



**CITY OF
Welland**

MINUTES OF THE

MARCH 18, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING

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

Council met in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 6:07 p.m. and in open session at 7:01p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Mayor Frank Campion in the Chair.

Members Present:

Councillors J. Chiochio (6:37 p.m. - 8:24 p.m.), T. DiMarco (virtual at 6:30 p.m. - and was removed from the meeting at 7:20 p.m.), B. Fokkens (virtual), B. Green, M.A. Grimaldi, J. Lee, D. McLeod, A. Moote, C. Richard, S. Setaram, G. Speck (virtual), and L. Van Vliet.

Members of Staff and Others 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 (until 8:43 p.m.)

Director of Infrastructure Services, SM. Millar

Director of Planning and Development Services, G. Munday (7:00 p.m.)

Director of Strategic Initiatives and Economic Development, L. DeChellis

Chief Human Resources Officer, A. Daisley (7:00 p.m. - 7:37 p.m.)

Manager of Fleet, Equipment & Purchasing, A. Beres (7:00 p.m.)

Manager of Parks, Forestry and Cemeteries, D. Steven (7:28 p.m.)

Manager of Facility Operations & Development, F. Pearson

2025 - 57**25-25** Moved by Moote 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 6:07 p.m. to consider:

- litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
 - Memorial Park Pool Update.

CARRIED

(Johanna McNaulty, Solicitor, Iron Law, was present during Committee-of-the-Whole discussion on litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board).

2025 - 58**25-25** Moved by Van Vliet and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 6:52 p.m. without report.

CARRIED**2025 - 59****25-1** Moved by McLeod and Richard

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND hereby approves and adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 4, 2025, as circulated.

CARRIED**2025 - 60****99-90****25-4** Moved by Setaram and Lee (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the 2025 budget from the Welland Downtown Business Improvement Area Board as presented on March 4, 2025 in the amount of \$122,995.39; and further

THAT Welland City Council authorizes the General Manager of Corporate and Enterprise Services/CFO to make arrangements to levy an amount of \$122,995.39 against the business operations within the defined area on condition that the required financial statements are submitted to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Corporate and Enterprise Services/CFO.

(Councillor McLeod disclosed an interest in the matter and did not take part in the consideration and discussion of same, as he has an interest in a property that is subject to the Downtown Improvement Business Improvement Area levy).

CARRIED

2025 - 61**02-160**

Moved by McLeod and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report CLK-2025-05: Response to Notice of Motion – Public Disclosure of In-Camera Information regarding Councillor Tony DiMarco.

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

NAYS: Chiocchio, Fokkens, Green, Richard and Speck.

CARRIED

Councillor Tony DiMarco was removed from the meeting prior to the vote on the above item.

2025 - 62**02-160**

Moved by Green and Chiocchio

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report CAO-2025-02 as directed by the Mayor of Welland.

CARRIED**2025 - 63****05-51**

Moved by Grimaldi and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the companion City of Welland Temporary Procurement Policy Addendum 1.

YEAS: Mayor Campion, Chiocchio, Fokkens, Green, Grimaldi, Lee, McLeod, Moote, Richard, Setaram, Speck and Van Vliet.

NAYS: None.

CARRIED**2025 - 64****05-51**

Moved by Green and Van Vliet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information competitive purchase results.

CARRIED**2025 - 65****06-75**

Moved by McLeod and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives the Treasurer's Statement attached to Report FIN-2025-07 in accordance with the *Development Charges Act, 1997* as amended; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs the Deputy Treasurer to make the statement available to the public by posting Treasurer's Statement on the City's website as per Section 43(2.1) of the *Development Charges Act, 1997*.

CARRIED

2025 - 66

25-14 Moved by Setaram and Lee (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the 2024 Remuneration & Expenditures for Members of Council & Committee of Adjustment Members as required under section 284 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001.

CARRIED

2025 - 67

25-19 Moved by Fokkens and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND authorizes staff to enter into an agreement with the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) for the St. George Park Wetland Project.

CARRIED

2025 - 68

25-19 Moved by McLeod and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report CS-2025-11: Memorial Park Pool Budget Update; and further THAT Welland City Council approves increased funding of \$554,292.74 to address the project shortfall through the Capital Surplus Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

2025 - 69

25-22 Moved by Setaram and Lee (in block)

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.

CARRIED

2025 - 70

25-22 Moved by Setaram and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to prepare a report on how automated speed enforcement cameras can be installed in the vicinity of every school in Welland to increase student pedestrian safety in and around schools, including whether the automated speed enforcement can be limited from 7:00am to 6:00 pm Monday to Friday to cover before and after school programs and school hours.

CARRIED

2025 - 71

25-22 Moved by Moote and Van Vliet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to create a comprehensive report on the installation and management and costs of signalized pedestrian crossings on trails throughout the City of Welland.

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25-22 Moved by McLeod and Moote
 THAT Welland City Council amends to add "and furthermore; where signalized crossings are not permitted, that staff provide an alternative solution for safe pedestrian crossing".

CARRIED

FOLLOWING THE AMENDED MOTION, THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT AS AMENDED AND CARRIED

2025 - 72

25-62 Moved by Setaram and Lee (in block)
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND accepts transfer of the lands identified as 'Subject Lands' on Appendix I to the City of Welland for the nominal value of \$2.00; and further
 THAT Welland City Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign any documents required to complete the sale of these lands.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

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.

24-24
 Byl 2025 - 24
 A By-law to repeal By-law 2024-56.

CARRIED

Moved by McLeod and Setaram
 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.

25-1
 BYL 2024 - 25
 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 18th day of March 2025.

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 8th day of April 2025.