



**CITY OF  
Welland**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**July 30, 2024**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CIVIC SQUARE**

**Meeting Number G.C. 2024 – 06**

**Members Present:** Chair C. Richard

F. Campion

J. Lee (virtual at 5:55 p.m.)

J. Chiochio (in person at 5:55 p.m.)

D. McLeod (virtual at 5:13 p.m. and in person at 6:00 p.m.)

T. DiMarco (virtual)

A. Moote

B. Fokkens

S. Setaram (5:45 p.m.)

B. Green

G. Speck

M.A. Grimaldi (virtual) (had issues connecting during the meeting)

**Members of the Staff Present:**

Chief Administrative Officer, R. Axiak

Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk, T. Stephens

General Manager of Corporate & Enterprise Services/CFO, S. Nagel

Director of Community Services, J. Ruddell

Director of Infrastructure Services SM. Millar (virtual at 5:20 p.m.)

Director of Planning and Development Services, G. Munday

Director of Strategic Initiatives/Economic Development, L. DeChellis

Manager of Business & Community Services, A. Degazio

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Chair C. Richard called the Special General Committee Meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

1. **ADDITION/DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Nil**
2. **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST: Nil**
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF JUNE 25, 2024**

Moved by Mayor Campion that the Minutes of the General Committee Meeting of June 25, 2024 be hereby approved and adopted.

**CARRIED**

4. **DELEGATIONS: Nil**
5. **PRESENTATIONS: Nil**
6. **STAFF REPORTS:**

**CS-2024-19** Director of Community Services, J. Ruddell - Community Grant Program - Core Principles. Ref. No. 24-5

**Moved by DiMarco**

THAT GENERAL COMMITTEE recommends that council provides direction to staff to create a Community Grant program that will require organizations to be self-sustainable providing a maximum of three years of funding;

THAT GENERAL COMMITTEE recommends that council provides direction to staff to create a Community Grant program that is focused solely on the jurisdiction of a lower tier government and aligned with the Welland tax levy.

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**The following motions were split for Committee to vote on items separately.**

**Moved by DiMarco**

THAT GENERAL COMMITTEE recommends that council provides direction to staff to create a Community Grant program that will require organizations to be self-sustainable providing a maximum of three years of funding.

**YEAS:** McLeod, Moote and Mayor Campion.

**NAYS:** Lee, Green, Speck, DiMarco, Richard, Fokkens and Van Vliet.

**LOST**

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**Moved by DiMarco**

THAT GENERAL COMMITTEE recommends that council provides direction to staff to create a Community Grant program that is focused solely on the jurisdiction of a lower tier government and aligned with the Welland tax levy.

**YEAS:** McLeod, Moote, Van Vliet and Mayor Campion.

**NAYS:** Lee, Green, Speck, DiMarco, Richard and Fokkens.

**LOST**

**CS-2024-13** Director of Community Services, J. Ruddell - Community Grant Policy Options & Framework. Ref. No. 24-5  
Continued from the May 21, 2024, meeting.

**Moved by McLeod**

THAT GENERAL COMMITTEE recommends that council receives for information Report CS-2024-13: Community Grant Policy Options & Framework; and further

THAT General Committee recommends that council approves Option #1 as the recommended approach for the Community Grant Policy.

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**Councillor Fokkens pulled her referral motion from May 21, 2024 to ask more questions.**

**Moved by Mayor Campion**

Called the question on the report.

**YEAS:** Green, McLeod, Setaram, Moote, Van Vliet and Mayor Campion.

**NAYS:** Lee, Speck, Chiocchio, DiMarco, Richard and Fokkens.

**LOST**

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**Moved by Lee**

THAT General Committee refers back to staff Report CS-2024-13: Community Grant Policy Options & Framework.

**YEAS:** Lee, Chiocchio, McLeod, Richard, Setaram and Moote.

**NAYS:** Green, Speck, DiMarco, Fokkens, Van Viet and Mayor Campion.

**LOST**

**FOLLOWING THE LOST VOTES TO CALL THE QUESTION AND REFER THE REPORT, THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM AND .....**

**YEAS:** McLeod, Setaram, Moote, Van Vliet and Mayor Campion.

**NAYS:** Lee, Green, Speck, Chiocchio, DiMarco, Richard and Fokkens.

**LOST**

**The General Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.**