



## GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 26, 2002  
7:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

Meeting Number G.C. 2002 - 04

**Members present:** Mayor Cindy Forster

Councillors:

R. Alakas	D. Fortier
D. Beaudoin	J. Irvine
M. Belcastro	J. Mastroianni
N. Dmytrow-Bilboe	S. O'Dell
M. Dzugan	J. Spadafora
T. Eybel	

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

City Clerk C.A. Stirtzinger  
Acting C.A.O. and Director of Development Services T. Fitzpatrick  
Fire Chief P. Olah  
Director of Operation Services G. Marcello  
Community Services Director I. Smith  
Acting City Treasurer B. Silvestri  
Environmental Services Engineer D. Cook  
Human Resources Manager Richard Beaumont  
Clerk Steno III B. Gallaccio  
Recording Secretary M. Hughes

Mayor Forster called the General Committee Meeting to order at 7:55 p.m.

1. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Nil**



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### 2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:

The Councillor listed below disclosed an interest in the matter shown and did not take part in the consideration and discussion of same and refrained from voting thereon for the reason described:

Councillor Irvine disclosed an interest in items under the Traffic Services Division Ref No. 01-22 – Parking Equipment Status Report (TRAF-2001-28), 01-22 – Staffing and Operating, Parking and Traffic Section (TRAF-2001-29), 02-22 – Supplemental Report to TRAF-2001-26- Penalty Provisions By-laws 89-2000 and 10721 (items #6 and 7) (TRAF-2001-30) and items under the Traffic Division Ref No. 94-71 – Staff Comments on Survey Welland Downtown Improvement Area, Latis Research Consultants. Conversion of East Main Street, Division Street to Two-Way Operation (TRAF 2002-07) and 02-22 – Staff Comments on Survey Welland Downtown Business Improvement Area, Latis Research Consultants. Parking Issues (TRAF 2002-08) as he owns property in the affected area.

### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF February 26, 2002

Moved by Councillor Spadafora that the Minutes of the General Committee Meeting of February 26, 2002 be and the same are hereby and adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

#### (A) OPERATIONAL SERVICES – Councillor Beaudoin, Chair

**01-177 - Request for the posting of a School Crossing Guard on Broadway at St. George Street.  
(TRAF 2002-03)**

Mayor Forster suggested that this item be referred to the Budget Committee next week. Councillor O'Dell informed Council that a number of children cross at the intersection.

**Moved by Councillor O'Dell**

That the request for the posting of a 'School Crossing Guard' on Broadway at St. George Street, as requested in correspondence dated October 9, 2001, from L. Vattr, Chair and Mr. Jacques, Principal of St. Augustine Catholic School Council to Mayor Forster be referred to the Budget Committee.

**CARRIED**

### 5. PUBLIC MEETING: NIL



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6. DELEGATIONS: NIL

7. STAFF REPORTS:

(A) COMMUNITY SERVICES – *Councillor Irvine, Chair*

### Development Services Department

#### Building and Inspections Division

#### **02-67 – Prohibit the Raking of Leaves on City Property (DSD-2002-26)**

Councillors Beaudoin and Dmytrow-Bilboe acknowledged that the Staff's report was comprehensive. Council was informed that a response from the Chief Judge is being awaited (approximately 4 weeks to get approval). Staff informed Council that the set fines are in-line with other by-laws that work on a complaint basis. Public should be made more aware of by-law. Start awareness program before Labour Day. A need to re-educate the public. Place advertisements in newspaper. Ten years ago, the Council of the day encouraged the community to deposit leaves on streets for cleanup by a special leaf pickup machine. Gus Marcello is to come back to Council with a report detailing the estimated cost by April 9<sup>th</sup>. Councillor Beaudoin suggested Gus contact City staff to assist with a cost estimate of job allocation, time frame, new leaf machine (purchase last year), etc.

#### **Moved by Councillor Mastroianni**

That Report DSD-2002-26 to prohibit the raking of leaves on City property be received for information.

**CARRIED**

#### Planning Division

#### **02-81 – Kenmore Homes (1987) Inc. – request for exemption for Part Lot Control and request for Lot Grading and Drainage Agreement – Block 16, Plan 59M-177 and Lots 98, 99 and 100, Plan 969 and to transfer Block 18, Plan 59M-177, being a 0.3 metre reserve to Kenmore Homes (1987) Inc. – south end of Station Street (DSD-2002-27)**

Council was informed by Staff that the combined area of Lots 98, 99, 100 and Block 16 will be divided in half. A semi will be built on each half. No additional road will be required.



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### Moved by Mayor Forster

1. That the City of Welland adopt a By-law to exempt Block 16, Plan 59M-177 and Lots 98, 99 and 100, Plan 969 from Part Lot Control in order to create two (2) semi-detached dwellings for a total of four (4) dwelling units;
2. That the By-law to exempt Part Lot Control be repealed and discharged from Title once all parts of the requisite Reference Plan(s) have been conveyed;
3. That the Owner be required to enter into a Short Form Subdivision Agreement to control Lot Grading and Drainage; and
4. That Block 18, Plan 59M-177, being a 0.3 metre Reserve, be conveyed to Kenmore Homes (1987) Inc. at a nominal value of \$1.00 with the Purchaser responsible for all associated costs.

**CARRIED**

### Community Services Department

**02-31**

#### **02-32 – Facility Rental Rate – Arenas and Sports Fields (CSD-2002-11)**

Staff informed Council that other arenas break down the ice rental cost in the same way (50 minutes for use and 10 minutes for flood). The flood provides better quality ice surface. Although some user groups don't flood. All ice user groups have been informed of new rental fees and other changes. Staff has not received any comments from user groups. Councillor Beaudoin stated that he has received phone calls regarding the flooding of ice.

Staff proposes to charge groups and/or individuals who reserve ice time but don't show, and more importantly, don't cancel the reservation which results in lost revenue.

### Moved by Councillor Alakas

1. That Council adopt the facility rental rates as set out in Report CSD-2002-11 for use of the arenas and various sports fields for the 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 seasons:
  - a) Plymouth Sports Field
    - 1) In 2001 - Adults - \$12.00 per game/ practice with no change in 2002 and in 2003 - \$14.00 per game/ practice.
    - 2) Minor Rates for use of Plymouth Sports Field - 67% of full rate. 2001 rate was 50%
    - 3) Welland Soccer Club - Applicable Rates for either age group in items 1 & 2. Presently, no charge.
    - 4) Tournaments paid regular hourly rental and either (5) or (6)



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- 5) Tournament with paid spectator admission. - In 2001, no charge. In 2002 - \$200.00 and in 2003 - \$250.00 or
- 6) Tournament with free spectator admission. In 2001. - no charge. In 2002 - \$100.00 and 2003 - \$150.00
- 7) Beginning in 2002, a damage deposit be implemented at a charge of \$200.00 be charged for any groups hosting events with a Special Occasions permit at any facility.
- 8) Fees for lights to remain at the present rates as Welland Hydro has not informed the City of any proposed rate increase. Any increase in Hydro rates shall be automatically reflected in the fees for lighting.

All teams shall submit their play and practice schedules to the Community Services Department prior to the commencement of play.

- b) All Ball Fields except Sports Stadium Complex - Hard Ball Diamond
  - 1) All Adult Leagues in 2001 paid \$350.00 per team a light charge of \$116.00/ team. Propose that teams shall be charged at a rate of \$466.00/ team for 2002 and \$475.00/ team in 2003 for sports field usage and lights.
  - 2) All Adult Leagues and individual teams not using field lights in 2002 paid \$350.00/ team. Proposed teams will be charged \$360.00/ team in 2002 and in 2003 - \$365.00 plus clause #10 will be used, in the event of lights being used.
  - 3) Minor Ball will not be charged for use at all ball diamonds but will be charged full rate for lights. In 2001, this group paid 67% of the cost of lighting - Clause #10.
  - 4) Teams playing in leagues of the various Activity Groups i.e.: Sherwood Recreation shall not be charged for any play.
  - 5) Teams playing ball at Chippawa Park or Maple Park outside of the regular scheduled use by various Activity Groups leagues shall not be charged for play.
  - 6) Tournaments pay regular hourly rental plus either (7) or (8).
  - 7) Tournament with paid spectator admissions in 2001 paid - \$250.00 and in 2002 will be charged \$200.00 and in 2003 will be charged \$250.00 (Same as other facilities)
  - 8) Tournament with free spectator admission was no charge. In 2002 will charge - \$100.00 and in 2003 - \$150.00
  - 9) A damage deposit of \$500.00 will be charged for any Teams/ Leagues hosting events with a Special Occasions permit at any facility.
  - 10) All teams not paying the league team fees shall pay \$35.00 per hour for light games. If a Hydro-electric rate increase occurs for 2003, the fees for lights shall reflect the proposed increase.
- c) Sports Stadium Complex Committee shall recommend Rates for Sports Complex.



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### d) Arena Ice Rental Rates

Present - 2001-2002 Season

Youth (WMHA - WFSC)	\$ 81.00/ hour **
Junior "B"	\$102.00/ hour **
Daytime (M-F)	\$ 92.00/ hour **
Prime (evenings - weekends)	\$117.00/hour **

**PROPOSED \*\*\***

	2002-2003	2003-2004
Youth (WMHA \$ WFSC)	\$ 83.00/ hr**	\$ 85.00/hr **
Junior "B"	\$105.00/ hr**	\$108.00/ hr **
Daytime rate (M-F)	\$ 95.00/ hr**	\$ 98.00/ hr **
Prime (evenings - weekends)	\$120.00/ hr **	\$123.00/ hr **

\* signifies No Change in rates

\*\* 50 minutes for use and 10 minutes for flood

\*\*\* Full charge for ice rentals without 24 cancellation notice

Note - all arena increases are approximately 3% per year

rounded.

**CARRIED**

### **02-60 – Volunteer Recognition – Desserts for the Deserving Request (CSD-02-12)**

Council was informed that the City issues paper scrolls to recipients. Staff to come back to Council with report.

**(DIRECTION)**

### **Moved by Mayor Forster**

That Council thank the groups participating in the "Desserts for the Deserving" and wishes them success in planning their recognition event; and further

That Council direct staff to proceed with a review of volunteer recognition in the areas of citizenship, corporate citizenship, recreation and sports.

**CARRIED**

### **02-31 – Creation of a "Friends of Welland Parks Recreation" Committee (CSD-02-14)**

Council suggested that someone with a marketing background be on the Committee due to the amount of fundraising involved. Staff informed Council that the Committee would be a non-profit entity which would enable it to receive special grants that the City otherwise cannot. The Committee would be composed of a group of interested citizens who want to



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beautify the parks in Welland. City would still perform maintenance of the parks. Charitable organizations need to show expenditures (85 percent).



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### Moved by Councillor Alakas

That Council direct staff to work with interested residents to create a "Friends of Welland Parks and Recreation" Committee. This Committee will raise, distribute and/ or assist in the management of private sector funds for the enhancement of the City of Welland's parks, facilities, recreation programs and leisure services. This Committee shall be a registered not-for-profit group that would assist in providing an alternative to funding existing and new initiatives in the community.

Funding for the process up to \$1,500.00 shall be provide from the Community Services Department budget as seed money.

**CARRIED**

### **02-31 – Play Equipment – Deere Street Park (CSD-02-17)**

Councillor Eybel informed Council and Staff that the park's correct name is Erie Street Park. She also stated that John Deere Ltd. would like to partner with the City of Welland with a \$10,000 donation. The donation began two years ago and is received in increments of \$2,000 per year. Due to a drainage problem at the park, Staff suggested moving the skating rink to another location in the park. This park was one of the first to have play equipment removed. Council suggested that the donation be placed in a special account and is to be used only for Erie Street Park.

Council was in agreement that the park shouldn't be renamed without public input. Councillor Spadafora suggested that a plaque be placed in the park recognizing John Deere Ltd.'s donation.

Council was informed that this particular park was not on the City's 5-year plan. Three parks on the 5-year plan are Manchester, Treelawn and Graham. Work can be carried out on the Erie Street Park due to the John Deere Ltd. donation. Council suggested that the City stick to the 5-year plan.

Councillor Spadafora indicated that Maple Park is in need of some work and seems to always be put off. Staff informed Council that \$75,000 worth of work is the price tag for Maple Park. There are no reserves left.

### Moved by Councillor Eybel

That Council recognize the partnership with John Deere Ltd. by:

- a) allocating \$30,000 in the 2002 Community Services Department capital budget for the purchase and installation of play equipment in Erie Street Park.
- b) installing a plaque at Erie Street Park in recognition of John Deere's contribution to the City and its support of \$10,000 towards the play equipment and
- c) relocating the skating rink in the park to accommodate the play equipment and improve the skating program in the winter; and further

That the \$10,000 donation by John Deere which is to be granted over a 5 year period be credited back to the Park Reserve Fund.

**CARRIED**



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### 97-108 - Market Square Operation. (CSD-02-16)

Moved by Councillor Eybel

That the present "License of Occupation" between Mr. Frank Delle Monache for the use of the Market Trattoria and general maintenance of the Welland Market Square be extended till December 31, 2004 with the present conditions as attached to By-law 2001-59 remaining in effect.

CARRIED

### (B) OPERATIONAL SERVICES – Councillor Beaudoin, Chair

#### Public Works Division

#### 02-71 – Tender – Supply of Street Sweeping Rentals (ENG 02-05)

The start date for street cleaning is scheduled for the second of week of April as long as the snow stays away. Staff was asked to check with Miles Services to see if more street cleaning equipment could be available to complete the job in a timely fashion. Since Fitch Street is a bus route and is regarded as a major thoroughfare it should be cleaned sooner than later. Councillor Irvine inquired about the possibility of a sidewalk cleaning machine to clean off the sand from Division and East Main streets. Staff will check into it.

Moved by Councillor Spadafora

That Council accepts the tender of **MILES SERVICES** for Street Sweeping Rentals at the tendered price of \$68.25/hour, this being the lowest price of the thirty sweeper prices submitted.

CARRIED

#### 02-70 – Tender – Supply of Stone. (ENG 02-06)

Moved by Councillor Eybel

That Council accept the tenders of **Hard Rock Paving, Port Colborne Quarries, and Vineland Quarries** for the **Supply of Stone** at the tendered prices of \$1,406.00, \$91,895.90 and \$5,996.40 respectively, using the lowest tendered price for each stone category in the corresponding Trucking Areas.

CARRIED



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**02-68 - Tender - Supply of Asphaltic Materials.  
(ENG 02-07)**

**Moved by Councillor Eybel**

That Council accepts the tenders of Welland Paving for the supply of HL2 Hot Mix Asphalt, Hard Rock Paving for the supply of HL3, HL3A and HL8 Hot Mix Asphalt Materials, QPR Inc. for Premium Cold Mix and Hard Rock Paving for the supply of Course Blend Cold Mix at the lowest unit prices submitted, as these were the lowest of the four (4) tenders submitted.

**CARRIED**

**Engineering Division**

**98-46 - Request for Regional Niagara, Confirmation of Enhanced Services, New Waste Collection Contracts, City of Welland.  
(ENG 2002-11)**

That the Region of Niagara be advised, that Welland City Council is not in a position to confirm 'Enhanced Level of Services' for 'New' Waste Collection and/or Recycling Collection Contract(s) at this time, and further

That the Region of Niagara be requested to put forth a 'Waste Collection System' (waste and recycling) which treats all property owners equally (residential, industrial, commercial and institutional).

**CARRIED**

8. **NEW BUSINESS:       NIL**
  
9.     The General Committee Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.