



**CITY OF
Welland**

**MINUTES OF THE
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING
VIRTUAL- ZOOM**

Council met in open session at 7:03 p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Mayor Frank Campion in the Chair.

Members Present (virtual):

Councillors J. Chiocchio, B. Fokkens, B. Green, M.A. Grimaldi (7:09 p.m.), J. Lee, D. McLeod, A. Moote, S. Setaram, and G. Speck.

Members of Staff and Others Present:

Acting CAO and Director of Infrastructure Services, SM. Millar

Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk, T. Stephens

Director of Planning and Development Services, G. Munday

City Treasurer, E. Pankoff

Director of Community Services, J. Ruddell

Director of Strategic Initiatives and Economic Development, L. DeChellis

PRESENTATION

24-86 Dr. Amanda Bell and Dr. Jennifer Mueller, Department of Family Medicine, McMaster University addressed Council regarding Teaching Medical Learners.

AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES REPORTS

04-47 Julianne Brunet, Chief Executive Officer and Lindsay Bryan, Chair, Welland Public Library Board, addressed Council regarding an update on its activities.

2024 - 264

24-1 Moved by McLeod and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND hereby approves and adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 10, 2024, as circulated.

CARRIED**2024 - 265**

02-160 Moved by McLeod and Grimaldi

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report CLK-2024-09: Procedural By-law Recommendations; and further THAT Welland City Council approves the updated Procedural By-law as provided in Appendix A.

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02-160 Moved by Green and Fokkens

THAT Welland City Council removes item #5 on page 32 of the agenda, “notice of motions to be introduced verbally at a regular council meeting” from Appendix A.

CARRIED

02-160 Moved by Green and Fokkens

THAT Welland City Council includes item #5 on page 33 of the agenda – that the deadline to submit a notice of motion at 4:00 pm. on the Tuesday of the week prior to a council meeting in Appendix A.

CARRIED

02-160 Moved by Green and Chiocchio

THAT Welland City Council includes in “or after two subsequent regular meetings of council have been held and unless a motion to reconsider same has been approved by a two-third majority vote of those members present at either of such council meetings” in Appendix A.

CARRIED

02-160 Moved by Speck and Fokkens

THAT Welland City Council when the Councillor has the floor, the speaker cannot interrupt “in order of the speakers list” in section 13.4 of Appendix A.

CARRIED

02-160 Moved by Fokkens and Setaram
THAT Welland City Council includes 2.1 (c) on page 39 to develop “and evaluate” public policy and provide strategic direction for the city.

CARRIED

02-160 Moved by Fokkens and Speck
THAT Welland City Council Article 8.5 to be updated to reflect “upon conclusion of the delegation, members shall be permitted to ask clarifying questions of the delegation “and staff” for a period up to 5 minutes”.

CARRIED

02-160 Moved by Fokkens and Setaram
THAT Welland City Council updates Article 10.3 to remove “Parliamentary Procedure Speed Wheel”.

CARRIED

02-160 Moved by Fokkens and Green
THAT Welland City Council amends on page 57 Article 17.4 (d) to “reconsideration of the decision may adversely affect the “legal” rights, interests or privileges of a third party”.

CARRIED

02-160 Moved by Fokkens and Green
THAT Welland City Council amends Article 17.4 (b) to “material steps have been taken pursuant to the decision on the previous motion that is not possible to undo provide that the unexecuted part of a decision can be rescinded or amended”.

CARRIED

02-160 Moved by Chiocchio and Speck
THAT Welland City Council removes wording in 49 Article 10.16 “a member shall be deemed to have left the meeting and shall not be counted toward quorum if, at any point during the meeting, the Member’s video camera feed becomes disconnected or stops, despite the Member being connected to the videoconference”.

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02-160 Moved by Setaram and McLeod
THAT Welland City Council add “a member shall advise the Clerk if they are leaving the meeting or stepping away from the meeting”.

CARRIED

FOLLOWING THE VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT, THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AS AMENDED AND

YEAS: Green, Speck, Chiocchio and Grimaldi.

NAYS: Lee, McLeod, Setaram, Fokkens, Moote and Mayor Campion.

LOST

02-160 Moved by Chiocchio and Speck
THAT Welland City Council amends Schedule A to include “Councillors Ward Report/Activities - 2 minutes time limit” to the Order of Business for Regularly Scheduled Meetings of Council.

YEAS: Lee, Green, Speck, Chiocchio, McLeod, Grimaldi, Setaram and Fokkens.

NAYS: Grimaldi, Moote and Mayor Campion.

CARRIED

02-160 Moved by Setaram and Grimaldi
THAT Welland City Council amends the Procedural By-law to be updated to reflect gender inclusive wording.

CARRIED

FOLLOWING THE VOTES ON THE AMENDING MOTIONS, THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT AS AMENDED AND

CARRIED

2024 - 266

04-47 Moved by Lee and Setaram
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation from the Welland Public Library Board regarding an update on its activities.

CARRIED

2024 - 267

24-19 Moved by Fokkens and McLeod
WHEREAS, Section 270 of the Municipal Act states: all municipalities shall adopt and maintain policies with respect to 9 specific matters: - Including 270(1)-7. The manner in which the municipality will protect and enhance the tree canopy and natural vegetation in the municipality; and
WHEREAS, the City of Welland currently does not have a policy that addresses this specific matter; and
WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Welland has a responsibility to do it’s due diligence, to be in alignment with the Municipal Act; and further
WHEREAS, the City of Welland is currently updating the Official Plan.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to prepare a policy in conjunction with the Green Advisory Committee, in accordance with the Municipal Act, Section 270(1)-7 for Council’s review and approval and that this policy be incorporated into the Official Plan being revised for 2024.

CARRIED

2024 - 268**24-86** Moved by Fokkens and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation from Dr. Amanda Bell and Dr. Jennifer Mueller, Department of Family Medicine, McMaster University regarding teaching medical learners; and further THAT the funding request be deferred to the 2025 budget deliberations.

CARRIED**BY-LAWS**

Moved by McLeod and Grimaldi

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.

02-160

Byl 2024 - 95

A By-law to govern the Proceeding and Conduct of Council and the Committees thereof and to repeal By-law 2017-6, as amended.

CARRIED

Moved by McLeod and Grimaldi

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 - 96

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 17th day of September, 2024.

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 1st day of October, 2024.