Public Works (325) (Additional Request)	\$30,000.00			0.061%	2.91%
6	DiMarco	2024-11-14	Part time preferably spring/summer season	Parks Project Coordinator/(410) (Business Case)	-\$86,089.00			-0.175%	2.74%
7	Speck	2024-11-14	To remove this capital project	Civic square plaza revitalization / 10-439-25460 / (Capital Project)	-\$175,000.00			-0.355%	2.38%
8	Speck	2024-11-14	To remove this capital project. The facility is relatively new. Does the report state \$50,000 per year for 9 years or one time \$50,000 for maintenance.	Empire Sportsplex / 10-435-25481 (Capital Project)	-\$50,000.00			0.000%	2.38%
9	Speck	2024-11-14	To remove, too difficult to enforce.	40 km speed limit - 10-321-25254 (Capital Project)	-\$218,000.00			-0.280%	2.10%

2025 RATE SUPPORTED (WATER/WASTEWATER) OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS

		<u>RATE TYPE</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>2024 RATE</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
Staff Proposed 2025 Rate/Operating Budget:					
change Wastewater fixed costs from 33% to 37%		water fixed	\$ 189.44	\$ 187.33	\$ 2.11
		water variable per m ³	\$ 2,1415	\$ 2,0828	\$ 0.06
		wastewater fixed	\$ 344.27	\$ 277.76	\$ 66.51
		wastewater variable per m ³	\$ 3,3197	\$ 3,1449	\$ 0.17
		low residential - 100 m3/yr	1,080	988	\$ 92
		average residential - 180m3/yr	1,517	1,406	\$ 111
		multi-residential (4 units)	7,712	7,224	\$ 488
		multi-residential (100 units)	96,264	88,914	\$ 7,350
		commercial	145,552	138,368	\$ 7,184

* the Low-income Senior Water/Wastewater rebate program will be increased by the same amount as the annual increase for the Low Residential customers

November 20, 2024: Amendment Meeting #1

<u>ITEM #</u>	<u>COUNCILLOR</u>	<u>DATE RECEIVED</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>COUNCIL STRICTLY CONDITIONAL</u>	<u>COUNCIL FINAL DECISION</u>
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<u>ITEM #</u>	<u>COUNCILLOR</u>	<u>DATE RECEIVED</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>SUBMITTED</u>	<u>2024 RATE</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
1	McLeod	14-Nov-24	<p>Increasing the waster water fixed rate to the provincial average of 41% will minimize operating deficits and stabilize waste water rates, resulting in more predictable charges to those we serve. Furthermore it will allow council to focus on investing future rate supported funds to address infrastructure challenges. Annually we are dealing with operational shortfalls. These shortfalls bleeds away capital dollars that instead could be directed towards infrastructure renewal. By increasing the fixed rate to 41%, it will stabilize waste water rates and increase operational funding for much needed infrastructure renewal.</p>	\$ 189.44 \$ 2,1415 \$ 381.49 \$ 3,1089	\$ 187.33 \$ 2,0828 \$ 277.76 \$ 3,1449 -\$	\$ 2.11 \$ 0.06 \$ 103.73 \$ 0.04
			<p>Amendment impact on the different customer classes:</p>	\$ 1,095.97 \$ 1,516.00 \$ 7,613.87 \$ 96,632.22 \$ 141,149.04 \$ 131,378.33	\$ 988 \$ 1,406 \$ 7,224 \$ 88,914 \$ 138,368 \$ 122,572	\$ 108.11 \$ 109.93 \$ 389.54 \$ 7,718.47 \$ 2,780.64 \$ 8,806.72



2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION FORM
(One amendment per resolution form)

Forward the completed form to: budget@welland.ca

Councillor: Tony DiMarco Date: 2024-11-14
Amendment Type: Tax Supported

Page #: Click or tap here to enter text.

Operating Budget G.L. Account: XXXXX-XX-XXX-XXXXX

Business Case Title and No.: Human Resources Adviser (150)

Capital Project Title & Project Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount \$: \$132450

Alignment to the Council-approved Strategic Plan: (Select One Option)

- Economic Growth Environmental Stewardship Health and Well-Being Livability

Resolution

The number of employees in this dept is approx. 6x the number of a few yrs ago, I understand things may have changed some, but NOT to this extent

Councillor Signature: Councillor Tony DiMarco



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Councillor: Tony DiMarco Date: 2024-11-14
Amendment Type: Choose an item

Page #: Click or tap here to enter text.
Operating Budget XXXXX-XX-XXX-XXXXX
G.L. Account:
Business Case Title and No.: No 6M
Capital Project Title & Project Number: Records and info management coordinator
Amount \$: \$89418

Alignment to the Council-approved Strategic Plan: (Select One Option)

- Economic Growth Environmental Stewardship Health and Well-Being Livability

Resolution

Job description and explanation of duties does not warrant yet another new employee, the number of can not be determined due to the stop to issuing updated staff/phone list by dept

Councillor Signature:

Councilor DiMarco



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Councillor: Tony DiMarco Date: 2024-11-14
Amendment Type: Choose an item

Page #: Click or tap here to enter text.

Operating Budget XXXXX-XX-XXX-XXXXX
G.L. Account:
Business Case Title and No.: Communications Specialist FTE 8M
Capital Project Title & Project Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount \$: \$120628

Alignment to the Council-approved Strategic Plan: (Select One Option)

- Economic Growth Environmental Stewardship Health and Well-Being Livability

Resolution

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Councillor Signature: Councillor Tony DiMarco



2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION FORM
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Councillor: John Chiocchio Date: Click to enter a date.

Amendment Type: Tax Supported

Page #: na

Operating Budget G.L. Account: XXXXX-XX-XXX-XXXXX

Business Case Title and No.: 8m

Capital Project Title & Project Number: na

Amount \$: \$120628

Alignment to the Council-approved Strategic Plan: (Select One Option)

- Economic Growth Environmental Stewardship Health and Well-Being Livability

Resolution

To remove this job in 2025 and 2026 budget and review in 2027

Councillor Signature: John Chiocchio



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Councillor: Tony DiMarco Date: 2024-11-14
Amendment Type: Choose an item

Page #: Click or tap here to enter text.

Operating Budget G.L. Account: XXXXX-XX-XXX-XXXXX
Business Case Title and No.: Economic Development Officer 1M
Capital Project Title & Project Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount \$: 135,260

Alignment to the Council-approved Strategic Plan: (Select One Option)

- Economic Growth Environmental Stewardship Health and Well-Being Livability

Resolution

Staff has done the required work to now ... and hopefully things slow down some ... if the naming of a Director is a factor needing this position its unfortunate

Councillor Signature: Tony DiMarco



2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION FORM
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Councillor: John Chiocchio Date: Click to enter a date.

Amendment Type: Tax Supported

Page #: Click or tap here to enter text.

Operating Budget G.L. Account: XXXXX-XX-XXX-XXXXX

Business Case Title and No.: 1m

Capital Project Title & Project Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount \$: \$135,260

Alignment to the Council-approved Strategic Plan: (Select One Option)

- Economic Growth Environmental Stewardship Health and Well-Being Livability

Resolution

To Remove the Position in the 2025 and 2026 budgets and to Review The Position in 2027 Budget

Councillor Signature:



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Councillor: John Chiocchio Date: Click to enter a date.

Amendment Type: Tax Supported

Page #: na

Operating Budget G.L. Account: Public works

Business Case Title and No.: na

Capital Project Title & Project Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount \$: \$30,000

Alignment to the Council-approved Strategic Plan: (Select One Option)

- Economic Growth Environmental Stewardship Health and Well-Being Livability

Resolution

To Provide a Part Time Seasonal Garbage Collector for Welland Including Cooks Mills and Dain City During April to September on Saturday and Sundays

Councillor Signature:



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Councillor: Tony DiMarco Date: 2024-11-14
Amendment Type: Choose an item

Page #: Click or tap here to enter text.

Operating Budget G.L. Account: XXXXX-XX-XXX-XXXXX
Business Case Title and No.: Parks Project Coordinator 5M
Capital Project Title & Project Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount \$: 149,835

Alignment to the Council-approved Strategic Plan: (Select One Option)

- Economic Growth Environmental Stewardship Health and Well-Being Livability

Resolution

Part time preferably spring/summer season ?

Councillor Signature: Tony DiMarco



2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION FORM
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Councillor: Graham Speck Date: 2024-11-14
Amendment Type: Tax Supported

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Operating Budget G.L. Account: 10-439-25460
Business Case Title and No.: 10-439-25460
Capital Project Title & Project Number: Civic square plaza revitalization
Amount \$: 175000

Alignment to the Council-approved Strategic Plan: (Select One Option)

- Economic Growth Environmental Stewardship Health and Well-Being Livability

Resolution

To remove this capital project

Councillor Signature: Graham Speck



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Councillor: Graham Speck Date: 2024-11-14
Amendment Type: Tax Supported

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Operating Budget
G.L. Account: 10-435-25481

Business Case Title
and No.: 10-435-25481

Capital Project Title &
Project Number: Empire sportsplex

Amount \$: 50000

Alignment to the Council-approved Strategic Plan: (Select One Option)

- Economic Growth Environmental Stewardship Health and Well-Being Livability

Resolution

To remove this capital project. The facility is relatively new. Does the report state \$50000 per year for 9 years or one time \$50000 for maintenance.

Councillor Signature: Graham Speck



2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION FORM
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Councillor: Graham Speck Date: 2024-11-14
Amendment Type: Tax Supported

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Operating Budget
G.L. Account: 10-321-25254
Business Case Title
and No.: 10-321-25254
Capital Project Title &
Project Number: 40 km speed limit
Amount \$: 218000

Alignment to the Council-approved Strategic Plan: (Select One Option)

- Economic Growth Environmental Stewardship Health and Well-Being Livability

Resolution

To remove, too difficult to enforce.

Councillor Signature: Graham Speck



2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION FORM
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Councillor: Date:
Amendment Type:

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Operating Budget XXXXX-XX-XXX-XXXXX
G.L. Account:
Business Case Title and No.: Click or tap here to enter text.
Capital Project Title & Project Number: Asphalt Patching
Amount \$: +\$120,000

Alignment to the Council-approved Strategic Plan: (Select One Option)

- Economic Growth Environmental Stewardship Health and Well-Being Livability

Resolution

Add \$120000 to the asphalt patching capital budget, specifically targeting deteriorating driveway aprons throughout the city.

Councillor Signature:



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Councillor: Date:
Amendment Type:

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Operating Budget XXXXX-XX-XXX-XXXXX
G.L. Account:
Business Case Title and No.: Click or tap here to enter text.
Capital Project Title & Project Number: 40km Neighbourhood Area Speed Signs
Amount \$: \$138,000----> Reallocation

Alignment to the Council-approved Strategic Plan: (Select One Option)

- Economic Growth Environmental Stewardship Health and Well-Being Livability

Resolution

Remove funding for 40 km signage and Reallocate the funding for permanent or temporary speed humps to address neighbourhood concerns, where they are deemed to be a suitable remedy.

Councillor Signature:



2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION FORM
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Councillor: Date:
Amendment Type:

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Operating Budget XXXXX-XX-XXX-XXXXX

G.L. Account:
Business Case Title and No.: Click or tap here to enter text.

Capital Project Title & Project Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount \$: As per rate matrix provided by Finance

Alignment to the Council-approved Strategic Plan: (Select One Option)

- Economic Growth Environmental Stewardship Health and Well-Being Livability

Resolution

Increasing the waster water fixed rate to the provincial average of 41% will minimize operating deficits and stabilize waste water rates, resulting in more predictable charges to those we serve. Furthermore it will allow council to focus on investing future rate supported funds to address infrastructure challenges. Annually we are dealing with operational shortfalls. These shortfalls bleeds away capital dollars that instead could be directed towards infrastructure renewal. By increasing the fixed rate to 41%, it will stabilize waste water rates and increase operational funding for much needed infrastructure renewal.

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