



**CITY OF
Welland**

**MINUTES OF THE
OCTOBER 1, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING
VIRTUAL- ZOOM**

Council met in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 6:02 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 (virtual):

Councillors J. Chiochio, T. DiMarco, B. Fokkens, B. Green, M.A. Grimaldi, J. Lee, D. McLeod (until 9:10 p.m. and again at 9:40 p.m.), A. Moote, C. Richard, S. Setaram, and G. Speck (6:06 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

City Treasurer, E. Pankoff (7:01 p.m.)

Director of Community Services, J. Ruddell (until 9:30 p.m.)

Director of Strategic Initiatives and Economic Development, L. DeChellis

Director of Planning and Development Services, G. Munday

Infrastructure & Asset Manager, M. Main (7:01 p.m. - 9:20 p.m.)

Planning Supervisor - Development, T. Meadows (7:01 p.m. - 9:40 p.m.)

Manager of Facility Operations & Development, F. Pearson (7:01 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)

Manager of Budgets & Financial Services/Deputy Treasurer, A. Vuksan Scott (7:01 p.m.)

Manager of Parks, Forestry and Cemeteries, D. Steven (7:04 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)

2024 - 271**24-25** Moved by McLeod and Grimaldi

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 6:02 p.m. to consider:

- receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
 - 44 Heron Street - OLT Matter.
- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
 - Citizen appointments to the Committee of the Adjustment and the Accessibility Advisory Committee.
- proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
 - Lease request over city lands on the north side of Downs Drive, east of Ross Street.

CARRIED**2024 - 272****24-25** Moved by Fokkens and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 6:53 p.m. with report.

CARRIED**PRESENTATIONS:**

23-74 Lina DeChellis, Director of Economic Development & Strategic Initiatives and Jill Croteau, Physician Recruitment Specialist, Niagara Region Economic Development addressed Council regarding an update on Physician Recruitment.

PUBLIC MEETING PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 357/358 OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001 - TAX WRITE-OFFS

- No one spoke.

There being no speakers, the public meeting was concluded.

DELEGATIONS

24-28 Anne-Marie Wubs, Representative, Welland Food Drive addressed Council regarding its annual Welland Food Drive Event on November 2, 2024.

24-28 Carol Nagy, Executive Director, Hospice Niagara addressed Council regarding Making Hospice a Home campaign.

2024 - 273

24-1 Moved by Richard and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND hereby approves and adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 17, 2024 and Special Council Meeting of September 24, 2024, as circulated.

CARRIED

2024 - 274

02-160 Moved by Chiocchio and DiMarco

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND waive the rules to go into Camera-of-the-Whole for personal matters about an identifiable individual.

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

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

**LOST
(2/3 MAJORITY)**

2024 - 275

11-108 Moved by Speck and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND assumes the Canal View Heights Subdivision.

CARRIED

2024 - 276

13-117 Moved by Grimaldi and Chiocchio

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves Zoning By-law Amendment 2024-02 to Zoning By-law 2017-117 as presented in the attached draft By-law; and further

THAT no additional meetings under the Planning Act are required as the amendments to the original application are minor, in accordance with Section 34(17) of the Planning Act.

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13-117 Moved by Chiocchio and Speck

THAT Welland City Council refers Report P&B-2024-25: Recommendation Report regarding Housekeeping Amendments to Zoning By-law 2017-117 back to staff.

LOST

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

CARRIED

2024 - 277

20-114 Moved by Lee and Setaram

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the request to amend the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with 555 Canal Bank Developments GP Inc. as outlined in Report CS-2024-26.

CARRIED

2024 - 278

21-30 Moved by McLeod and Chiocchio
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives Report CS-2024-15 Homeless Encampment Protocols for information.

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2024 - 279

21-30 Moved by Fokkens and
THAT Welland City Council refers Report CS-2024-15: Homelessness and Encampment Protocols back to staff.

**NOT PUT
(NO SECONDER)**

FOLLOWING THE ATTEMPT TO REFER THE MOTION, THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM AND CARRIED

2024 - 280

23-74 Moved by McLeod and Grimaldi
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Lina DeChellis, Director of Economic Development & Strategic Initiatives and Jill Croteau, Physician Recruitment Specialist, Niagara Region Economic regarding an update on Physician Recruitment.

CARRIED

2024 - 281

23-74 Moved by McLeod and Lee
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report EDO-2024-08; and further
THAT Welland City Council approves an additional \$1,000,000.00 to continue the physician recruitment incentive program funded by the Economic Development Reserve Fund; and further
THAT Welland City Council gives staff delegated authority to enter into Family Physician Incentive Agreements for the additional \$1,000,000.00 under the incentive program.

CARRIED

2024 - 282

24-4 Moved by McLeod and Grimaldi
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the write-off of taxes in the amount of \$15,636.97 for the reduction or cancellation of taxes, pursuant to Sections 357 and 358 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

CARRIED

2024 - 283

24-4 Moved by DiMarco and McLeod
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the 2024 Q2 Year-To-Date Variance report and Capital Progress report (FIN-2024-23) dated October 1, 2024.

CARRIED

2024 - 284

24-4 Moved by Lee and Grimaldi

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the Capital Project Close-out report listed in Appendix A as attached to Report FIN-2024-24; and further

THAT Welland City Council approves the recommended transfers to/from the respective reserves as outlined in Appendix A as attached to Report FIN-2024-24.

CARRIED

2024 - 285

24-19 Moved by Green and Setaram

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves staff to apply for the Green and Inclusive Community Building program as outlined in Report CS-2024-28 Request to Apply for Grant Funding; and

THAT Welland City Council approves staff to apply for the Community Sport & Recreation Infrastructure Fund – Stream 1 as outlined in Report CS-2024-28 Request to Apply for Grant Funding, and further

THAT Welland City Council approves staff to apply for the Community Sport & Recreation Infrastructure Fund – Stream 2 as outlined in Report CS-2024-28 Request to Apply for Grant Funding.

CARRIED

2024 - 286

24-28 Moved by Grimaldi and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Anne-Marie Wubs, Representative, Welland Food Drive regarding its annual Welland Food Drive Event on November 2, 2024.

CARRIED

2024 - 287

24-28 Moved by DiMarco and Richard

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Carol Nagy, Executive Director, Hospice Niagara regarding Making Hospice a Home campaign.

CARRIED

2024 - 288

24-88 Moved by Speck and Chiocchio

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND direct staff to enter into a contract with Perry Group Consulting Ltd. to provide consulting services to complete the Geographical Information System (GIS) Strategy at a cost of \$32,112.50 (excluding HST).

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (IN-CAMERA)

2024 - 289

02-85 Moved by McLeod and Mootte (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Shealah Stratton to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the term of October 1, 2024 to November 14, 2026.

CARRIED

2024 - 290

24-10 Moved by McLeod and Mootte (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Wayne Ursacki to the Committee of Adjustment for the term October 1, 2024 to November 14, 2026.

CARRIED

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

Moved by McLeod and Mootte (in block)

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.

24-87

BYL 2024 - 98

A By-law to authorize entering into a Lease Agreement with Valbruna ASW Inc. to permit a Ground Mounted Air Quality Monitoring Station

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

Moved by Mootte 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.

13-117

BYL 2024 - 99

A By-law to amend City of Welland Zoning By-law 2017-117 (File No. 2024-02) Housekeeping Amendments.

CARRIED

Moved by Grimaldi 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.

24-1

BYL 2024 - 100

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 1st day of October 2024.

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 29th day of October, 2024.