



**MINUTES OF**  
**COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 2, 2019**  
**CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**60 EAST MAIN STREET**

Council met in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 6:25 p.m. and in open session at 7:01 p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Mayor Frank Campion in the Chair.

**Members Present:**

Councillors J. Chiochio (6:30 p.m.), B. Green, J. Larouche, D. McLeod, A. Moote, G. Speck, L. Spinosa (7:03 p.m.), C. Richard and L. Van Vliet.

**Members of Staff and Others Present:**

Chief Administrative Officer, G. Long  
City Clerk, T. Stephens  
Deputy Clerk, C. Radice (7:01 p.m.)  
Chief, Fire & Emergency Services, B. Kennedy  
General Manager, Human Resources and Legislative Services, R. Mantesso  
Manager of Budgets & Financial Reporting/Deputy Treasurer, E. Pankoff  
Economic Development Officer, L. Dechellis (until 6:54 p.m.)  
Manager, Engineering Services, C. Anders  
Manager, Development Approvals, G. Munday  
Senior By-law Enforcement Officer, J. Cronshaw (7:01 p.m.)  
Manager of Fleet, Equipment and Purchasing, A. Beres (7:01 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.)

**19-25** Moved by Green 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 6:25 p.m. to consider:

- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and
- proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

**CARRIED**

**19-25** Moved by McLeod and Van Vliet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 6:54 p.m. with report.

**CARRIED**

**THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS ADDED:**

**99-99** A By-law to amend By-law 10401 being a By-law to authorize entering into a Lease Agreement with the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority for a portion of the old Welland Canal.

**DELEGATIONS:**

**19-6** Jeannette Kulik, Professor Dental Programs, Meagan Pitoscia and Hailey Sims, Senior Dental Hygiene Students, Niagara College addressed Council regarding National Dental Hygienists Week.

**LEGISLATED PUBLIC HEARINGS PURSUANT TO THE PLANNING ACT**

Councillor Van Vliet presided as Chair of the Public Hearing:

**13-117** A Complete application has been submitted by the CITY OF WELLAND to amend the Official Plan, Section 4.2.3.10 Affordable Housing to update the policies to protect the existing rental stock of housing and protect affordable housing. The new policy will replace the existing Affordable Housing policy in the City's Official Plan. This policy amendment will apply to all lands within the City of Welland.

G. Munday confirmed that the statutory requirements for public hearing had been met, summarized the purpose of the hearing and reviewed the Planning Division Report.

**In support of the application:**

- No one spoke.

There being no persons present to speak in support of the application, the Chair asked for those opposing the application.

**In opposition of the application:**

- No one spoke.

There being no persons present to speak in opposition to the application, the hearing was concluded.

**19-1** Moved by Van Vliet and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND hereby approves and adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 19, 2019 and Special Council Meeting of March 26, 2019, as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**2019 – 312**

**99-43** Moved by Green and Larouche

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND, as sole Shareholder of Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corp., requests and accepts excess funds of \$500,000 by way of a dividend from Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corp., notwithstanding the terms of the Shareholder Declaration.

**CARRIED**

**2019 – 313**

**02-160**

**04-47** Moved by Larouche and Chiocchio

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Councillor to the Welland Public Library Board for the term April 2, 2019 to November 14, 2022 or until another successor has been appointed.

**NOT PUT**

**2019 – 314**

**02-160**

**06-84** Moved by Larouche and Chiocchio

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Councillor John Chiocchio to the Welland Community Wellness Complex Advisory Committee for the term April 2, 2019 to November 14, 2022 or until another successor has been appointed.

**CARRIED**

**2019 – 315**

**02-160**

**19-13** Moved by Larouche and Chiocchio

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Councillor Van Vliet to the Transportation Steering Committee for the term April 2, 2019 to November 14, 2022 or until another successor has been appointed.

**CARRIED**

**2019 – 316**

**10-108**

Moved by Green and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the work of converting a natural turf field to artificial at the Young's Sportsplex located at 570 River Road; the recommended proponent being the lowest compliant bidder, Ritchfield Inc.; and further THAT Welland City Council directs the City Clerk to prepare all necessary and appropriate By-laws to enter into an agreement with Ritchfield Inc.

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**10-108**

**19-25**

Moved by Speck and Chiocchio

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 8:11 p.m. to consider:

- a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value.

**LOST**

**FOLLOWING THE VOTE TO GO IN COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE,  
THE MOTION WAS PUT IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM AND.....**

**CARRIED**

**2019 – 317**

**10-108**

Moved by Green and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND authorizes upgrading the interior lighting to energy efficient LED technology with the assistance of a rebate program available through Welland Hydro.

**CARRIED**

**2019 – 318****10-130** Moved by Spinosa and Larouche (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the correspondence from Niagara Regional Housing (NRH) dated February 15, 2019 regarding the NRH 2018 4th Quarter Report.

**CARRIED****2019 – 319****13-117** Moved by Spinosa and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information purposes Report P&B-2019-17 regarding application for Official Plan Amendment No. 21 for the City's Affordable Housing Policies.

**CARRIED****2019 – 320****18-87** Moved by Green and Chiocchio

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to establish an Interim Control By-law for the period of up to 12 months in regards to any new or expanded marijuana grow operations within Welland; and

THAT Welland City Council directs staff to conduct a full review of all Zoning By-laws in regards to marijuana grow operations on industrial, agricultural and rural employment land designations; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs staff to prepare a report for Council consideration on options for further enhancements to setbacks and municipal best practices to ensure the comfort and enjoyment of residents within their properties.

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**18-87** Moved by Larouche and Spinosa

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND refers back to staff for consideration and comment in relation to the request to the May 14, 2019 General Committee meeting.

**CARRIED****2019 – 321****18-88** Moved by Spinosa and Larouche

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Daniele Tronko, Elder, Church of the Higher Consciousness regarding the establishment of a meditation garden on vacant City-owned lands on First Street east of Plymouth Road.

**CARRIED****2019 – 322****18-88** Moved by Spinosa and Larouche

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to implement the City's Sale of City-owned Land and the Stopping Up and Closing of Highways Policy (SER-013-0011) regarding the sale of City-owned lands on the south side of First Street east of Plymouth Road.

**CARRIED****2019 – 323****19-5** Moved by Richard and Van Vliet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to review and make recommendations to update the Grants & Special Assistance policy to increased controls, adherence of criteria and principles in the issuance of permissive grants; and

THAT Welland City Council requests a review of the 15% for funding be reviewed and it be established that if an annual operating grant application is not received by the deadline, then it is to not be accepted or included within the recommendation to Welland City Council; and further

THAT Welland City Council requests this review be conducted and presented to Council before September 2019.

**CARRIED**

**2019 – 324**

**19-6** Moved by Spinosa and Larouche

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Jeannette Kulik, Professor Dental Programs, Meagan Pitoscia and Hailey Sims, Senior Dental Hygiene Students, Niagara College regarding National Dental Hygienists Week.

**CARRIED**

**2019 – 325**

**19-6** Moved by Richard and Van Vliet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND proclaims April 6 - 12, 2019 as “National Dental Hygienists Week” in the City of Welland.

**CARRIED**

**2019 – 326**

**19-6** Moved by Speck and Van Vliet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND proclaims the month of May 2019 as “Falun Dafa Month” in the City of Welland.

**LOST**

**2019 – 327**

**19-13** Moved by Spinosa and Larouche

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives Transit Report TRANS-2019-01 and approves the purchase of the Solar Lighting Units.

**CARRIED**

**2019 – 328**

**19-14** Moved by Van Vliet and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to establish a committee to review the remuneration of Welland City Council; and further THAT the committee consists of residents and City of Welland staff.

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**19-14** Moved by McLeod and

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND refers to HR Committee for review.

**NOT PUT**

**2019 – 329**

**19-14** Moved by Van Vliet and Moote

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**CARRIED**

**2019 – 330**

**19-15** Moved by McLeod and Spinosa

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND requests an annual presentation to Council, in order to provide an update on the successes of the Central Station Education Initiative, in advance of the City of Welland’s annual budget deliberations.

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**19-15** Moved by Richard and Green

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND requests an annual presentation to Council, in order to provide an update on the successes of the Central Station Education Initiative.

**YEAS:** Councillors Richard and Green.

**NAYS:** Councillors Spinosa, Moote, Van Vliet, Mayor Champion, Larouche, Speck, Chiochio and McLeod.

**LOST**

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

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

**NAYS:** Councillors Richard, Larouche, Green, Speck and Chiocchio.

**LOST**

**2019 – 331**

**19-19** Moved by Spinosa and Larouche

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Todd Brown, President/Principal Planner and Dennis Kwan, Planner, Monteith Brown Planning Consultants, regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan presentation.

**CARRIED**

**2019 – 332**

**19-20** Moved by Chiocchio and Speck

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND has no objection for the issuance of a Special Occasion Permit to Hippy New Year to be held at Club Richelieu on April 20, 2019; and further THAT Welland City Council designates “Hippy New Year” as one of municipal significance; and further THAT Welland City Council delegates in accordance with its Delegation of Powers Policy, the authority to the City Clerk, or designate, the power to support applications for Special Occasion Permits for all future events to Hippy New Year and to designate such events as one(s) of municipal significance.

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**19-20** Moved by Chiocchio and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND has no objection for the issuance of a Special Occasion Permit to Hippy New Year to be held at Club Richelieu on April 20, 2019; and further THAT Welland City Council designates “Hippy New Year” as one of municipal significance.

**CARRIED**

**2019 – 333**

**19-22** Moved by Larouche and Green

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report TRAF-2019-04: Update to the Traffic and Parking By-law: Part VIII - City Permits; and further THAT Welland City Council directs the City Clerk to amend the Traffic and Parking By-law 89-2000 as amended, as follows:

DELETE the following from PART I – DEFINITIONS:

“City Engineer” means General Manager of Engineering, Public Works and Transportation Services for The Corporation of the City of Welland, or a person designated by the City Engineer;

“snow clearing exemption permit” means a permit issued under Section 8.3 by the City of Welland, which indicates the permit number, expiry date and allows the holder of the permit to park on the designated roadway during snow clearing operations;

ADD the following to PART I – DEFINITIONS:

“City Engineer” means the General Manager/ City Engineer of Infrastructure and Development Services for the Corporation of the City of Welland, or a person designated by the City Engineer;

“Residential Parking Permit” means a permit issued under Section 8.2 by the City Engineer or official designate, which indicates the roadway, permit number, expiry date and allows the vehicle(s) registered to the permit to park on the designated roadway;

“Road Occupancy Permit” means a permit issued under Section 8.1 by the City Engineer or official designate;

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"Snow Clearing Exemption Permit" means a permit issued under Section 8.3 by the City Engineer or Official designate, which indicates the roadway or municipal parking lot, permit number, expiry date and allows the vehicle registered to the permit to park on the designated roadway or municipal parking lot;

DELETE the following from PART III – STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING

3.13.12 no person shall park a detached trailer on any highway without a city permit:

ADD the following to PART III – STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING

3.13.12 no person shall park a detached trailer on any highway without a Road Occupancy Permit;

DELETE Section 5.6 Road Closure Approval

ADD the following:

5.6 Road Closure Approval

The City Engineer or official designate has the authority to temporarily close a highway for a period of up to three (3) days subject to the requirements of Part VIII, Section 8.1 Road Occupancy Permits, on highways under the jurisdiction of the City of Welland as per the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25.

DELETE PART VIII – CITY PERMITS and replace with Appendix I.

**CARRIED**

**2019 – 334**

**19-22** Moved by Green and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND requests that the Niagara Region take prompt action to address safety design issues at the intersection of Moyer and Schisler Roads; and THAT Welland City Council requests the Niagara Region implement interim safety measures such as reduced speed limits while design and construction work commence; and THAT this work is done on an expedited basis and that the Council of the City of Welland be briefed on its progress; and further THAT the needed safety improvements and/or intersection redesign occur to ensure the safety of the travelling public at this high speed intersection.

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**19-22** Moved by McLeod and Speck

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND requests that the Niagara Region take prompt action to address potential safety design issues at the intersection of Moyer and Schisler Roads; and THAT Welland City Council requests the Niagara Region considers implementing increased safety measures such as reduced speed limits while design and construction work commence; and THAT Welland City Council requests this work is done on an expedited basis and that the Council of the City of Welland be briefed on its progress.

**CARRIED**

**FOLLOWING THE VOTE ON THE AMENDING MOTION, THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT AS AMENDED AND .....**

**CARRIED**

**2019 – 335**

**19-22** Moved by Spinosa and Van Vliet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to investigate installing Way Finding Signs in the Downtown and Health and Wellness Cluster areas; and further THAT Welland City Council staff create a report to bring back to Council by August 1, 2019.

**CARRIED**

**2019 – 336****19-27**

Moved by Spinosa and Larouche (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Sandy Mocsan, President, Rose Festival regarding the 2019 Rose Festival.

**CARRIED****BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE****2019 – 337****05-50**

Moved Spinosa and Larouche (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Connie McCutcheon to the City of Welland Heritage Advisory Committee for the term April 2, 2019 to November 14, 2022 or until another successor has been appointed.

**CARRIED****BY-LAWS**

Moved by Speck and Richard

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.

**99-99**

BYL 2019 - 41

A By-law to amend By-law 10401 being a By-law to authorize entering into a Lease Agreement with the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority for a portion of the old Welland Canal.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Larouche and Spinosa (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND having given due consideration to the following By-laws, 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.

**19-22**

BYL 2019 - 42

A By-law to amend By-law 89-2000, being a By-law Regulating Traffic and Parking within the City of Welland (Part 1 - Definitions, Part III - Stopping, Standing, Parking and Part VIII - City Permits.

**10-108**

BYL 2019 - 43

A By-law to authorize entering into a contract with Ritchfield Inc. for artificial turf at Youngs Sportsplex.

**10-108**

BYL 2019 - 44

A By-law to authorized LED Lighting upgrades at Youngs Sportsplex.

**CARRIED**



Moved by Larouche and Spinosa

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.

**19-1**

BYL 2019 - 45

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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2019.

**CARRIED**

Council adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

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**MAYOR**

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**CITY CLERK**