



## GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, December 14, 2004  
7:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

Meeting Number G.C. 2004 – 14

**Members present:** Mayor Damian Goulbourne

Councillors:

D. Alexander	M.A. Grimaldi (7:10 p.m.)
P. Chiochio	J. Larouche
M. Dzugan	S. O'Dell (7:10 p.m.)
D. Fortier	B. Sharpe
P. Grenier	J. Spadafora

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

Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk B. Gallaccio  
City Solicitor G. Banks  
General Manager Engineering, Public Works and Transportation Services D. Shantz  
(until 8:20 pm)  
General Manager Financial and Corporate Services / Treasurer B. Silvestri  
Manager, Budgets & Financial Reporting/Deputy Treasurer S. Nagel  
Purchasing Clerk S. Demers  
Recording Secretary, Games Licensing Clerk S. Stirling

**Others Present:**

**05-55**

Frank Rupcic, General Manager, Venture Niagara Enterprise Niagara  
Re: Welland Arts and Culture Study.

Mayor Goulbourne called the General Committee Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.



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1. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA: NIL
2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: NIL
3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2004

Moved by Councillor Dzugan that the Minutes of the General Committee Meeting of November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2004 be and the same are hereby approved and adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

(A) OPERATIONAL SERVICES

Engineering, Public Works and Transportation Services

Public Works Division

97-67

98-57 - Downtown Business Improvement Area Board re: 2004 – 2005 Winter season clearing of snow from sidewalks.

*(Awaiting response from BIA)*

Traffic Division

04-22 - Designated Truck Routes.  
(TRAF-2004-31)

Councillor Sharpe had concerns regarding some of the streets in Ward 2 and inquired if Council could review the list before the information is put into a By-law. Mr. Shantz asked if it would be helpful to see the routes on a map indicating which truck routes have been eliminated and which have been added and it was decided that this would be helpful. Councillors were asked to discuss any concerns they have with the truck routes with Mr. Shantz.

**Moved by Councillor Spadafora**

That Report TRAF-2004-31 regarding the designation of truck routes be referred to the



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January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005 General Committee Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NIL**

**6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

**05-55 - Frank Rupcic, General Manager, Venture Niagara Enterprise Niagara addressed Council regarding a Welland Arts and Culture Study.**

Mr. Rupcic informed Council that this study was completed one month ago on the City of Welland's arts and culture scene. Mr. Rupcic provided Council and staff with a background of the study and the people who were involved with it. He then detailed the recommendations from the study. Councillor Spadafora stated that there is a lot of talent in the arts and music in this area but felt that the City of Welland lacks marketing and Mr. Rupcic agreed that that was uncovered during the study. Mr. Rupcic offered Venture Niagara's assistance to the City in marketing the arts in this area. Councillor Grenier indicated that he recognized the benefits of culture and what it means to the community. He inquired as to whether the performing arts such as live music and live theatre were identified in the study and Mr. Rupcic replied that they believe there is enough demand for it in this area and that the ground work is in place. He indicated that, once the assets are lined up, there is access to funds to finance the projects. Councillor Spadafora suggested that a mural be produced on the huge yellow wall on Main Street and Councillor O'Dell added that it could be a brick mosaic mural. Councillor Fortier agreed that the option of a mural on the wall should be pursued and indicated that he would inquire as to whether there was a structural issue with a brick mosaic mural being constructed. Councillor Alexander stressed that he is requesting Council to provide staff and the community, within the first three months of 2005, a clear direction on the mural issue and adopt a process to develop an Arts and Culture Policy by the time City Hall moves into the Civic Square. He requested an oral report next week that would include a timeframe for the murals by the end of January and an Arts and Culture Policy discussion and adopted by the end of March. Councillor Spadafora stressed that Council should not rush into this matter but give direction to staff to approach municipalities which have an Arts and Culture Policy in place and review these policies to make adjustments to suit this municipality.

**Moved by Councillor Grenier**

That the presentation by Frank Rupcic, General Manager, Venture Niagara at the December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004 General Committee Meeting regarding the Welland Arts & Culture Study be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**Moved by Councillor Alexander**

That staff be directed to prepare a process plan for the development of an Arts & Culture Policy for review in early 2005.



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### **97-58 - Murals.**

**Moved by Councillor Alexander**

That the issue with regard to the murals be resolved by the February 22, 2005 Council Meeting.

**CARRIED**

## **7. STAFF REPORTS:**

**(A) CORPORATE SERVICES - Councillor D. Alexander, Chair**

### **Finance Division**

**04-153 - Municipal Performance Measurement Program for the Year 2003.  
(FIN-04-29)**

**Moved by Councillor Grenier**

That the results of the City of Welland 2003 Municipal Performance Measurement Program be received and posted on the City's internet site to comply with Provincial publication requirements.

**CARRIED**

**05-4 - Temporary Borrowing 2005.  
(FIN 2004-30)**

**Moved by Councillor Grenier**

1. That Council authorize the Treasurer to borrow on an interim basis up to \$6,000,000 to meet current and capital expenditures for the year 2005 while awaiting permanent funding by way of taxation, Provincial and Federal grants and Regional debentures.
2. That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law.

**CARRIED**



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### **05-51 - Proposed New Purchasing Policy for the Corporation of the City of Welland. (FIN-04-32)**

Councillor Fortier mentioned that this report was very extensive and he commended staff for their work. A discussion followed with Council members asking questions and requesting clarification of sections contained in this report to Mr. Silvestri and Mr. Demers. Councillor Spadafora suggested that this report be deferred to the first General Committee Meeting in 2005 to give Council members more time to review this report as it is very detailed and extensive. Councillor Grenier stressed that this matter must be passed before 2005 and Mr. Banks added that it is important to pass this report now and it is expected that some areas will be subject to consideration with additional revisions. Councillor O'Dell suggested that members of Council email their comments and/or concerns regarding this policy to Mr. Demers. Council was assured that they will have a chance to provide input when this draft report is presented for final approval.

### **Moved by Councillor Fortier**

That the new Purchasing Policy for the Corporation of the City of Welland (attached to Report FIN-04-32) be adopted to comply with the Procurement Requirements of Section 271 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25 and that By-law 10264 be repealed.

**CARRIED**

**8. NEW BUSINESS: NIL**

**9. OUTSTANDING ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE:**

Mayor and Council reviewed with staff the status of the outstanding items.

**10. The General Committee Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**