



## **CITY OF Welland**

### **MINUTES OF THE JUNE 17, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS 60 EAST MAIN STREET**

Council met in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 5:31 p.m. and in open session at 7:02 p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Mayor Frank Campion in the Chair.

#### **Members Present:**

Councillors J. Chiocchio, T. DiMarco (virtual at 5:47 p.m.- 9:47 p.m., the Councillor was removed from the meeting due to using inappropriate language), B. Fokkens (virtual until 9:15 p.m.), M.A. Grimaldi, J. Lee, D. McLeod (5:37 p.m.), A. Moote, C. Richard, S. Setaram, G. Speck (virtual), and L. Van Vliet (until 9:15 p.m.).

#### **Members of Staff and Others Present:**

Chief Administrative Officer, R. Axiak

Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk, T. Stephens

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

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

Supervisor of Festivals & Events, E. Carl (5:31 p.m. - 7:02 p.m.)

Manager of Business and Community Services, A. Degazio (5:31 p.m. - 7:02 p.m.)

Manager of Transportation, A. Khan (7:15 p.m. - 9:16 p.m.)

**2025 - 150****25-25** Moved by Chiocchio and Van Vliet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 5:31p.m. to consider:

- A matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another Act;
  - Under the Business Corporations Act - Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corporation.
    - Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corporation Annual General Meeting - Election and Confirmation of Director.
- Security of the property of the municipality or local board;
  - Property Matter.
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
  - Update on Facility Tenant Matter.
- 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;
  - Transfer of Gateway Community Improvement Plan Incentives for 200 Buchner Road.

**2025 - 151****25-25** Moved by Moote and Grimaldi

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 6:46 p.m. without report.

**CARRIED****PRESENTATION**

**99-49** Kevin Caver, President and CEO , Mario Falvo, Nominating Committee Chair, and Tim Clutterbuck, Chair of Holding Corp., Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corporation addressed Council regarding its annual general meeting.

**DELEGATIONS**

**25-28** Sue Barnett, Trustee/Chair, District School Board of Niagara addressed Council regarding an update on Welland schools.

**25-28** Leslie Monger, Executive Director of Community Living, Community Living Welland Pelham addressed Council regarding an overview of Community Living.

**2025 - 152****25-1** Moved by Richard and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND hereby approves and adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 3, 2025, as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**2025 - 153****99-43** Moved by McLeod and Grimaldi

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.

**CARRIED****2025 - 154****99-43** Moved by McLeod and Chiocchio

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the appointment of the auditors for Welland Hydro.

**CARRIED****2025 - 155****99-43** Moved by Richard and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the receipt of the Corporation's audited financial statements.

**CARRIED****2025 - 156****99-43** Moved by Chiocchio and Van Vliet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND as recommended by Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corp. elects Tim Clutterbuck as Director to the board of directors of each of Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corp., Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. and Welland Hydro Energy Services Corp. for a three (3) year term.

**CARRIED****2025 - 157****99-43** Moved by Moote and Grimaldi

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND as recommended by Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corp. elects David Augustyn as Independent Director to the board of directors of Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp., for a three (3) year term.

**CARRIED****2025 - 158****21-30** Moved by DiMarco and Lee

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.

**YEAS:** Chiocchio, DiMarco, Lee, Richard and Speck**NAYS:** Mayor Campion, Grimaldi, McLeod, Moote and Setaram**LOST**

**2025 - 159****24-90**

Moved by McLeod and Setaram

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

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**2025 - 160****24-90**

Moved by Fokkens and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND refers Report CS-2025-20: Neighbourhood Association Policy back to staff.

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

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

**LOST****2025 - 161****24-90**

Moved by Lee and Setaram

THAT Welland City Council amends changing the hours to 104 hours/2 hours per week for Dain City Recreation.

**YEAS:** Fokkens, Lee, Richard and Speck.

**NAYS:** Mayor Campion, Chiocchio, DiMarco, Grimaldi, McLeod, Moote, Setaram and Van Vliet.

**LOST**

**FOLLOWING THE LOST VOTES ON THE AMENDMENTS, THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM AND .....**

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

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

**CARRIED****2025 - 162****25-6**

Moved by Lee and Richard (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND declares June 6, 2025 as "Hope Air Day" in the City of Welland.

**CARRIED****2025 - 163****25-6**

Moved by Lee and Richard (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND declares July 1, 2025 as "All Canadian Simultaneous Drumming Celebration Day".

**CARRIED**

**2025 - 164**

**25-22** Moved by Lee and Richard (in block)

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.

**CARRIED**

**2025 - 165**

**25-28** Moved by Setaram and Lee

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.

**CARRIED**

**2025 - 166**

**25-28** Moved by Moote and Grimaldi

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 updates.

**CARRIED**

**2025 - 167**

**25-51** Moved by Chiocchio and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves 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 Welland City Council directs staff to expense the costs of the service laterals from the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund.

**CARRIED**

**2025 - 168**

**25-59** Moved by McLeod and Moote

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

**CARRIED**

**2025 - 169****25-78**

Moved by Chiocchio and Richard

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.

**YEAS:** Chiocchio, DiMarco, Lee, Richard and Speck.

**NAYS:** Mayor Campion, Grimaldi, McLeod, Moote and Setaram.

**LOST**

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

Moved by McLeod and Chiocchio

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.

**24-47**

BYL 2025 - 74

A By-law to authorize the purchase of lands from the registered owners of lands municipally described as 432 Ridge Road and 476 Ridge Road, Welland, ON.

**YEAS:** Mayor Campion, Grimaldi, Lee, McLeod, Moote, Richard and Setaram.

**NAYS:** Chiocchio, DiMarco and Speck.

**CARRIED**

**BY-LAWS**

Moved by Richard and Moote

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 2025 - 75

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<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

**CARRIED**

Council adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025.