



## GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, June 25, 2002  
7:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

Meeting Number G.C. 2002 - 10

**Members present:** Mayor Cindy Forster

Councillors:

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

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

City Clerk C.A. Stirtzinger  
City Solicitor G. Banks  
City Manager T. Fitzpatrick  
General Manager Engineering, Public Works and Transportation Services G. Marcello  
General Manager, Parks and Recreation I. Smith  
General Manager Financial and Corporate Services/Treasurer B. Silvestri  
Manager, Engineering Services L. Ventresca  
Chief Building Official M. Mantesso  
Recording Secretary M. Hughes

Mayor Forster called the Special Council Meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

The Special Council Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. to convene the General Committee Meeting. The Minutes of the Special Council Meeting are recorded separately and filed with the Clerk.

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

2. **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** NIL



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### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF June 11, 2002

City Council was distributed a revised Page 2 of the Minutes with a correction to the Report on 2 - way streets Downtown. Costs for signalization should have read \$900,000 instead of \$90,000.

Moved by Councillor Dzugan that the Minutes of the General Committee Meeting of June 11, 2002 be and the same are hereby approved and adopted as amended and circulated.

**CARRIED**

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

#### (A) COMMUNITY SERVICES - Councillor Irvine, Chair

##### Parks and Recreation Department

##### 02-31 – 326 Aqueduct - Tree (P&R-02-28)

Council was informed of the following:

- The tree in question is well over 60 years old and healthy.
- The house is approximately 40 years old.
- An easement has been in place with the neighbor for many years.
- The driveway was in another location in the past.
- Staff has brought this item to Council for direction in cutting down a healthy tree as per policy.
- The property was recently purchased 2 years ago.
- The present owner requested that the tree be removed at the City's expense.
- Most residents on the street enjoy the tree.

##### **Moved by Councillor Dmytrow-Bilboe**

That Council direct staff to inform the owner of 326 Aqueduct that the tree blocking his driveway will remain in place with periodic inspections and maintenance as scheduled by City Forestry Staff.

**CARRIED**

**YEAS:** Councillors D. Beaudoin, N. Dmytrow-Bilboe, T. Eybel, D. Fortier, J. Irvine, S. O'Dell and Mayor C. Forster.

**NAYS:** Councillors M. Belcastro, M. Dzugan, J. Mastroianni and J. Spadafora.



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5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NIL

6. DELEGATIONS: NIL

7. STAFF REPORTS:

(A) COMMUNITY SERVICES - Councillor Irvine, Chair

Planning and Development Services

Building and Inspections Division

**02-116 – Request for exemption to Fence By-law 10545 at 88 Marc Boulevard  
(PDS-2002-62)**

After some clarification on what constitutes a fence, most Councillors were in favor of adhering to policy. Councillors suggested solutions, as Mr. and Mrs. Kerekes were in attendance.

**Moved by Councillor Fortier**

That the request from Helen and Geri Kerekes for an exemption to the height requirement of the Fence By-law be denied.

**CARRIED**

*(Councillor Spadafora asked to be recorded as opposed to this resolution)*

(B) CORPORATE SERVICES - Councillor D. Fortier, Chair

Clerk's Department

**02-3 Clerk's Department 2001 Statistical Summary  
(CLK-2002-11)**

**Moved by Councillor Beaudoin**

That the 2001 Statistical Summary of the City Clerk's Department be received for information.

**CARRIED**



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**(C) OPERATIONAL SERVICES - Councillor Beaudoin, Chair**

**Engineering Division**

**02-80 – Riverside Drive Sanitary Sewer Extension  
(ENG-2002-32)**

Councillor Dmytro-Bilboe stated that a policy regarding sewers is in place and the residents are charged for sewers whether or not the household is hooked up to the system. Staff informed Council that a petition under the Local Improvement Act containing two-thirds of the owners representing 50% of the assessment would initiate the extension of sanitary sewer service. The cost per household would be approximately \$5,000 which would be paid back to the City over a 10-year period. The cost to the City is approximately \$230,000. A housing development in the area would decrease the cost to each household. At the present time, no development has been proposed.

**Moved by Councillor O'Dell**

That the General Manager, Engineering, Public Works and Transportation Services be directed to issue a 'Petition for Local Improvement' for the extension of sanitary sewer service on Riverside Drive from Waterview Court to approximately 275m southerly for circulation amongst the affected residents;

That part of the cost of construction be assessed to abutting property owners, except those previously assessed, under the provisions of Section 11 of the Local Improvement Act of Ontario, as amended, following submission of a sufficiently signed petition for sanitary sewer construction by affected residents.

**CARRIED**

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

Councillor Dmytro-Bilboe invited Councillors to attend a Medical Recruitment Committee Meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, June 27, 2002.

Councillor Mastroianni commended Staff on the City flower bed for the Niagara Regional Exhibition (NRE) 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary recognition. He also requested that the City approach NRE with the suggestion to celebrate 150 years of the NRE by including its original name for the celebrations "Welland County Fair/Niagara Regional Exhibition".

Councillor O'Dell informed Council that MPP Peter Kormos is working on a Private Members Bill for the election of trustees to the Niagara Health Services Board.



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**(A) COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Parks and Recreation Department**

**01 - 90 - Grass Cutting along banks on Merritt Island.**

Councillor Fortier indicated that grass needs cutting along the banks on Merritt Island. Ian Smith will investigate.

**(DIRECTION)**

**(B) OPERATIONAL SERVICES**

**Engineering Division**

**02 - 90 - Status of Street Line Painting**

Councillor Beaudoin requested that Staff provide the status of street line painting. Gus Marcello will update Council at its July 16, 2002 meeting.

**(DIRECTION)**

9. The General Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.