



**CITY OF
Welland**

MINUTES OF THE

MARCH 4, 2025, COUNCIL MEETING

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

Council met in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 5:04 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. and in open session at 7:03 p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Mayor Frank Campion in the Chair.

Members Present:

Councillors J. Chiochio (6:00 p.m.), T. DiMarco (virtual at 6:00 p.m.), B. Fokkens (virtual), B. Green, M.A. Grimaldi, J. Lee, D. McLeod, A. Moote, S. Setaram (5:31 p.m.), G. Speck (virtual at 6:15 p.m.), and L. Van Vliet (6:00 p.m.).

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 (until 7:07 p.m.)

Director of Community Services, J. Ruddell (until 5:33 p.m.)

Director of Infrastructure Services, SM. Millar (virtual at 7:03 p.m.)

Director of Planning and Development Services, G. Munday (until 5:33 p.m. and again at 7:03 p.m.)

Director of Strategic Initiatives and Economic Development, L. DeChellis (until 5:33 p.m.)

2025 - 44**25-25** Moved by Grimaldi and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 5:04 p.m. to consider:

- Educational or training session;
 - Emergency Training.

CARRIED**2025 - 45****25-25** Moved by Mootte and Grimaldi

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 5:33 p.m. without report.

CARRIED**2025 - 46****25-25** Moved by McLeod and Mootte

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 6:00 p.m. to consider:

- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
 - HR Matter.

2025 - 47**25-25** Moved by Van Vliet and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 6:59 p.m. without report.

CARRIED**DELEGATIONS**

25-22 Nadia Potter, Welland Resident addressed Council regarding a request to install a signalized pedestrian crosswalk at First Avenue and Cedar Park.

2025 - 48**25-1** Moved by Lee and Grimaldi

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND hereby approves and adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 18, 2025, as circulated.

CARRIED

2025 - 49

02-160 Moved by Lee and Setaram

WHEREAS, the City of Welland is committed to modernization, efficiency, and environmental sustainability as outlined in its Strategic Plan; and
WHEREAS, the continued provision of paper-based agendas and minutes results in significant costs related to printing, staff time, and delivery; and
WHEREAS, the City has invested in technology, including Council Lockers at City Hall, and the Escribe software system, to support the transition to electronic documentation and enhance Council's ability to access materials efficiently; and
WHEREAS, many municipalities have successfully transitioned to fully electronic agendas and minutes, reducing waste and streamlining administrative processes;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Effective July 2025, all Council and Committee agendas and minutes be provided electronically, with printed copies available only by request in exceptional circumstances; and
2. Council members be encouraged to utilize the Council Lockers at City Hall to facilitate secure and convenient access to electronic devices and documentation; and
3. Staff report back on the estimated annual savings associated with this transition, including reductions in paper, printing, and delivery costs; and
4. The City Clerk's Office provide any necessary training or support to assist Council members in fully adopting an electronic workflow.

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02-160 Moved by McLeod and Grimaldi

THAT Welland City Council refers back to staff the Notice of Motion.

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

NAYS: Chiocchio, Fokkens, Green, Lee, Setaram and Speck.

LOST

FOLLOWING THE LOST VOTE TO REFER, THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM AND

YEAS: Mayor Campion, Chiocchio, Fokkens, Green, Lee, Moote, Setara and Van Vliet.

NAYS: Grimaldi, McLeod and Speck.

CARRIED

2025 - 50**22-112** Moved by Setaram and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the Green Advisory Committee's motion for the planting of a mini forest on a City-owned lot on Logan Avenue; and further

THAT Welland City Council approves entering into an agreement with Green Communities Canada to receive a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 to help develop a mini forest on a parcel on Logan Avenue; and further

THAT Welland City Council approves an additional \$6,948.86 (inclusive of HST) for the planting of the mini forest as outlined in the report.

YEAS: Mayor Campion, Green, Grimaldi, McLeod, Moote, Setara and Van Vliet.

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

CARRIED**2025 - 51****25-22** Moved by Green and Grimaldi

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Nadia Potter, Welland Resident regarding a request to install a signalized pedestrian crosswalk at First Avenue and Cedar Park.

CARRIED**2025 - 52****25-22** Moved by Green and DiMarco

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to install a signalized pedestrian crossing on First Avenue at Cedar Park Drive. To install in 2025.

YEAS: Mayor Campion, Chiocchio, DiMarco, Fokkens, Green, Grimaldi, Lee, Setaram and Speck.

NAYS: McLeod, Moote and Van Vliet.

CARRIED

2025 - 53**25-22**

Moved by McLeod and Green

WHEREAS, traffic volume on Niagara St. continues to build and will continue to increase as our city grows; and further

WHEREAS, two lanes in a designated right turning lane on north and southbound traffic is vital to improve long term traffic flow.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND requests a staff report on how to navigate, plan for and work with the Region to expedite the addition of right turning lanes on north and southbound lanes from Niagara Street onto to Woodlawn Road.

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

NAYS: Fokkens and Speck.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

Moved by Van Vliet 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.

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BYL 2024 - 23

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 4th day of March 2025.

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 18th day of March 2025.