



**CITY OF  
Welland**

**MINUTES OF THE**

**NOVEMBER 11, 2024 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
60 EAST MAIN STREET**

Council met in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 5:06 p.m. and in open session at 6:11 p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Mayor Frank Campion in the Chair.

**Members Present:**

Councillors J. Chiochio (5:16 p.m.), T. DiMarco (virtual until 6:11 p.m. and again at 6:28 p.m.), B. Fokkens, B. Green, M.A. Grimaldi (virtual), J. Lee (virtual), D. McLeod, A. Moote, C. Richard, S. Setaram, G. Speck, and L. Van Vliet.

**Members of Staff and Others Present:**

Chief Administrative Officer, R. Axiak

Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk, T. Stephens

Acting Deputy City Clerk, C. Ambrosio

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

City Treasurer, E. Pankoff

Fire Chief & Community Emergency Management Coordinator, A. Eckhart

Director of Community Services, J. Ruddell

Director of Infrastructure Services, SM. Millar

Director of Planning and Development Services, G. Munday

Director of Strategic Initiatives and Economic Development, L. DeChellis

Chief Human Resources Officer, A. Daisley

Manager of Budgets & Financial Services/Deputy Treasurer, A. Vuksan Scott

Chief Communications & Public Engagement Officer, M. MacDonald (6:11 p.m.)

Infrastructure & Asset Manager, M. Main (6:11 p.m.)

Manager of Engineering, L. McEachern (6:11 p.m.)

Manager of Business & Community Services, A. Degazio (6:11 p.m.)

Manager of Facility Operations & Development, F. Pearson (6:11 p.m.)

Manager of Parks, Forestry and Cemeteries, D. Steven (6:11 p.m.)

Information Systems Manager/Network Administrator, S. Barnes (6:11 p.m.)

General Foreman, R. Chamberlain (6:30 p.m.)

Manager of Fleet, Equipment & Purchasing, A. Beres (6:11 p.m.)

## **2024 - 312**

**24-25** Moved by Van Vliet and Richard

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 5:06 p.m. to consider:

- receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose:
  - Gadsby Development - OLT Matter.
- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
  - 2025 Corporate Contingency Budget.

**CARRIED**

## **2024 - 313**

**24-25** Moved by Van Vliet and Mootie

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 6:09 p.m. without report.

**CARRIED**

**(Councillor Speck has declared a conflict of interest and will excuse himself from any discussions related to the organizations he has identified. While it is not possible to predict whether such items will arise, the Councillor is making this declaration in advance to ensure transparency and public communication. This approach will be consistently applied to all 2025 budget-related discussions.**

**Councillor Speck has disclosed an interest in these matters as he provides apparel to the Hope Centre, the Welland JackFish, and the Welland Museum, and has not participated in their consideration or discussion).**

**2024 - 314****24-4**

Moved by Moote and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report CLK-2024-13: Legislative Responsibilities in the Budget Process.

**CARRIED****2024 - 315****24-4**

Moved by Moote and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report COMMS-2024-01: Budget Communications and Engagement.

**CARRIED****2024 - 316****24-4**

Moved by Moote and McLeod

THAT COUNCIL receives for information Report FIN-2024-27: Mayor's 2025 Proposed Budget dated November 11, 2024.

**CARRIED****2024 - 317****24-4**

Moved by Green and Fokkens

THAT Welland City Council suspend the rules to extend past 5 minutes.

**YEAS:** Chiochio, Fokkens, Green, Lee, Moote, Richard, Speck and Van Vliet.

**NAYS:** Mayor Champion, Grimaldi, McLeod and Setaram.

Councillor DiMarco was not present to vote.

**LOST  
2/3 MAJORITY****BY-LAWS**

Moved by Richard and McLeod

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.

**24-1**

BYL 2024 - 106

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

**CARRIED**

Council adjourned at 8:23 p.m.