

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CIVIC SQUARE

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Pages

- 1. COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (IN-CAMERA) (5:30 P.M.)
 - 1.1 UNDER THE BUSINESS CORPORATIONS ACT WELLAND HYDRO ELECTRIC HOLDING CORPORATION.
 - 1. Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corporation Annual General Meeting- Election and Confirmation of Directors.
 - 1.2 SECURITY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD:
 - 1. Property Matter.
 - 1.3 LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD:
 - 1. Update on Facility Tenant Matter.
 - 1.4 A POSITION, PLAN, PROCEDURE, CRITERIA OR INSTRUCTION TO BE APPLIED TO ANY NEGOTIATIONS CARRIED ON OR TO BE CARRIED ON BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD:
 - 1. Transfer of Gateway Community Improvement Plan Incentives.
- 2. ARISE FROM COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (IN-CAMERA)
- 3. OPEN COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 P.M.
 - 3.1 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
 - 3.2 NATIONAL ANTHEM

3.3 OPENING REMARKS

3.4 ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

- 3.5 ADOPTION OF MINUTES
 - 1. Regular Council Meeting of June 3, 2025

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- 3.6 CALL UPON THE CITY CLERK TO REVIEW COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (IN-CAMERA) ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA BLOCK
- 3.7 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST
- 3.8 COUNCILLORS TO DETERMINE AGENDA ITEMS AND BY-LAWS TO BE REMOVED FROM THE BLOCK FOR DISCUSSION IN COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (OPEN)

4. ORAL REPORTS AND DELEGATIONS

- 4.1 PRESENTATIONS
 - Kevin Carver, President and CEO, Mario Falvo, Nominating Committee Chair, and Tim Clutterbuck, Chair of Holding Corp., Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corporation re: Annual General Meeting. Ref. No. 99-43 (Background information included in Council members package)

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Kevin Carver, President and CEO, Mario Falvo, Nominating Committee Chair, and Tim Clutterbuck, Chair of Holding Corp., Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corporation regarding its annual general meeting.

4.2 LEGISLATED PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS - NIL

4.3 DELEGATIONS - (10 minutes maximum per delegation)

 Sue Barnett, Trustee/Chair, District School Board of Niagara re: 31 - 51 Update on Welland schools. Ref. No. 25-28 (Background information included in Council members package)

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Sue Barnett, Trustee/Chair, District School Board of Niagara regarding an update on Welland school.

		2.	Leslie Monger, Executive Director of Community Living, Community Living Welland Pelham re: Overview of Community Living. Ref. No. 25-28 (Background information included in Council members package)	52 - 57		
			RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Leslie Monger, Executive Director of Community, Community Living Welland Pelham regarding a brief overview of Community Living.			
	4.4	AGENCI NIL	ES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS -			
5.	COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (OPEN)/AGENDA BLOCK					
	5.1	Neighbo	urhood Association Policy. Ref. No. 24-90	58 - 69		
	5.2	Respons Ref. No.	e to Council Motion - School Traffic Safety Committee.	70 - 73		
	5.3	Tender A Ref. No.	Ward & Reallocation of Funds - 2025 Crack Sealing Program.	74 - 77		
	5.4		 Lincoln Street – Proposed Habitat for Humanity Niagara Project. Ref. No. 25-51 	78 - 91		
6.	NEW BUSINESS					
	6.1	declare <u>RECOM</u> THAT TH	De Marzio, Manager, Community Engagement re: Request to June 6, 2025 as "Hope Air Day". Ref. No. 25-6 <u>MENDATION:</u> HE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND declares June 6, "Hope Air Day" in the City of Welland.	92 - 93		
	6.2	declare Celebrat	K. Wong, National Chair, Canada Day Drumming re: Request to July 1, 2025 as "All Canadian Simultaneous Drumming ion Day". Ref. No. 25-6 <u>MENDATION:</u> HE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND declares July 1, "All Canadian Simultaneous Drumming Celebration Day".	94 - 96		
7.	BY-LA	WS - NIL				
8.	NOTICES OF MOTION					
	8.1	REPORT	LLOR MATTERS DISCUSSED WITH STAFF FOR TING PURPOSES - (For the purpose of informing the public on a lat has been discussed with staff since the previous Council			
	82	NOTICE	S OF MOTION (PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED FOR			

8.2 NOTICES OF MOTION (PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED FOF DISCUSSION)

97 - 97 1. (Councillor Chiocchio) THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND reestablish the Community Watch Program in our community by replacing some of the faded community watch signage that is out there now across the city and possibly looking at some kind of community stickers for residents; and THAT the City provides an educational piece to talk about crime prevention: and further THAT city staff develop a report for Council's consideration. Ref. No. 25-78 98 - 98 2. (Councillor DiMarco) THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND form a State of Emergency Committee on an ad hoc basis to better address Welland declared state of emergency on mental health, homelessness and addiction; and THAT Welland City Council focus on recruiting individuals with lived experience with mental health, homelessness and addictions and this be reflected in the call for applications; and further THAT Welland City Council approach the Niagara Region to request that a Niagara Region staff member who works in the homelessness services also sit on the new committee. Ref. No. 21-30 99 - 99 3. (Councillor DiMarco) THAT THE CITY OF WELLAND OF THE CITY OF WELLAND rescinds the report CS-2023-01 of January 17, 2023 seeing what is currently in the works totally contradicts the CPTED report and also the GARDAWORLD SECURITY City of Welland Site Assessments report that we received earlier tonight; and THAT Welland City Council reallocates the ATF funds that we received to areas brought to council just recently that asked the taxpayer for additional funding to the tune of approximately \$677,000 to install pathways that other area residents have been requesting for since the inception of this plan in 2022; and further

THAT the work in the areas that are currently being done be halted immediately, regrated and reseeded so that the affected residents who have cared for these properties some for 48 + yrs can continue to do so seeing how the majority of time our city heavy equipment cannot access due to the wetness of the grounds. Ref. No. 99-99

8.3 CALL FOR NOTICES OF MOTION (TO BE INTRODUCED AT THE NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING)

- 9. CORPORATION REPORTS
 - 9.1 MAYOR'S REPORT
 - 9.2 COUNCILLORS WARD REPORT/ACTIVITIES (2 minutes per Councillor)
 - 9.3 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
- 10. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW
 - 10.1 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 17 day of June, 2025.
- 11. ADJOURNMENT





MINUTES OF THE

JUNE 3, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING

CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS 60 EAST MAIN STREET

Council met in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 5:47 p.m. and in open session at 7:04 p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Vice Mayor David McLeod in the Chair.

Members Present:

Councillors J. Chiocchio, T. DiMarco (virtual at 7:04 p.m.), B. Fokkens (virtual), B. Green, M.A. Grimaldi (virtual at 6:04 p.m.), J. Lee, A. Moote, C. Richard, S. Setaram, G. Speck, and L. Van Vliet.

Members of Staff and Others Present:

Chief Administrative Officer/ Director of Community Services, J. Ruddell Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk, T. Stephens General Manager of Corporate & Enterprise Services/CFO, S. Nagel Director of Infrastructure Services, SM. Millar Director of Planning and Development Services, G. Munday Chief Human Resources Officer, A. Daisley (until 6:35 p.m.) Infrastructure and Asset Manager, M. Main (7:04 p.m. - 8:26 p.m.) Manager of Capital Engineering, L. McEachern (7:04 p.m. - 8:26 p.m.) Manager of Facility Operations & Development, F. Pearson (6:37 p.m.) Manager of Transportation, A. Khan (7:04 p.m.) Supervisor of Parking - By-law Enforcement, J. Croshaw (7:04 p.m.) Page 6 of 99

25-25 Moved by Richard and Setaram

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 5:47 p.m. to consider:

- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and
 - Citizen appointment to the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee.
 - Treasurer Appointment By-law.
- Security of the property of the municipality or local board;
 - Corporate Security Audit Final Report.

2025 - 134

25-25 Moved by Lee and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-ofthe-Whole meeting at 6:58 p.m. with report.

CARRIED

CARRIED

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS ADDED:

<u>21-30</u> Steven Soos addressed Council regarding the state of emergency on homelessness and forming an Ad Hoc Committee.

PRESENTATIONS

<u>19-36</u> Jenn Gross, GEI Consultants Inc. addressed Council regarding the 2025 Asset Management Plan.

AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES REPORTS

04-47 Julianne Brunet, Chief Executive Officer and Lindsay Bryan, Board Chair, Welland Public Library Board addressed Council regarding an update on its activities.

2025 - 135

<u>25-1</u> Moved by Richard and Van Vliet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND hereby approves and adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 20, 2025, as circulated.

CARRIED

2025 - 136

<u>21-30</u> Moved by DiMarco and Chiocchio THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND waives the rules to permit a delegation at this evenings meeting.

2/3 MAJORTY CARRIED

21-30 Moved by DiMarco and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND permits Mr. Steven Soos to make a presentation regarding mental health crisis and homelessness.

CARRIED

2025 -138

99-99 Moved by Chiocchio and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND enters into a cost share agreement with the Regional Municipality of Niagara in the amount of \$2,646,438.00 (excluding HST) for the Welland Water Treatment Plant New Welland Canal Transmission Watermain and Merritt Street Reconstruction project; and further

That Welland City Council approves the reallocation of \$62,000.00 from the Cast Iron Waterman Replacements account to cover the funding shortfall; and further

That Welland City Council approves the transfer of a new easement, as described herein, in favour of the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

CARRIED

2025 - 139

99-99 Moved by Green and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND awards to Quartek Group Inc. for the provision of the Design, Consulting Services for the Merritt Island Facility and Park Replacement.

(Councillor Moote disclosed an interest in the matter and did not take part in the consideration and discussion of same, as he offers subcontractor work to the company.)

CARRIED

2025 - 140

<u>02-160</u> Moved by Moote and Richard THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Sabine Matheson and Olivia Lahaie, StrategyCorp. regarding Welland Ward Boundary Review - Interim Report and Update.

CARRIED

2025 - 141

<u>04-47</u> Moved by Lee and Chiocchio THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Julianne Brunet, Chief Executive Officer and Lindsay Bryan, Board Chair, Welland Public Library Board regarding an update on its activities.

CARRIED

2025 - 142

<u>08-48</u> Moved by Richard and Lee THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves Report BYL-2025-01: Response to Council Notice of Motion - Nuisance Lighting; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs the City Clerk to amend By-law 2009-108 as set out in APPENDIX I.

<u>19-36</u> Moved by Moote and Setaram THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Jenn Gross, GEI Consultants Inc. regarding the 2025 Asset Management Plan.

CARRIED

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2025 -144

<u>19-36</u> Moved by Richard and Green THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND adopts the 2025 Asset Management Plan.

<u>19-36</u> Moved by Fokkens and Richard THAT Welland City Council removes the portion after "duties define above" and replace with "and provide direction that demonstrates commitment to the success of the continued improvement of asset management practices and documentation", under the CAO section.

YEAS: Chiocchio, DiMarco, Fokkens, Green, Richard and Speck.

NAYS: Grimaldi, Lee, McLeod, Moote, Setaram and Van Vliet.

LOST

FOLLOWING THE LOST VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT, THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM AND CARRIED

2025 - 145

<u>21-30</u> Moved by Lee and Green

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation Steven Soos regarding the state of emergency on homelessness and forming an Ad Hoc Committee.

CARRIED

2025 - 146

25-22 Moved by Moote and Setaram THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report ENG-2025-11: Response to Council Notice of Motion - Pedestrian Crossing at Trails.

<u>25-73</u> Moved by DiMarco and Chiocchio

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report CS-2025-07: Security Audit Report; and further

THAT Welland City Council considers funding of security recommendations, advised by GardaWorld, in future years as part of the annual budget process; and further

THAT Welland City Council approves a strategic partnership between the City of Welland and the Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS) to share Welland surveillance data with the Real Time Operations Centre (RTOC); and further

THAT Welland City Council directs staff to work with NRPS to develop and implement a data-sharing agreement, and operational protocols, to enhance public safety.

CARRIED

2025 - 148

<u>25-78</u> Moved by Setaram and Lee

WHEREAS, the City of Welland is composed of diverse neighbourhoods, each with its unique history, character, and cultural significance; and

WHEREAS, preserving the identity and heritage of existing and future neighbourhoods contributes to community pride, cultural continuity, and the overall vibrancy of the city. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND requests staff to:

1. Identify the existing and emerging neighbourhoods within the City of Welland; and 2. Explore how other municipalities preserve and promote neighbourhood identity and heritage, including but not limited to neighbourhood-specific signage and other relevant strategies; and

3. Provide a report to Council outlining potential recommendations for Welland.

YEAS: Grimaldi, Lee, McLeod, Moote and Setaram.

<u>NAYS</u>: Chiocchio, DiMarco, Fokkens, Green, Richard, Speck and Van Viet.

LOST

BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (IN-CAMERA)

2025 - 149

<u>25-28</u> Moved by Chiocchio and Lee (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Chloe Fortier to the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee for the term June 3, 205 to November 14, 2026.

BY- LAWS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (IN-CAMERA)

Moved by Fokkens and Van Vliet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND having given due consideration to the following By-law, as reproduced in this evening's Council Agenda, now read a first, second and third time and pass same, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign and seal same.

<u>25-24</u>

Byl 2025 - 70 A By-law to appoint a Treasurer for the City of Welland.

> YEAS: Chiocchio, DiMarco, Fokkens, Green, Grimaldi, Lee, McLeod, Moote, Richard, Setaram and Van Vliet.

NAYS: Speck.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

Moved by Moote and Richard

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<u>08-48</u>

BYL 2025 - 71

A By-law to amend By-law 2009-108 being a By-law prescribing standards for the maintenance and occupancy of property.

CARRIED

Moved by Chiocchio and Lee (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND having given due consideration to the following By-law, as reproduced in this evening's Council Agenda, now read a first, second and third time and pass same, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign and seal same.

<u>25-80</u>

BYL 2025 - 72

A By-law to exempt certain lands from Part-Lot Control - Block 29, Plan 59M-429, Parts 1-3 (inclusive), Plan 59R-18365 - 44 Huron Street, City of Welland.

Moved by Moote and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND having given due consideration to the following By-law, as reproduced in this evening's Council Agenda, now read a first, second and third time and pass same, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign and seal same.

<u>25-1</u>

BYL 2025 - 73

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 3rd day of June 2025.

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 17th day of June 2025.

2025 REPORT TO WELLAND HYDRO-ELECTRIC HOLDING CORP. SHAREHOLDER CITY OF WELLAND

June 17, 2025

Tim Clutterbuck, WHEHC Chair Mario Falvo, WHESC Chair/Treasurer Kevin Carver, President & CEO

Tonight's Presentation:

- 1. Governance Structure
- 2. 2024 Summary
 - A. Financial Results
 - B. Distribution Rates
 - C. Service Reliability
 - D. Customer Satisfaction
- **3.** Welland Solar Joint Venture
- 4. Capital Investments

Please feel free to ask questions throughout the presentation.

1. Governance Structure

Existing Board of Directors

Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corp Welland Hydro Energy Services Corp

Chair

Vice-Chair/Treasurer

President& CEO

Director

Corporate Secretary

- Tim Clutterbuck
- Mario Falvo
- Kevin Carver
- Frank Campion
- Cathy Bassi

Board of Directors

Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp (WHESC)

Chair

Vice-Chair

President & CEO

Director

Director

Director

Director

Corporate Secretary

Officer of the WHESC Board

- Mario Falvo
- Peter Inman
- Kevin Carver
- John Kwekkeboom
- John Chiocchio
- Tim Clutterbuck
- David Smelsky
- Cathy Bassi
- Frank Campion

Board Structure

- Two (2) Board Director terms ending in 2025.
- The term for the Councilors & Mayor as Board Directors and Officers for Welland Hydro ends with their council term in 2026.
- Future expiration of Director terms:
 - Two (2) Director terms will end in 2026
 - One (1) Director term will end in 2027
 - Two (2) Director terms will end in 2028

2. 2024 Summary

A) Highlights of 2024 Financial Results

WHEHC Consolidated Statements:

Net Income	2023	2024
Earnings Before Tax & Financial Expense	\$3,747,000	\$3,658,000
Interest Expense	\$654,000	\$694,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$774,000	\$652,000
Net Income (Excluding Other Comprehensive Income/Loss)	\$2,319,000	\$2,312,000
Dividends – City of Welland	\$1,000,000	\$1,100,000

A) Highlights of 2024 Financial Results (cont'd)

- Holding Corp. Fund future dividends to City of Welland
- System Corp. Fund capital expenditures
- Other Affiliates Fund Welland Solar Joint Venture repayments to the City of Welland contributed capital/loan

Cash Balances	2023	2024
Holding Corp. Non-Consolidated	\$1,617,000	\$1,549,000
System Corp.	\$3,764,000	\$2,669,000
Other Affiliates (including 49% Welland Solar Joint Venture)	\$389,000	\$491,000
Total Cash	\$5,770,000	\$4,709,000

B) Distribution Rates

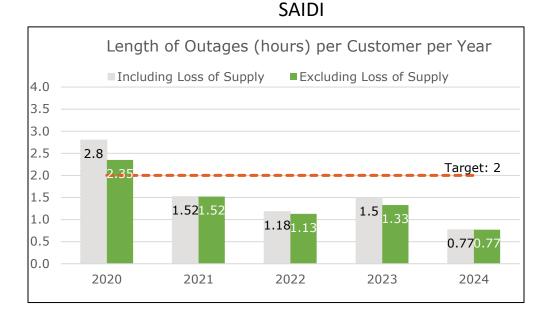
- WHESC continues to have competitive distribution rates
- 2025 distribution rate decrease of 2.47%, effective May 1, 2025 (2024 rate increase was 4.80%)
- Typical monthly bill inclusive of all charges (Energy, Transmission, Distribution, Regulatory):

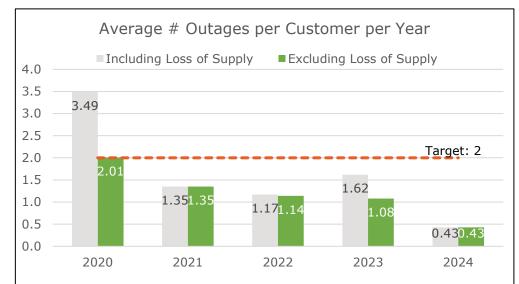
Rate Class & Monthly Consumption	Current Monthly Welland Hydro	Current Monthly Average Niagara Region	% Below Average in Niagara Region
Residential - 750 kWh / Month	\$144.11	\$148.56	-3.0%
GS < 50 kW Commercial (2000 kWh / Month)	\$352.35	\$370.36	-4.9%

*Welland, Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, St. Catharines, Fort Erie, Port Colborne, Grimsby

C) Service Reliability

- Welland Hydro continues to provide excellent service reliability to its customers
- Outage statistics and other operational metrics are monitored by the Operations, Health, Safety and Environment Committee

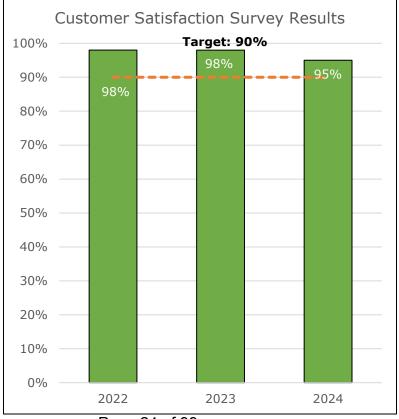






D) Customer Satisfaction

• Based on surveys from 2022 to 2024 Welland Hydro's Customer Satisfaction Score continues to exceed the provincial average of 86% (2024)



3. Welland Solar Joint Venture

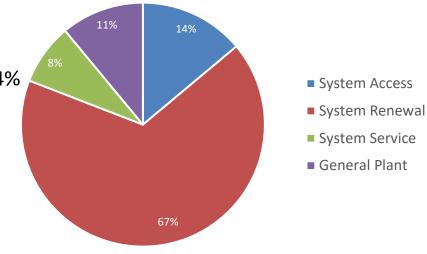
FIT4 Solar Highlights

Generation	2022	2023	2024
kWh	1,444,612	1,420,851	1,408,361
Revenue	\$304,235	\$299,231	\$296,601
Profit Before Tax	\$59,934	\$70,457	\$76,503

4. Capital Investments

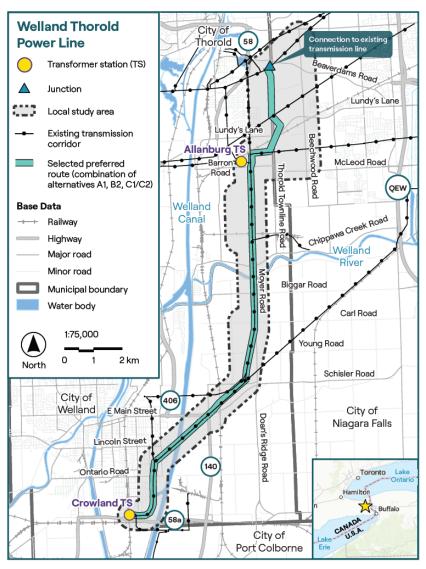
Distribution System - Capital Investments

- 2024 Capital Program
 - 4.2M invested in the distribution system
 - Capital projects focused on asset renewal, grid modernization, and facilitating new connections
- Capital Investment Plan (2025 2029)
 - 23M of planned investment focused on:
 - System Access (Facilitating Connections to the System) 14%
 - System Renewal (Replacing Deteriorated Assets) 67%
 - System Service (Grid Modernization) 8%
 - General Plant (Fleet, Facilities, IT/OT Systems, etc.) 11%



Planned Investments 2025 through 2029

- Planned net Capex averages \$4.6M annually
- Facilitating new connections \$3.2M
- Replacing deteriorated assets:
 - Poles and wires \$8.9M
 - Underground infrastructure \$5.8M
- Grid modernization investments \$1.3M
- System Capacity Upgrade (2026 2029)
 - Transmission upgrades by Hydro One (\$128M)
 - New 230kV transformer station (replacing Crowland TS)
 - Additional capacity of 75MW for the City of Welland (2024 system peak demand = 87MW)



Welland Hydro GROUP OF COMPANIES POWERING WELLAND'S FUTURE

Presentation to Welland City Council

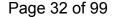
Sue Barnett DSBN Chair and Trustee for Welland

June 17, 2025

Ω DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA



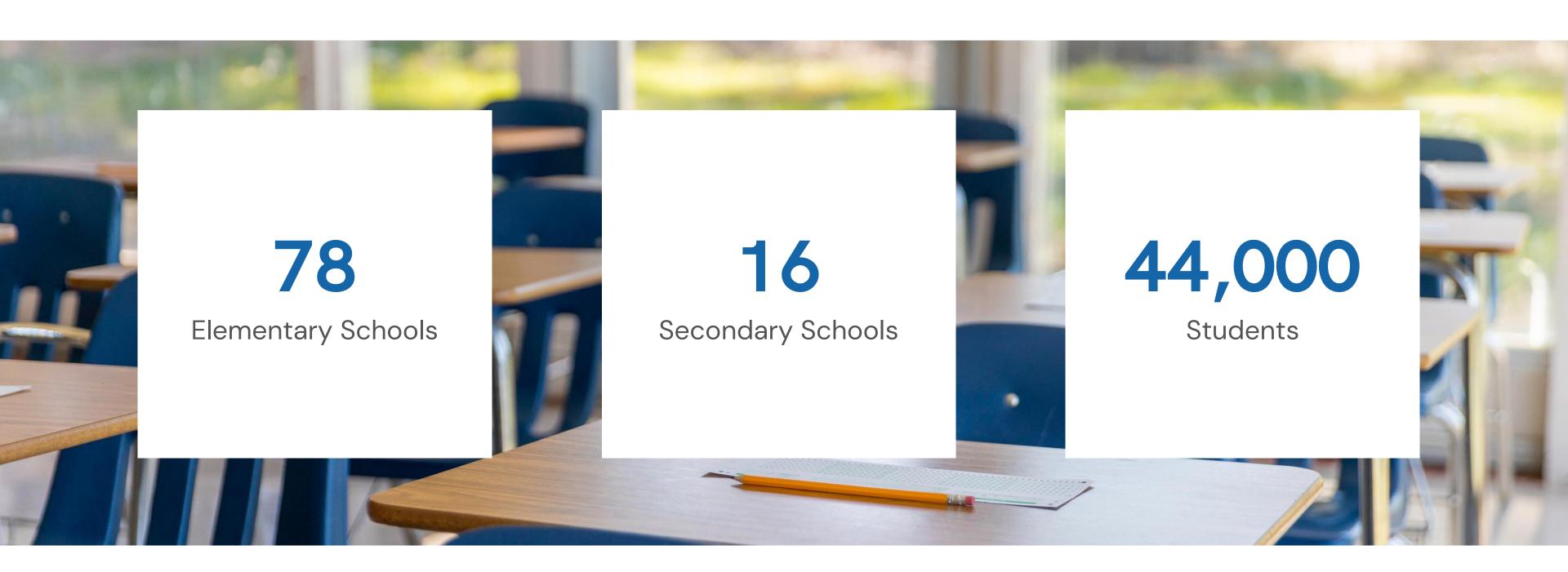
District School Board of Niagara (DSBN)







Overview





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DSBN Prioritizes Student Achievement







Operating Budget \$650,000,000





DSBN is a Growth Board



Increase in enrolment

Projection of trend continuing





New schools across the region





Future Ready



New Schools Across the Region

Thundering Heights Public School

- Niagara Falls South at Kalar Road & McLeod
- Set to open September 2025

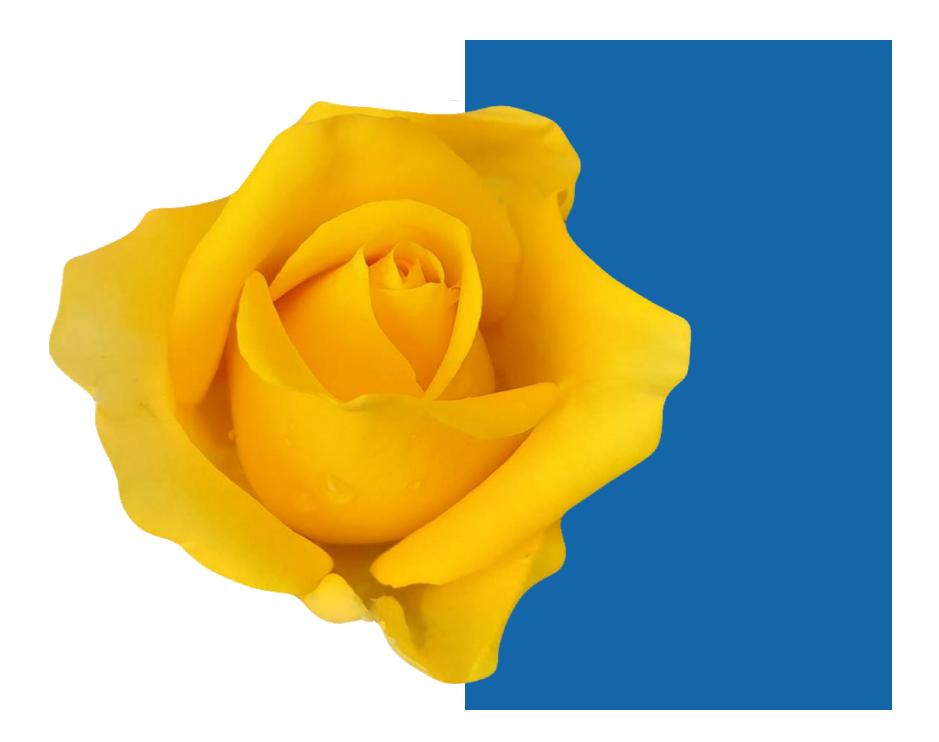
Thorold East Elementary School

- \$33.5 million
- 726 pupil places
- 49 licensed childcare spaces
- Set to open September 2027





Focus on Welland





Bridgeview French Immersion Public School

Thanks to Naming Committee

• Bridgeview acknowledges Welland's historic bridges and the merging of two school communities

Opening September 2025

- Construction already underway
- Full renovation completely up-to-date facility



FRENCH IMMERSION PUBLIC SCHOOL

Welland-Thorold Elementary School

\$33.1 million

- 726 pupil places
- 49 licensed childcare spaces

South Welland Elementary School

\$28.9 million

- 608 pupil places
- 49 licensed childcare spaces

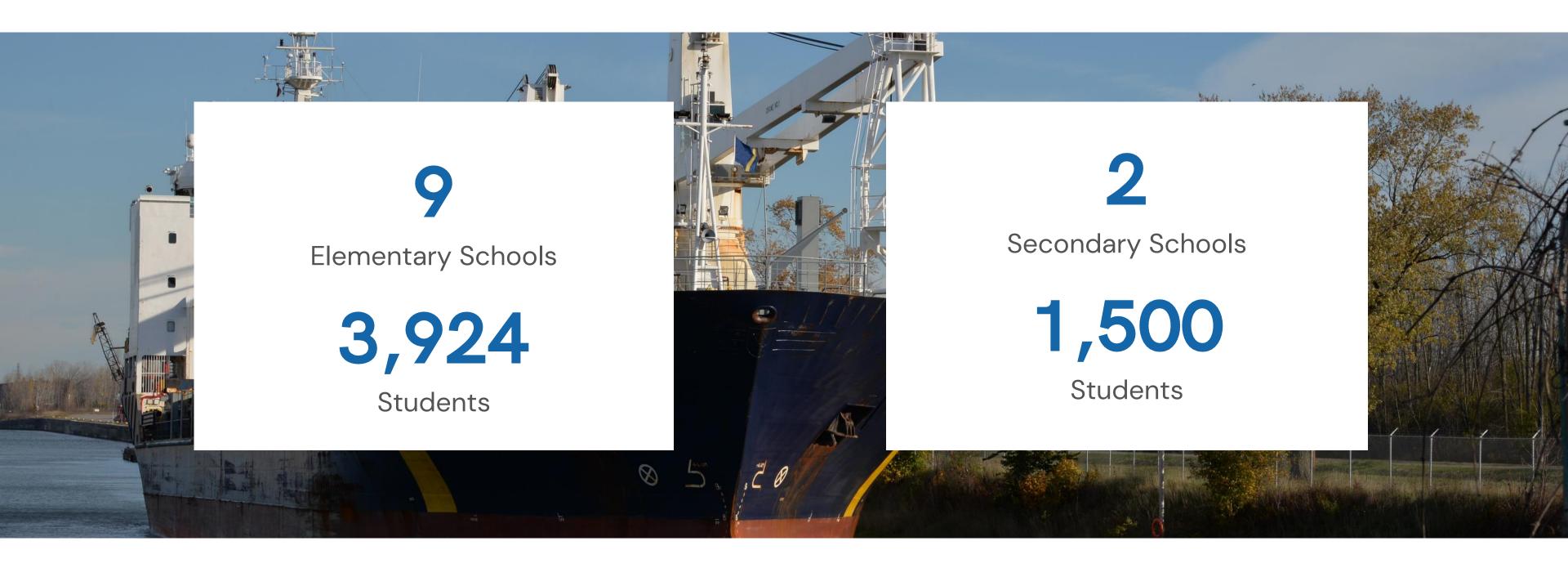
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Overview





Eastdale SHSM Programs

Construction

- Education / Non-Profit
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Manufacturing
- Transportation





Welland Centennial SHSM Programs

Arts & Culture

Education / Non-Profit

Energy

Environment

Health & Wellness

Hospitality & Tourism

Information & Communication Technology



HEALTH & WELLNESS







ENERGY



Renewal Projects & Renovations

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Fitch Street Public School

\$15.4 million investment

Expansion

- 205 student spaces
- 49 licensed childcare spaces

Investing in Welland

• Ensures families and students have access to quality learning environments in the years ahead



Eastdale Secondary School

\$12 million investment

Upgrades and renovations

Full-scale Hospitality & Tourism program

Student Impact



Welland Centennial Secondary School

\$6 million investment

Theatre Upgrades & Renovations

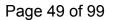
Student & Community Benefits

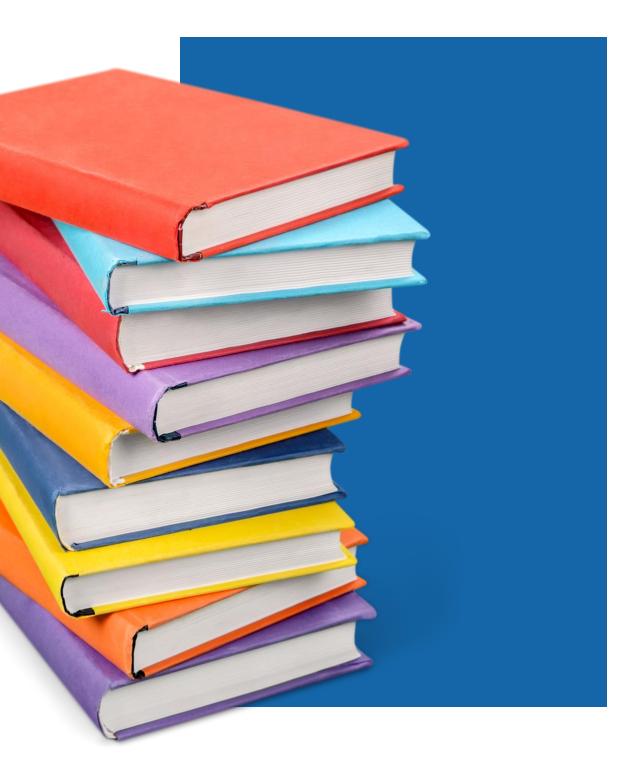
- Cool and comfortable environment
- Refreshed venue for events and performances
- Year-round use of the space
- Opportunity for additional local partnerships, community programming and engagement





Partnerships with the City of Welland







Community Connection

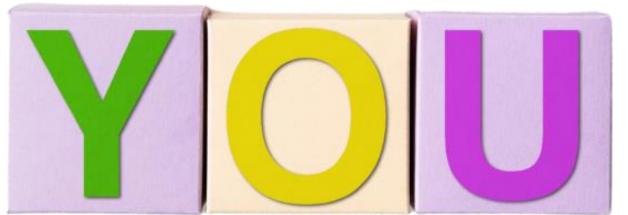
Exploring a new part space in Dain City

Welland Public Library partnership (shared space)

Exploring a new partnership for community centre













Welland Bridge Photo by: Anthony Gallaccio



Our Vision

"An inclusive caring community where all people belong and have equal opportunity to participate effectively."

Our Mission

Advocate for, promote and facilitate the full participation, inclusion and citizenship of people who have an intellectual disability.

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COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE DIVISION

REPORT CS-2025-20 June 17, 2025

SUBJECT:	Neighbourhood Association Policy
AUTHOR:	Amanda Degazio – Manager of Business and Community Service
APPROVING:	Jessica Ruddell – Director of Community Services

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approve the Neighbourhood Association Policy found in Appendix 1.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

This recommendation is aligned to Council's strategic priority of ensuring "**Liveability**" by creating a sense of belonging while enhancing mobility by improving access to recreation and community events, ensuring adequate housing options, encouraging job growth, and improving ways to efficiently move people throughout the city.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval from Council on the Neighbourhood Association Policy. Policy concepts were initially presented to General Committee on October 22, 2024. A draft policy was subsequently presented to General Committee on January 28, 2025. Since then, feedback from General Committee has been incorporated into the revised policy, which is included as Appendix 1 to this report.

This policy supports the City of Welland's Strategic Plan by promoting strong partnerships, enhancing community engagement, and increasing access to inclusive, neighbourhood-based programs and services. Neighbourhood Associations play a vital role in achieving these goals by offering residents a collective voice, organizing local initiatives, fostering social connection, and helping to address programming gaps within their communities.

BACKGROUND:

Neighbourhood Associations are community-driven groups formed by residents to address local issues, enhance neighbourhood quality of life, and foster a strong sense of community. These associations have long played a key role in strengthening social ties and improving the overall livability of residential areas. By organizing local initiatives such as clean-ups, safety programs, and social events, neighbourhood associations help build community pride and a sense of belonging. These associations also promote inclusivity, support social connection, and fill gaps in local services and programming, contributing to more resilient and well-connected neighbourhoods.

The Neighbourhood Association Policy provides a clear and supportive framework for the creation, management, and strengthening of neighbourhood associations throughout Welland. The purpose of this policy is to:

- Empower residents to actively participate in shaping their neighbourhoods
- Encourage collaboration between neighbourhood associations and the City of Welland
- Promote the social, economic and cultural well-being, safety, and inclusivity
- Support the development of community-driven initiatives and projects.

The policy was shaped by feedback from both Council and neighbourhood associations, ensuring it strikes a balance between providing structure and offering flexibility to meet the diverse needs and priorities of different neighbourhoods. The policy emphasizes the importance of community-driven action, recognizing that residents have the most valuable insights into their own neighbourhoods. This empowerment enables residents to advocate for their communities, organize events, and address local issues together. The City supports these efforts by providing tools, resources, financial assistance, and technical guidance to ensure the success of neighbourhood associations.

DISCUSSION:

Updates made to the draft version of the policy that was received for information previously at General Committee include:

- Reference to the protected grounds under the Ontario Human Rights Code added
- Neighbourhood Associations will receive 50 hours of City space to book annually at no charge. Additional bookings in excess of the 50 hours will be provided at not-for-profit rates according to the City's Rates and Fees schedule
- Language has been clarified to better define what Neighbourhood Associations are accountable for versus what actions groups are encouraged to undertake, in alignment with the City's Strategic Plan
- Explicitly state the ability for Neighbourhood Associations to raise funds through membership fees and other means as they see fit.

For 2025, the current structure and operations of existing Neighbourhood Associations will remain in place. During this period, the City will engage with these associations to determine the most effective way to transition each association in alignment with the policy ensuring success and support throughout the process.

The current levels of support for each group are outlined below:

- Summerlea Association received no formal City support in 2024. There were no rental hours used, or event funding provided. Despite this, the group hosted several community-focused events, including an Annual Picnic and Annual General Meeting (AGM), Halloween Night, an Easter Egg Hunt, Movie in the Park, and distributed personal greeting cards for life events.
- **Chippawa Circle Group** had limited City involvement in 2024. A planned movie night was cancelled after a tentative booking, so no rentals took place and no funding was provided. The group remains focused on neighbourhood safety and security and enjoys hosting movie nights and community gatherings.
- **Cooks Mills Development Group** received moderate City support in 2024, including storage access and event permits. They used 8.5 rental hours, valued at \$339.93, but did not receive event funding. Their neighbourhood offerings included an Easter Egg Hunt and a Christmas Party and numerous other events on private property.
- Dain City Recreation received the most support in 2024, with access to storage, permits, City services, and \$1,000 in event funding. The group used 461 rental hours, valued at \$17,684.66. This support enabled them to offer a wide range of programs and events, such as recreational programming, a wreath workshop, a children's Easter party, Family Day in the Park, and Halloween and Christmas celebrations.

NOTE: In 2024, the above Neighbourhood Associations were not considered to be non-profit and therefor paid the regular hourly rates.

Dain City Recreation is currently the only the neighbourhood association that receives support in addition to the terms outlined in the policy. Dain City Recreation has been consulted in the development of this policy and will be transitioned to align with the new policy by January 2028. This timing is in alignment with changes to the lease agreement for the Carrie Lynn Pinard Centre and the addition of the community space at the new Dain City Elementary school. We will work closely with Dain City Recreation to assist in identifying grant opportunities and other resources to support their ongoing activities.

In addition, should Dain City Recreation wish to formalize its relationship with the City beyond the scope of this policy, the organization may explore opportunities under the City's <u>Corporate Partnership Policy</u>. This would involve the

development of a formal partnership agreement that clearly outlines mutual benefits, responsibilities, and deliverables. A formal partnership agreement may provide added value to the City and Dain City Recreation through the provision of resources by the City in exchange for benefits, including city-wide accessible programming and shared initiatives, or strategic collaboration. Any agreement would be developed in alignment with City objectives, policies, and priorities and subject to the required approval processes.

This collaborative and flexible approach will help ensure that existing Neighbourhood Associations are well-equipped to serve their neighbourhoods for years to come and that future grassroots community organizers have the tools and resources to start new Neighbourhood Associations.

Once the Neighbourhood Association Policy is approved, staff will implement a number of promotional tactics to promote the availability of the program.

FINANCIAL:

This report has no immediate financial implications.

Funding for Neighbourhood Associations is allocated under account 530560 – Volunteer Services, within 20-405-00000 Recreation – Program/Services.

ATTACHMENT:

Appendix 1 – Neighbourhood Association Policy

	Policy Title: Neighbourhood Association Policy	
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1.0 Purpose

The Neighbourhood Association policy provides a framework for establishing, managing, and supporting neighbourhood associations in the city. This policy reflects the values of inclusion, sustainability, and community engagement. The objective is to foster strong community ties, support local initiatives, and ensure collaboration between residents and municipal government.

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Empower residents to actively participate in shaping their neighbourhoods.
- Encourage collaboration between neighbourhood associations and the City of Welland.
- Promote the social, economic and cultural well-being, safety, and inclusivity.
- Support the development of community-driven initiatives and projects.

This policy applies to:

• All residential neighbourhood associations in Welland, including those newly formed and those currently active.

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- City of Welland staff and departments involved in community engagement and support.
- Local businesses, community organizations, and other stakeholders interacting with neighbourhood associations.

2.0 Policy Statement

The Corporation of the City of Welland (the "City"), through the Neighbourhood Association Program, recognizes the essential role that neighbourhood associations play in fostering vibrant, inclusive, and engaged communities. This policy affirms the City's commitment to supporting residents' efforts in building strong neighbourhoods, enhancing local participation, and addressing community needs. Neighbourhood associations serve as key partners in promoting social well-being, safety, environmental sustainability, and civic engagement.

The City of Welland is dedicated to empowering neighbourhoods to collaborate with local government, businesses, and other organizations to create positive change. In doing so, the City ensures that all residents have a voice in shaping their community's future. The City will provide resources, guidance, and opportunities for neighbourhood associations to thrive while maintaining transparency, accountability, and fairness in all interactions.

This policy also underscores the City's commitment to fostering inclusivity, equity, and diversity in all neighbourhood association activities and ensuring that all residents, regardless of background or circumstance, feel welcome and valued in their neighbourhoods.

3.0 Definitions

Neighbourhood - A neighbourhood is described as an area where people live and interact with one another. We leave it to each Neighbourhood Association to define their own geographical boundaries. This boundary can be based on a variety of factors including proximity to amenities, shared goals, and/or the overall feel and identity of their area.

Neighbourhood Association - a volunteer group of residents from the same neighbourhood who come together to promote social interaction, address common interests, advocate for the needs of the community, and engage in activities that improve the quality of life for all residents of the neighbourhood.

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Members – all individuals from within defined neighbourhood boundaries who participate in the association's activities, attend meetings, and contribute to decision-making processes that affect the neighbourhood.

4.0 General Provisions

A Neighbourhood Association is a great way to meet fellow residents, identify both the strengths and weaknesses within a neighbourhood, and work together to improve the community. Connected neighbourhoods are resilient neighbourhoods.

Neighbourhood associations shall be open to all residents within the boundaries of the designated neighbourhood area, and all meetings shall be open to all residents to attend. Membership is voluntary, with no discrimination based on the Ontario Human Rights Code.

Regular general meetings should be held at least quarterly to discuss issues, review progress, and plan future initiatives. The Neighbourhood Associations should have a clear procedure for calling and running meetings, including the availability of meeting minutes to all in the neighbourhood.

Neighbourhood Associations must maintain clear and effective communication with their members. This may include email newsletters, social media platforms, and physical notice boards in common spaces.

5.0 Reasons to become a Neighbourhood Association

The City of Welland acknowledges the important role that neighbourhood associations play in community building and will support them through:

• **Financial Assistance:** A small grants program to support community events and projects. All projects supported through this program must be free and accessible, hosted at a city-owned park or facility.

Approved applicants may be awarded between \$500 and \$1,500 annually for initiatives. This is subject to annual funding approval by City Council. Eligible uses include project materials and supplies, insurance costs, community room rental fees (over maximum annual allotment), park permit fees, planning and development, interpretation and translation for events and communications, fundraising for community benefit (e.g. Food Banks, local shelters, park or facility upgrades). Ineligible requests include fundraising for personal gain / use,

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donations to charitable causes, reserve funds, debt repayment, political or religious activities.

- **Technical Support:** Provision of resources or advice on matters such as governance, funding opportunities, event planning, and community outreach.
- **Space for Meetings & Events:** Provision of city-owned venues for meetings or public events, subject to availability. The maximum number of hours to permit city spaces is 50 hours annually. Any additional bookings, in excess of the 50 hours, will be valued at the non-profit rate. Note: Arena floor bookings are excluded under this space provision.
- **Consultation & Collaboration:** City staff will engage with neighbourhood associations during the development of city plans, policies, or projects that may impact residents.
- Listing on the City Website: The association will be listed on the City of Welland's website as a recognized neighbourhood association.

6.0 Application Process

The following outlines the application process for residents or groups wishing to establish a neighbourhood association under the City of Welland's Neighbourhood Association Policy. This process ensures that new associations are formed with clear objectives, structure, and support, in line with the city's goals for community engagement and development.

Eligibility:

To establish a neighbourhood association, a group of residents must meet the following criteria:

- The group must be volunteer based and represent a geographically defined neighbourhood within the City of Welland.
- The group must have at least 5 voting members who are residents of the neighbourhood, 50% of members over the age of 18.
- 1 vote per household.
- The group must demonstrate a clear purpose for forming the association (e.g., to address specific community issues, promote events, or advocate for local improvements).

Application Process:

To formally apply for recognition as an official neighbourhood association, applicants must submit the following information in their online application to the City. The City

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will support neighbourhood applicants through discussions, if needed, to meet requirements including:

- **Constitution or Charter:** Provide the draft document outlining the association's goals, structure, and governance.
- List of Founding Members: A list of the initial 5 or more founding members, including their names, addresses, and contact information.
- **Proposed Association Name and Boundary:** The name of the association and a clear description or map of the neighbourhood boundaries it represents.
- Statement of Purpose: A summary of why the neighbourhood association is being formed, including the key community issues or goals the association intends to address.
- **Contact Information:** Designate a primary point of contact (e.g., President or Chairperson) for the application process.

7.0 Evaluation & Approval Process

Once the application is submitted, staff will review the application to ensure it meets the criteria and aligns with the objectives outlined in the Neighbourhood Association Policy.

Review Process:

- 1. Initial Review: City staff will review the submitted application for completeness, compliance with the policy, and clarity of objectives.
- 2. Consultation: City staff may contact the applicants for further information or clarification if needed. Applicants may also be invited to a meeting with the Recreation Coordinator to discuss the application and next steps.
- 3. Evaluation Criteria: The application will be evaluated based on:
 - Clear and achievable objectives that support the broader goals of community development.
 - A transparent governance structure that ensures accountability.
 - The potential for positive community engagement and inclusion.

Timeline:

The City will acknowledge receipt of the application within 5 business days. A decision will be made within 30 days of receiving the completed application. The intention of this review and evaluation is to provide support as required to the Neighbourhood Association to establish themselves.

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8.0 Renewal and Re-evaluation

Neighbourhood associations will be periodically re-evaluated to ensure they remain active and effective. This includes:

Periodic Review: The City will assess the association's compliance with the Neighbourhood Association Policy every 3 years, ensuring the group remains in good standing.

Reapplication: If there are significant changes to the association's structure or activities, a new application or amendment may be required.

9.0 Responsibilities

Council

Welland City Council is accountable for:

- Approving the Neighbourhood Association policy.
- Approving the annual funding envelope for the financial assistance portion of the Neighbourhood Association program.

Director of Community Services

The Director of Community Services is accountable for:

• Ensuring applicable staff are aware of this policy and any subsequent revisions

Manager of Business & Community Services

The Manager of Business & Community Services is accountable for:

- Administration of the Neighbourhood Association Program;
- Promotion of the Neighbourhood Association Program, including an annual information session;
- Reviewing all Neighbourhood Association applications for completeness;
- Ensuring the Neighbourhood Association Policy is reviewed and updated as required.

Recreation Coordinator

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- Processing the Neighbourhood Association application by meeting with group to review application and provide support within 30 days of the application.
- Ensuring all conditions are met by the Neighbourhood Association and/or provide the appropriate support for the group to meet program requirements.
- Meet with the Neighbourhood Association (minimum of once annually, maximum of 4 times) to support needs and provide guidance.
- Provision of resources or advice on matters such as governance, funding opportunities, event planning, and community outreach.
- Coordinate and/or connect Neighbourhood Associations with internal and external resources, as required.
- Connect City staff with Neighbourhood Associations during the development of city plans, policies, or projects that may impact residents.

Neighbourhood Associations

Neighbourhood Associations are accountable for:

- Ensuring the accurate completion of the Neighbourhood Association application form;
- Addressing conflicts amongst neighbourhood association members using peaceful and collaborative methods. Seek external mediation if necessary.
- Providing any supplementary information, as required.
- Completing a request for funding form annually, as required; and
- Providing an annual summary of projects and events, surveys or feedback on the association's activities and impact, and any other relevant documentation that demonstrates the association's work in fulfilling it's mandate.

Neighbourhood Associations are encouraged to:

- Foster a sense of community by organizing events including social gatherings, and opportunities for residents to interact. Examples include block parties, clean-up events and/or political debates as needed.
- Promote environmentally sustainable practices within the neighbourhood, such as tree planting, waste reduction, and sustainable gardening.
- Participate and provide feedback in public engagement, including issues related to infrastructure, zoning, parks, transportation, and other city services.
- Encourage crime prevention, safety programs, CPTED education, and neighbourhood watch initiatives to improve residents' safety.
- Raise funds as they see fit through membership fees or other means to operate the association

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10.0 Appendices

N/A

Revision History

Date	Description of Change	Initials

COUNCIL MEETING INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES / ENGINEERING

REPORT ENG-2025-16 June 17, 2025

SUBJECT:Response to Council Motion - School Traffic Safety
CommitteeAUTHOR:Muhammad Ali Khan, P.Eng.
Manager Transportation EngineeringAPPROVING:Sherri-Marie Millar, P.Eng.
Director of Infrastructure Services/City Engineer

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives the staff review and concludes that the City would not benefit further from the establishment of a Welland School Traffic Safety Action Committee.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

This recommendation is aligned to Council's strategic priority of ensuring "**Health and Wellbeing**" to promote personal health and well-being by offering an abundance of activities that meet the diverse needs and interests all while, advocating for improved health care throughout the city, and supporting the need for safety and security.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report responds to Council's direction to explore the potential establishment of a School Traffic Safety Committee.

After reviewing current municipal practices in the region and evaluating the City's internal procedures, staff recommend maintaining the existing approach to managing school traffic concerns. This process is timely, flexible, and resource-efficient, enabling staff to address parking and enforcement concerns, speeding, and pedestrian safety concerns with support from City Bylaw Enforcement, Niagara Regional Police Services and school officials.

The City also benefits from the regionally led Active School Travel (AST) program, which fosters a collaborative environment involving school communities, public health, and municipal partners to enhance student safety. Together, these approaches ensure effective and responsive management without the need for a formal committee.

BACKGROUND:

At the March 18, 2025, Council meeting, the following motion was approved.

WHEREAS, School Traffic Safety Action Committees consider matters to improve the safety of students and their movements from the dangers of vehicular traffic and related hazards in and around school areas, and where warranted make recommendations to their respective Councils.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to prepare a recommendation on whether the city would benefit from the creation of a Welland School Traffic Safety Action Committee.

A copy of the Motion is attached as Appendix A.

DISCUSSION:

Currently, school traffic safety concerns in the City of Welland are managed through an informal, as-needed approach led by City staff in collaboration with relevant agencies. This process allows for swift, responsive action on issues such as parking availability and enforcement, speeding, pedestrian safety, and circulation around school sites without the need for a formal committee structure. This flexible and efficient model has proven effective in addressing concerns as they arise.

In practice, City staff engage directly with stakeholders including the Niagara Regional Police Services, Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS), school officials, and Bylaw Enforcement to implement timely solutions. This direct communication model ensures concerns are handled quickly, reducing the potential delays often associated with formal committee processes. Residents also remain actively involved by reporting issues directly to staff, helping to maintain community input while preserving operational agility. This approach is consistent with practices in all Niagara local area municipalities, where school traffic safety is addressed through interdepartmental collaboration and sitespecific responses, rather than through standing committees.

In addition to the City's internal response process, the Active School Travel (AST) program further strengthens efforts to promote safe and active travel to school. This nationally recognized initiative, led locally by Niagara Region Public Health and NSTS, partners with schools and municipalities to identify barriers to active travel and develop practical, school-specific solutions. The program engages students, parents, school staff, public health professionals, and municipal partners in walkabout assessments that lead to tailored action plans focused on infrastructure improvements and education.

To date, over thirty schools across Niagara have participated in the AST program, including six in Welland: Princess Elizabeth Public School, Ross Street Public School, Fitch Street Public School, St. Andrew Catholic School, St. Kevin Catholic School, and Gordon Public School. Successes in Welland include enhancements to pavement markings, the installation of bike racks, new

sidewalks, adjustments to school crossing guard locations and signal timing, modified parking zones, and the designation of community safety zones.

The current process, strengthened by inter-agency coordination and the AST program, is successfully addressing school traffic safety concerns in Welland. As such, staff recommend continuing this flexible and proven approach rather than establishing a formal committee.

FINANCIAL:

N/A

ATTACHMENT:

Appendix A - Council Motion



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO: 2025-56

REFERENCE NO. 25 - 22

March 24, 2025

Dear Sir or Madam:

Welland City Council passed the following motion

on

March 18, 2025

"WHEREAS, School Traffic Safety Action Committees consider matters to improve the safety of students and their movements from the dangers of vehicular traffic and related hazards in and around school areas, and where warranted make recommendations to their respective Councils. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to prepare a recommendation on whether the city would benefit from the creation of a Welland School Traffic Safety Action Committee."

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S.M. Millar, Director of Infrastructure Services & City Engineer

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COUNCIL MEETING INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES/ENGINEERING

REPORT ENG-2025-18 June 17, 2025

SUBJECT:	Tender Award & Reallocation of Funds - 2025 Crack Sealing Program
AUTHOR:	Livia McEachern, P.Eng. Manager of Capital Engineering
APPROVING:	Sherri-Marie Millar, P/Eng. Director of Infrastructure Services/City Engineer

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND accepts the tender from 788893 ONTARIO LIMITED o/a Niagara Crack Sealing in the amount of \$72,500.00 (plus HST) being the lowest bid received for the 2025 Crack Sealing Program; and further

THAT Council approve the reallocation of \$5,000.00 of funding from the 2023 Road Resurfacing project to the 2025 Crack Sealing Program.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

This recommendation is aligned to Council's strategic priority of ensuring "Environmental Stewardship" to protect the ecosystems through a responsible approach to minimize the impact on the environment through supportive decision-making, professional processes, incentives, policies, and operational practices.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Crack sealing is a cost-effective method used to extend pavement life and prevent further pavement deterioration.

Staff recommend awarding the 2025 Crack Sealing Program contract to the low tender bidder, 788893 ONTARIO LIMITED o/a Niagara Crack Sealing, in the amount of \$72,500.00 (plus HST).

Furthermore, staff recommend the reallocation of \$5,000.00 of funding from the 2023 Road Resurfacing project to the 2025 Crack Sealing Program to cover the funding shortfall.

BACKGROUND:

Crack sealing is a cost-effective preventative maintenance method used to extend the pavement life of municipal roads. Crack sealing employs the application of a sealant to fill surficial asphalt cracks. The sealant prevents water and debris from entering the cracks and causing further deterioration to the pavement structure. This pro-active maintenance activity prevents pothole formation and reduces long-term pavement repair costs.

The road segments included in the 2025 Crack Sealing Program have been summarized on the attached Location Plan (Appendix 1). Forty sections of road are proposed for crack sealing with an estimated total of 20,000 linear meters of crack sealing.

DISCUSSION:

The tender was released on Friday, May 9, 2025, and was publicly advertised and listed with the Niagara Construction Association and posted with a major Canadian tendering website for two (2) weeks.

Two (2) tenders were received on closing day, Monday, May 26, 2025. Both submissions have been reviewed for accuracy and have been found to be in compliance with the City of Welland's tender requirements and the provisions of the current Purchasing Policy.

A summary of all tenders received, excluding HST, is provided in the table below.

CONTRACTOR NAME & ADDRESS	TENDER PRICE (excluding HST)
788893 ONTARIO LIMITED o/a Niagara Crack Sealing 40 Stonebridge Road, Port Colborne, ON, L3K 5V5	\$72,500.00
Upper Canada Road Services Inc. 311 Amber Street, Unit 1, Markham, ON, L3R 3J7	\$92,766.61

FINANCIAL:

A breakdown of both the contract cost estimate and the proposed funding allocations are summarized in the tables below.

PROJECT COST BREAKDOWN	AMOUNT
2025 Crack Sealing Program - Tender Low Bid	\$72,500.00
City's Portion of HST (1.76%)	\$1,276.00
Total Anticipated Cost:	\$73,776.00

PROJECT FUNDING BREAKDOWN	AMOUNT
2025 Crack Sealing Program (10-320-25151)	\$70,000.00
*2023 Road Resurfacing (10-320-23169)	\$5,000.00

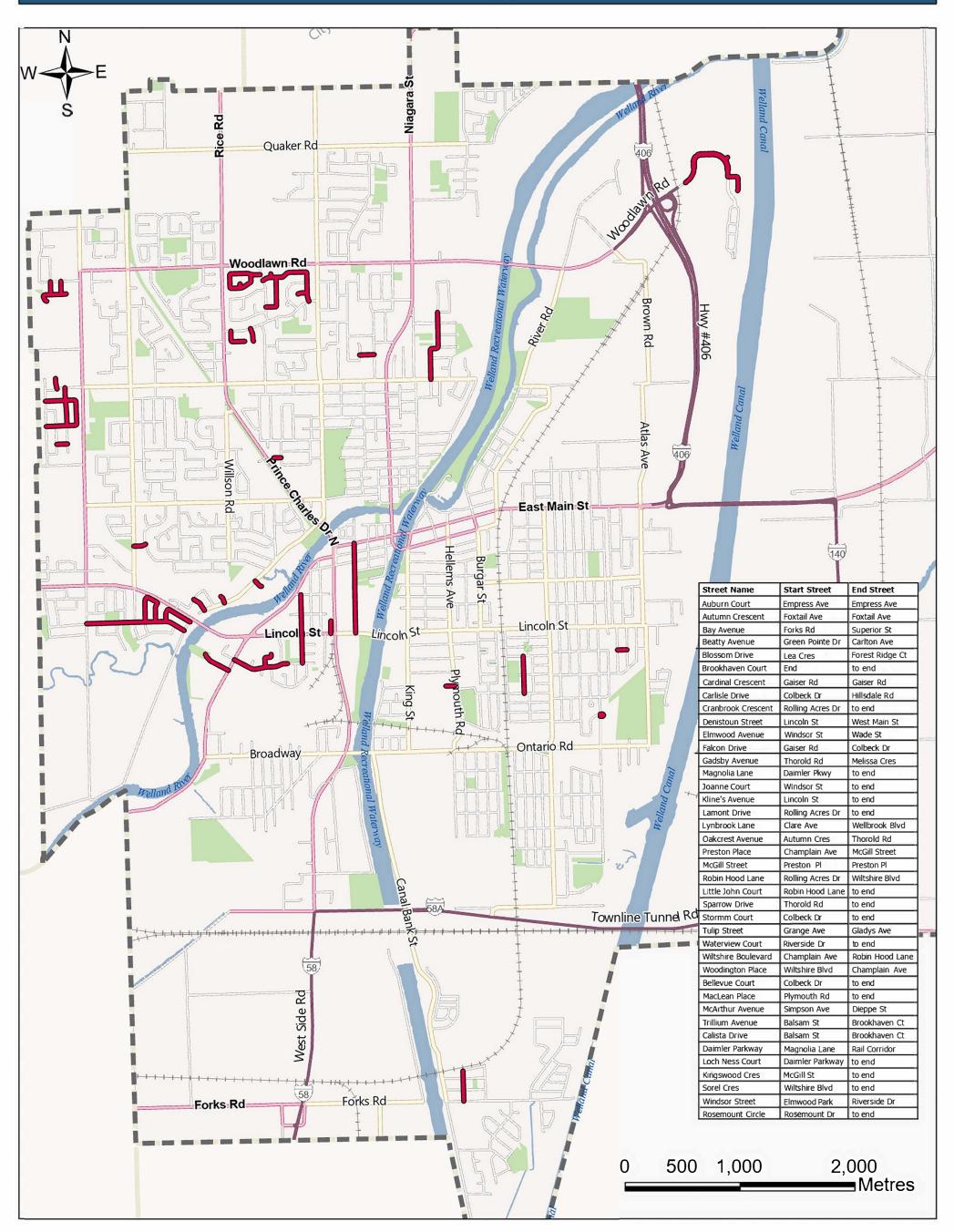
* Reallocate funds to account 10-320-25153 "2025 Crack Sealing Program". The 2023 Road Resurfacing project is complete.

The tender price from the low bidder plus 1.76% for the City's portion of the HST is \$73,776.00. With the reallocation of funding, there is sufficient budget approved to complete the contract.

ATTACHMENT:

Appendix 1 – Location Plan

ENG-2025-18 Tender Award - Crack Sealing Program Appendix 1 - Location Plan



- 2025 Crack Sealing Locations

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COUNCIL MEETING PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

REPORT PB-2025-26 June 17, 2025

SUBJECT:	Lot 172 – Lincoln Street – Proposed Habitat for Humanity Niagara Housing Project
AUTHORS:	Nicolas Aiello, HBA, MCIP, RPP Policy Planning Manager
	Ireland Worrall Student Planner
APPROVING	Michael Greenlee, MCIP, RPP
MANAGER:	Manager Of Planning
APPROVING	Grant Munday, B.A.A., MCIP, RPP
DIRECTOR:	Director Planning and Development Services

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approve lands municipally known as, Lot 172 of Subdivision Plan NP951 to be conveyed to Habitat for Humanity Niagara for the construction of a new affordable single-detached dwelling.

THAT Council direct staff to expense the costs of the service laterals from the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This recommendation is aligned to Council's strategic priority of ensuring "Liveability" by creating a sense of belonging while enhancing mobility by improving access to recreation and community events, ensuring adequate housing options, encouraging job growth, and improving ways to efficiently move people throughout the city.

The City's Housing Needs Assessment & Environmental Scan states that the increase in housing prices has created a challenge for individuals seeking home ownership, and as such, there is a need for more affordable owners' dwellings. Should Council approve the recommendations of this report, the City would be supporting the need for this housing type by providing serviced land.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Lot 172 of Subdivision Plan NP951 was previously declared as surplus by City Council. On March 6, 2025, the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee passed a motion recommending Council convey Lot 172 on Lincoln Street to Habitat for Humanity Niagara at a nominal cost for the purpose of constructing an affordable single-detached dwelling. This report is presented in response to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee's motion.

BACKGROUND:

In December of 2017, Council endorsed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Habitat for Humanity Niagara and the City as it pertained to the purchase and sale of surplus City-owned land and the development of affordable housing by Habitat for Humanity Niagara over a ten (10) year period (2018-2028). The MOU sets out the responsibilities of Habitat for Humanity Niagara and the responsibilities of the City in situations where Habitat for Humanity Niagara acquires City owned lands.

On March 6, 2025, the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee was provided a letter (Appendix I) and a presentation from Habitat for Humanity Niagara regarding the development of surplus lands being, Lot 172 on Lincoln Street. The proposal is for an affordable single family detached home.

The Committee passed the following motion recommending for Council to convey the subject lands to Habitat for Humanity Niagara:

THAT COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approve the provision of the property municipally known as Lot 172 of Plan NP951 on Lincoln Street to Habitat for Humanity Niagara at nominal cost.

The City has previously conveyed municipally owned lands to Habitat for Humanity at a nominal cost (donated) or far below market value.

This report is presented to Council in response to the Committee's motion.

DISCUSSION:

<u>Site</u>

The subject parcel, identified as Lot 172 of Subdivision Plan NP951 (Appendix II) is approximately 313 square metres (3369.10 square metres), located at the south-west corner of Lincoln Street and Empress Avenue. The subject parcel is currently vacant and zoned as Residential Low Density 1 (RL1) which permits the proposed development.

Proposal

Habitat for Humanity Niagara is proposing to construct an affordable dwelling on Lot 172, Lincoln Street. The residential building is planned to be 92.25 square metre (993 square feet) with 3 bedrooms. The dwelling is proposed to incorporate on-site parking, a rear and front yard, covered porch and covered rear deck.

Habitat for Humanity provides families with affordable home ownership by providing them with a mortgage they can afford that is geared to their income.

A concept plan for the proposed development is shown in Appendix III.

City Fees

As a non-profit residential development, the proposed project is exempt from City Development Charges under Section 22(c) of By-law 2022-163.

It should be noted that the MOU requires Habitat pay all fees associated with construction of the dwelling. The City is responsible under the MOU for the installation of one (1) 25 mm water lateral from Lincoln Street and one (1) 100mm sanitary sewer lateral from Lincoln Street to the property line of any lot transferred by the City to Habitat for Humanity Niagara. Habitat for Humanity Niagara will be responsible for all other applicable fees including Building and Planning fees.

Planning Considerations

City Staff recommend conveying the subject Lot at nominal cost to Habitat for Humanity Niagara for the construction of the planned affordable home. The surrounding neighbourhood consists mainly of single detached homes and an elementary school to the north along Lincoln Street. Notably, similarly sized lots along Lincoln Street also accommodate single detached homes. As mentioned, home ownership is becoming increasingly unattainable, the proposal will help expand City's affordable freehold housing stock.

FINANCIAL:

The City's financial responsibilities associated with conveying the subject lands include the costs of providing one (1) water lateral from Lincoln Street and one (1) sanitary sewer lateral from Emperess Ave to the property line. The estimated servicing cost of \$15,000 to \$20,000 will be funded through the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund. Additionally, costs related to the land conveyance to Habitat for Humanity Niagara include a land registration fee of \$84.00 and a sale price of \$2.00.

ATTACHMENT:

Appendix I -Appendix II -Appendix III -Habitat for Humanity Niagara Letter Subject Lands Location Map Lot 172 on Lincoln Street - Proposed Site Plan & Elevations





150 Bunting Road St. Catharines, ON L2P 3G5 905-685-7395 habitatniagara.ca

We build strength, stability and independence.

February 24, 2025

City of Welland Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

Dear Committee Members,

We are writing to request your support in obtaining Lot 172 Lincoln Street for the purpose of creating an affordable single-family home for a local family.

At Habitat for Humanity Niagara our mission is to bring our community together to help families build strength, stability and independence through safe and affordable homeownership. With the continued need for more affordable homes in our region, and with the help of volunteers and generous donors, Habitat's program allows families to purchase a home they can call their own providing stability for families to thrive.

Habitat homes help families avoid making impossible choices between rent and other basic necessities by providing them with a mortgage they can afford. An affordable mortgage allows families to ensure their needs are met - including childcare, transportation, groceries, education, school supplies, medical and dental expenses, clothing, furniture and more.

We are continually working to acquire more land and create more affordable housing options for our community. If the committee was in support of gifting the property to Habitat we can commit to building a single family, 1,000 square foot, 3-bredroom home on the land.

Staff are currently working with the City on a six unit townhouse complex originally scheduled for construction in 2024, that had to be rescheduled due to infrastructure work that the City wanted to have complete before any new construction. This additional lot will help us serve more families in Welland with affordable homeownership.

We thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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Mark Carl CEO

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Southwest corner Empress & Lincoln Street

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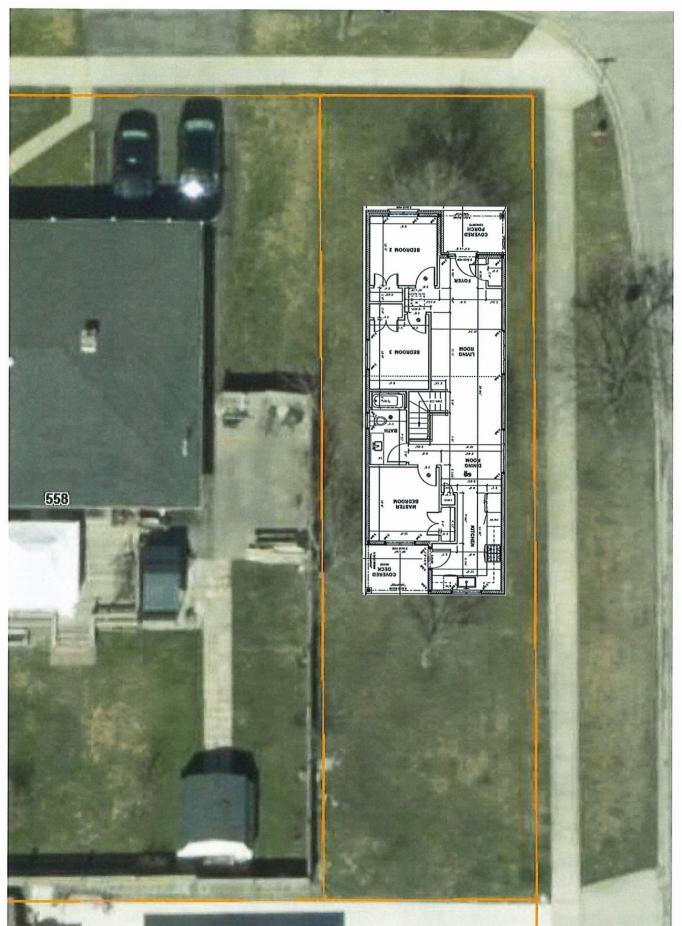
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Habitat Niagara's proposed single-family home for Lot 172

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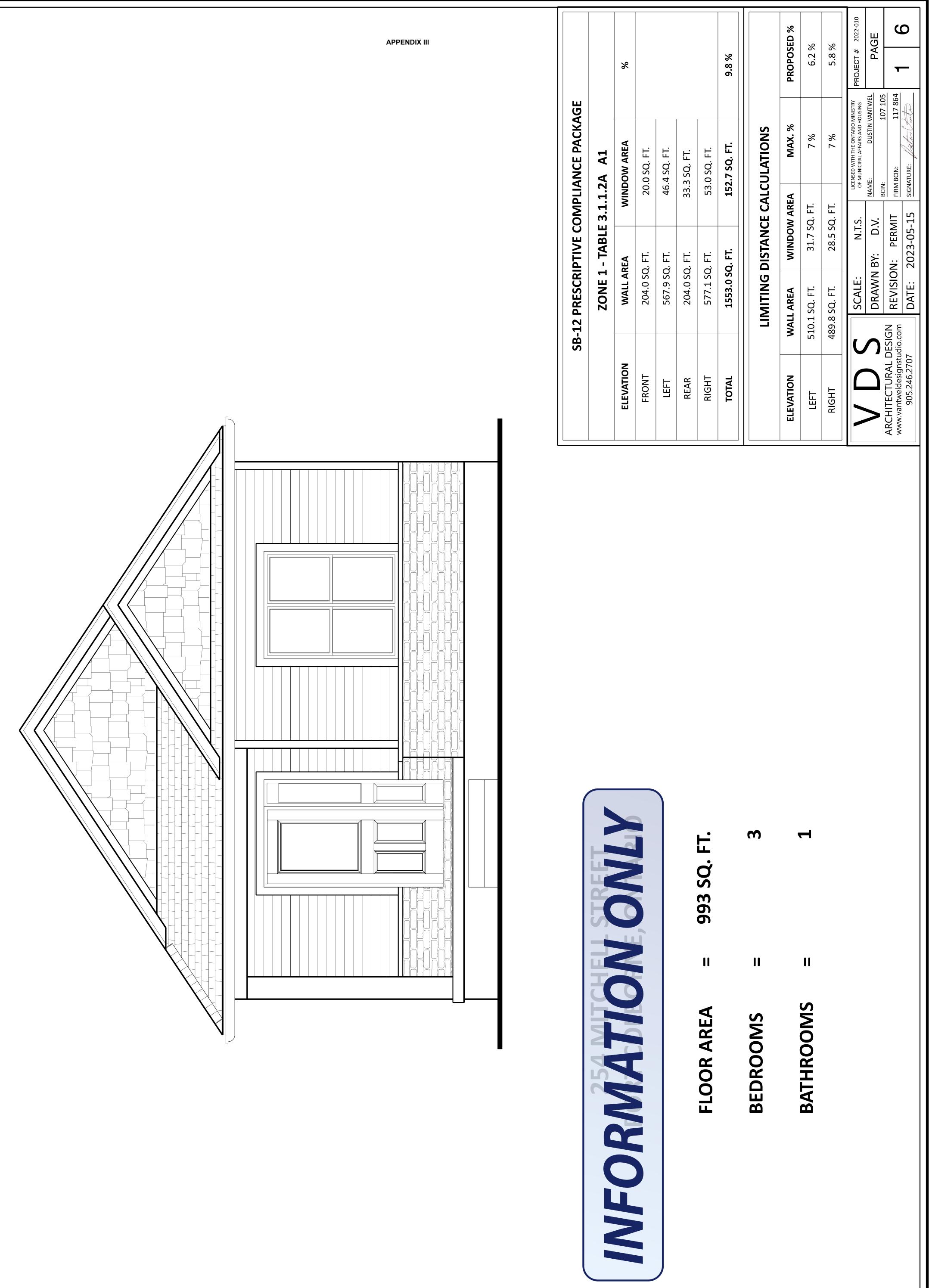


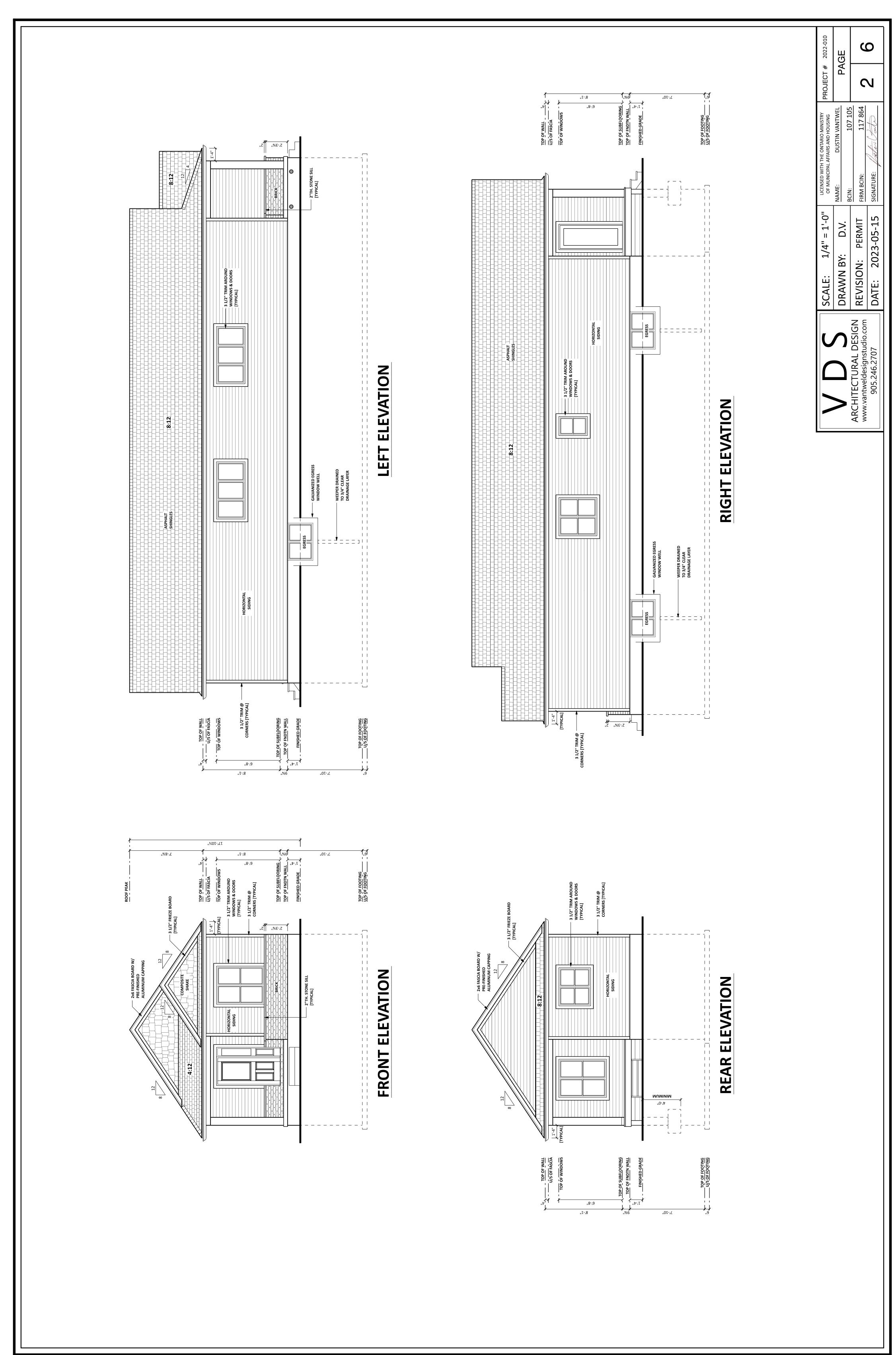
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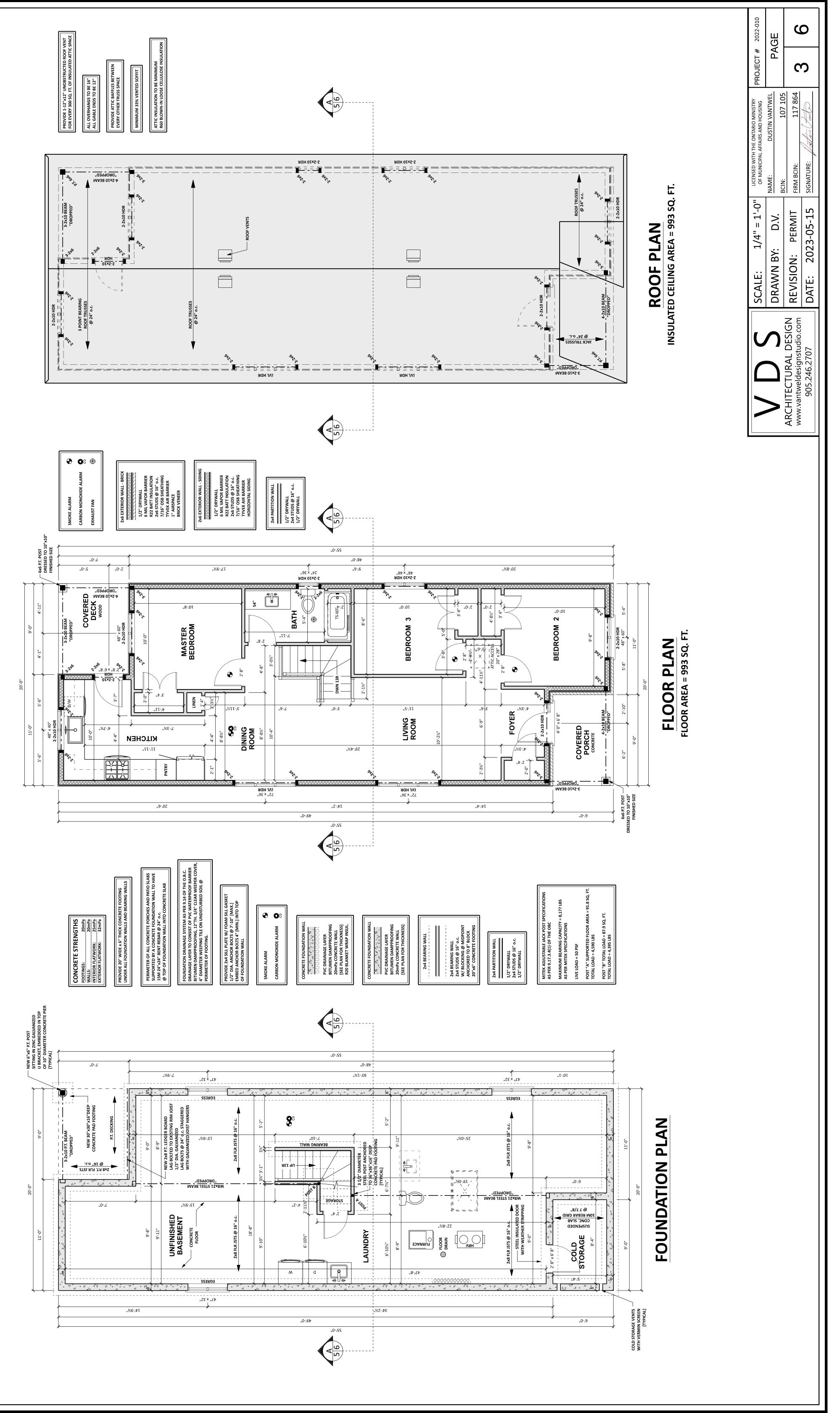
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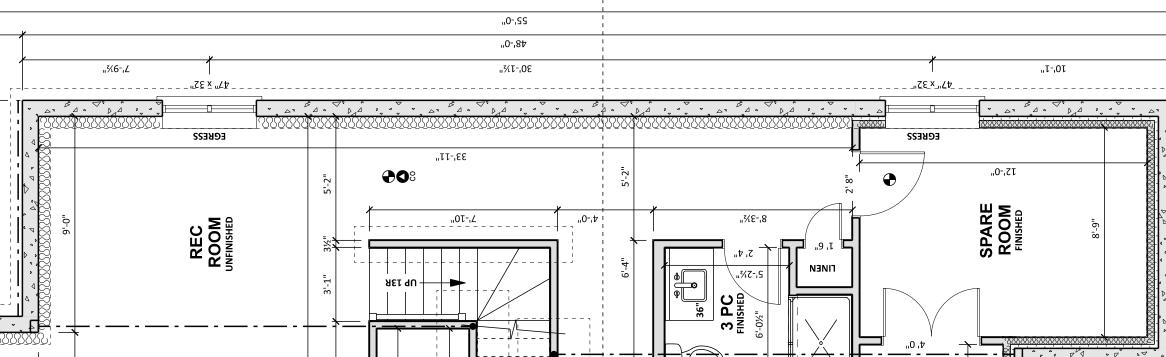
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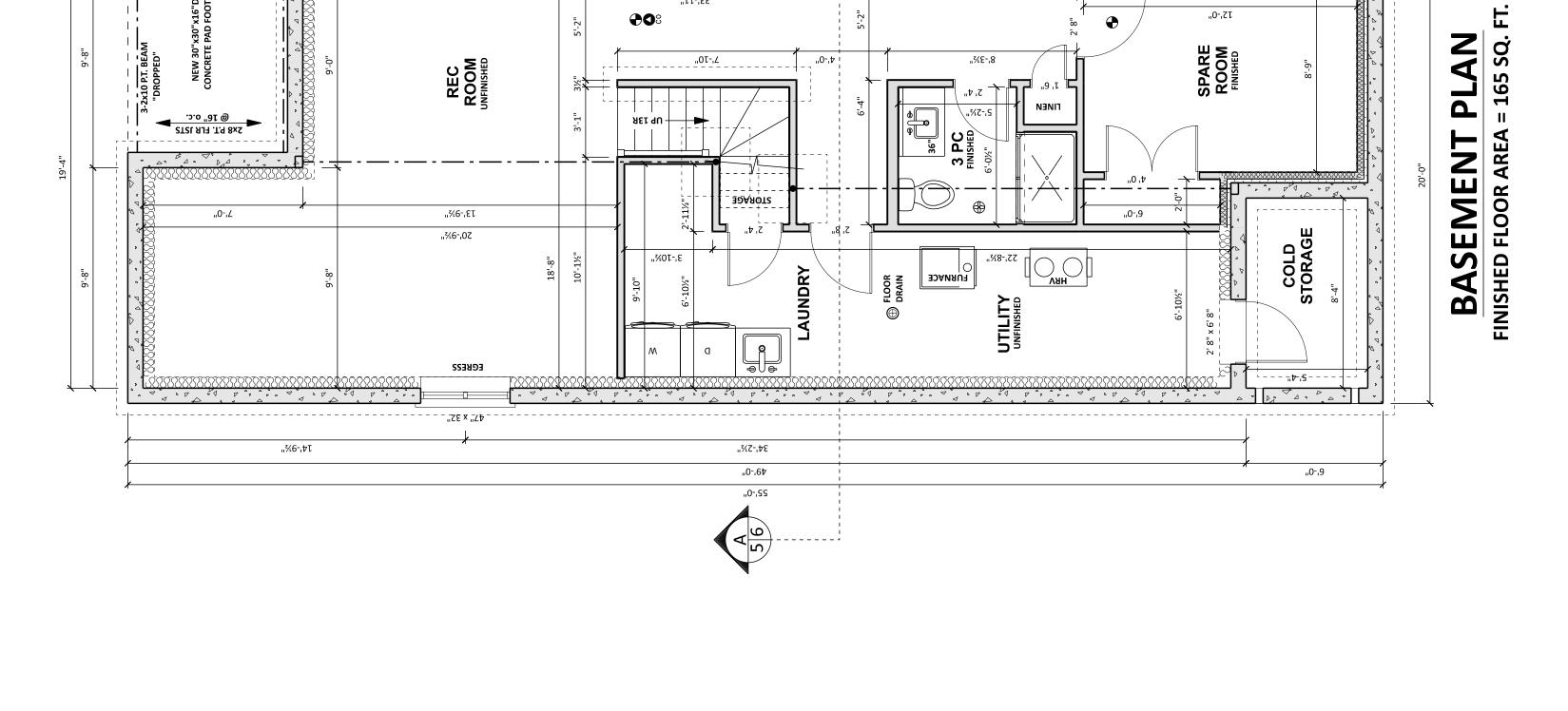
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Municipal Proclamation

Hope Air Day

June 6, 2025

Whereas, access to healthcare is a fundamental right for all citizens, regardless of their geographic location;

Whereas, Hope Air, a charitable organization, has been tirelessly dedicated to providing access to healthcare by facilitating free flights and other services for patients living in rural and under-served communities in Ontario, ensuring they can receive vital medical treatment regardless of distance or financial means;

Whereas, Hope Air has been instrumental in bridging the gap between smaller communities and hospitals far from home, reducing the barriers that often prevent individuals from reaching medical care;

Whereas, the impact of Hope Air extends beyond the individual patients served, positively affecting families, communities, and the healthcare system as a whole by promoting wellness and reducing the burden of untreated medical conditions;

Whereas, the compassion, dedication, and commitment demonstrated by Hope Air and its volunteers embody the spirit of community and the belief in the inherent value of every individual's well-being;

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the [Name of Municipality] that June 6th, 2025, shall be known as "Hope Air Day" in recognition of the invaluable contributions made by Hope Air to the health and well-being of individuals in Ontario's remote and rural communities.

We urge all citizens to join us in celebrating Hope Air Day and to reflect on the significance of ensuring equitable access to healthcare for all members of our society.

Let us reaffirm our commitment to supporting initiatives that promote health equity and extend our gratitude to Hope Air for their unwavering dedication to serving those in need.

Signed,

[Mayor's Signature]

[Mayor's Name]

Mayor of [Name of Municipality]

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Canada Day Drumming



May 30, 2025

His Worship Frank Campion Mayor of Welland (via email: mayor@welland.ca)

Re: Canada Day Drumming – Showcasing Canada's Cultural Diversity and Unity

Dear Mayor Campion,

I hope this message finds you well.

I'm reaching out to share an exciting opportunity for the City of Welland to participate in this year's **Canada Day Drumming (CDD)** event as one of our **presenting cities**.

Canada Day Drumming is a nationwide, simultaneous drumming event that brings communities together to celebrate Canada's diversity, inclusion, peace, and unity. Now in its ninth year, CDD has grown into the largest synchronized Canada Day event across the country. A signature feature is the **six minutes of simultaneous drumming**, scheduled for **11:30 AM PST (Vancouver time) on July 1, 2025**, with participating cities across six time zones. **We hope your city can incorporate this special drumming moment into your local Canada Day celebrations.**

As a presenting city, Welland will be recognized in our national promotional materials and will receive organizational support to host its own unique drumming event. The celebration will be broadcast live on YouTube, and we're excited to share that both **Global TV and OMNI TV** have expressed interest in being media sponsors. In addition, **Ming Pao Newspaper** will publish full-page announcements in both Toronto and Vancouver. We also offer **custom-made rattle drums** for purchase to help enhance local events (please see attached).

So far, ten leading cities—including St. John's, Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver, and Victoria—have confirmed their participation, with more rural towns joining as well.

We believe Welland's involvement would not only enhance the national celebration but also offer a meaningful way to connect and inspire your community. We'd be delighted to discuss how we can collaborate to make this year's Canada Day especially memorable.

For more information, feel free to reach out to our National Coordinator, **Clement Lau**, at **pm@canadadaydrumming.com** or 1-604-763-2683. You are also welcome to contact me directly.

For technical questions, please contact our National Technical Production Team Lead, **Kevin Li**, at **kevin.li@telus.net**. Kindly "Reply All" to ensure smooth communication.

You can view our **2024 CDD highlight video** <u>here</u>: <u>https://youtu.be/ arqdCrWGRc?feature=shared</u>

More information is available on our website: <u>www.canadadaydrumming.com</u>

We look forward to the opportunity of working with the City of Welland on this exciting and unifying initiative.

Warm regards,

Richard Wong

Richard K. Wong National Chair, Canada Day Drumming (Organized by The Legacy 150 Celebrations Society) 1-604-671-6869 www.canadadaydrumming.com



Canada Province of British Columbia

A Proclamation

CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, King of Canada and His other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth

To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia believes in supporting community celebrations that are diverse, inclusive and multicultural, and

WHEREAS the All Canadian Simultaneous Drumming Celebration Day will bring Canadians from 10 provinces and 3 territories across 6 time zones together online to drum simultaneously to celebrate diversity and multiculturalism on July 1, 2024, and

WHEREAS this annual celebration features a variety of multicultural performances to showcase the cultural heritage of British Columbia's vibrant communities, and

WHEREAS the Legacy 150 Celebrations Society, a non-profit organization registered at both the federal and provincial levels, took the initiative in organizing the first celebration on July 1, 2018, and continues to coordinate this annual event with the help of over 200 community groups and supporters;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that July 1, 2024, shall be known as

"All Canadian Simultaneous Drumming Celebration Day"

in the Province of British Columbia.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this tenth day of June, two thousand twenty-four and in the second year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Murran Rankin Acting Attorney General



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NOTICE OF MOTION

SUBMITTED BY:	Councillor Chiocchio

SUBMISSION DATE: June 3, 2025

Notice of Motion:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND reestablish the Community Watch Program in our community by replacing some of the faded community watch signage that is out there now across the city and possibly looking at some kind of community stickers for residents; and

THAT the City provides an educational piece to talk about crime prevention; and further

THAT city staff develop a report for Council's consideration. Ref. No. 25-78



NOTICE OF MOTION

SUBMITTED BY:	Councillor	DiMarco

SUBMISSION DATE: June 3, 2025

Notice of Motion:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND form a State of Emergency Committee on an ad hoc basis to better address Welland declared state of emergency on mental health, homelessness and addiction; and

THAT Welland City Council focus on recruiting individuals with lived experience with mental health, homelessness and addictions and this be reflected in the call for applications; and further

THAT Welland City Council approach the Niagara Region to request that a Niagara Region staff member who works in the homelessness services also sit on the new committee. Ref. No. 21-30



NOTICE OF MOTION

SUBMITTED BY:	Councillor DiMarco
SUBMISSION DATE:	June 3, 2025

Notice of Motion:

THAT THE CITY OF WELLAND OF THE CITY OF WELLAND rescinds the report CS-2023-01 of January 17, 2023 seeing what is currently in the works totally contradicts the CPTED report and also the GARDAWORLD SECURITY City of Welland Site Assessments report that we received earlier tonight; and

THAT Welland City Council reallocates the ATF funds that we received to areas brought to council just recently that asked the taxpayer for additional funding to the tune of approximately \$677,000 to install pathways that other area residents have been requesting for since the inception of this plan in 2022; and further

THAT the work in the areas that are currently being done be halted immediately, regrated and reseeded so that the affected residents who have cared for these properties some for 48 + yrs can continue to do so seeing how the majority of time our city heavy equipment cannot access due to the wetness of the grounds. Ref. No. 99-99