



COUNCIL MEETING, FEBRUARY 19, 2008

CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS 60 EAST MAIN STREET

Council met in open session at 7:30 p.m. on the above date and in Committee-of-the-Whole at 9:25 p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Mayor Damian Goulbourne in the Chair.

The open meeting commenced with the playing of the National Anthem.

Members Present:

Councillors R. Alakas, D. Alexander, M. Belcastro, F. Campion, P. Chiocchio, M. Dzugan (until 9:20 p.m.), J. Larouche, P. Grenier, R. Letourneau, S. O'Dell, and B. Sharpe.

Members of the Staff and Others Present:

City Manager, P. Simmons

General Manager, Communications, Council & Legislative Services/City Clerk, C. Stirtzinger

Deputy Clerk, B. Gallaccio

Chief, Fire & Emergency Services, D. Prevost

General Manager, Engineering, Public Works & Transportation Services/City Engineer, D. Shantz

General Manager, Financial & Corporate Services/Treasurer, B. Silvestri

General Manager, Human Resources, R. Mantesso

General Manager, Parks, Facilities, & Leisure Services, B. Fenwick

Communications Assistant, C. Mintoff

General Manager, Planning & Development Services, D. Thorpe

BOARDS, AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS REPORT(S)

08-28 Video presentation on Welland Youth produced and presented by Peter Guzda. Ryan Guay was also in attendance to answer questions.

THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS DELETED:

08-63 Jessica Srivastara was not present to address Council regarding the Wintergreen Festival.

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE RECEIVED:

02-157 Gen. Mgr., Planning and Development Services, D. Thorpe - Growth Management Study – Region of Niagara – Anticipating Niagara – Phase 2.

04-91 A By-law to accept the tender of Baron Roofing and Siding Limited for the Welland Historic Museum roof and eaves replacement.

05-158 Woodlawn/River Roads Sports Project.

08-1 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 19th day of February, 2008.

08-13 A By-law to authorize the purchase of a replacement vehicle lifting system from C.A.P. Automotive Equipment.

08-20 Vern Savage, Owner/Producer - requesting a Special Occasion Permit for to hold its ***“Canadian Biker Build Off 4!”*** event to be held on July 25, 26, and 27, 2008.

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08-21 Patsy Ramundo, President – permission to hold a religious procession - ***“53rd Annual Feast of the Assumption”*** and a Special Occasion Permit for August 9 and 10, 2008.

08-21 Shirley Cohen, Secretary, Board of Directors Chair, Welland and District Humane Society – requesting permission to hold its annual ***“Walkathon”*** on Sunday, June 1st, 2008.

08-22 A By-law to appoint By-law enforcement officers of the Corporation of the City of Welland; and to repeal By-law 2005-151.

08-28 Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council – video presentation on Welland Youth produced by Peter Guzda (in attendance with Ryan Guay).

08-61 Dress Code Policy and Casual Dress Code Policy.

08-61 Human Resources Department Memo regarding the Dress Code Policy for City employees.

08-62 Councillor Campion – Notice of Motion re: snow clearing policy and procedure.

08-63 Jessica Srivastava re: request letter of support for a grant application for the Wintergreen Festival.

08-64 Susan Daniels, Deputy City Clerk, City of Thorold – re: Federal Financial Tax Incentives for Heritage Places.

08-66 A By-law to dissolve the Board of Park Management of the City of Welland.

08-69 Janet Beckett, City Clerk, City of Port Colborne – re: ***“Danger Ahead the Looming Collapse of Canada’s Municipal Infrastructure”***.

08-1 Moved by Dzugan and Grenier

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND hereby approves and adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meetings of February 5, 2008 and February 12, 2008, as circulated.

CARRIED

02-157 Moved by Belcastro and Larouche

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND endorses the adoption, by The Regional Municipality of Niagara, of the Medium Growth Scenario (545,000 population and 249,200 employees by 2031) as outlined in the Growth Management Strategy – Anticipating Niagara – Phase 2 Report, January 2008; and further THAT Welland City Council directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution and Report PDS-2008-07 to the Regional Clerk and to the Niagara Region Planning and Development Department.

CARRIED**05-158** Moved by Alexander and Larouche

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the revised scope for 2008/09 for the Proposed Woodlawn Sports Park Estimates dated February 12, 2008, as recommended by the Budget Review Committee; and further

THAT Welland City Council authorizes staff to proceed with the recommendations contained in Report CM-2008-01 re: Woodlawn Road Sports Park Project dated January 21, 2008, based on the revised scope 2008/09.

CARRIED

YEAS: Councillors Dzugan, Campion, Alexander, Larouche, Grenier, Belcastro, Sharpe and Mayor Goulbourne.

NAYS: Councillors O'Dell, Letourneau and Alakas.

NOT PRESENT WHEN QUESTION CALLED: Councillor Chiocchio.

08-20 Moved by Belcastro and Larouche

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND has no objection for the issuance of a Special Occasion Permit to the Canadian Biker Build Off 4! event to be held on July 25, 26, and 27, 2008 at the Niagara Regional Exhibition; subject to the satisfactory completion of the Municipal Application for Community Festivals and Special Occasion Permits; and further

THAT Welland City Council designates the "Canadian Biker Build Off 4!" as a community festival; and further THAT Welland City Council delegates in accordance with its Delegation of Powers Policy, for all future events of the Canadian Biker Build Off, to the City Clerk (or designate), the authority to support the Canadian Biker Build Off organizer's application for Special Occasion Permits, and to deem the event a community festival.

CARRIED**08-20****08-21** Moved by Belcastro and Larouche

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the Application for the "53rd Annual Feast of the Assumption Procession" on Sunday, August 12th, 2008 subject to the Applicant's completion of all conditions of the Policy of Road Use for Community Activities; and further

That Welland City Council has no objection to the issuance of a Special Occasion Permit to the "53rd Annual Feast of the Assumption" for events scheduled at the Welland Market Square on August 9th and August 10th, 2008 subject to the satisfactory completion of the Municipal Application for Community Festivals and Special Occasion Permits; and further

That Welland Council designates the 53rd Annual Feast of the Assumption as a significant community festival ; and further

THAT Welland City Council delegates in accordance with its Delegation of Powers Policy, for all future events of the Feast of Assumption, to the City Clerk (or designate), the authority to support the Feast of the

Assumption organizer's application for Special Occasion Permits, and to deem the event a community festival; and to the City Engineer (or designate), the authority to approve the procession route.

CARRIED

08-21 Moved by Belcastro and Larouche

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the application of Welland and District Humane Society to hold a "Walkathon" on Sunday, June 1st, 2008; subject to the applicant's completion of all conditions of the Policy of Road Use for Community Activities; and further

THAT Welland City Council delegates in accordance with its Delegation of Powers Policy, for all future walkathons of the Welland and District Humane Society, to the City Engineer (or designate), the authority to approve the procession route.

CARRIED

08-28 Moved by Dzugan and Belcastro

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the video presentation on Welland Youth produced by Peter Guzda; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs that the issues addressed in the video to promote youth culture, be referred to staff for consideration during the 2009 budget deliberations.

CARRIED

08-61 Moved by Sharpe and Belcastro

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the Casual Dress Code Policy as contained in City Manager Report CM-2008-03; and further

THAT Welland City Council approves the revised Dress Code Policy as per the memo dated February 15, 2008 from the General Manager of Human Resources.

CARRIED

08-62 Moved by Campion and Dzugan

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to prepare a written report outlining snow clearing policy and procedure so that staff and Council can review it and make any changes as may be deemed necessary.

CARRIED

08-64 Moved by Belcastro and Larouche

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND supports the resolution from the City of Thorold to request Federal Ministers of Finance and Canadian Heritage to establish financial tax incentives for the rehabilitation of heritage buildings which would encourage private sector investment in the rehabilitation of historic landmarks.

CARRIED

08-69 Moved by Belcastro and Larouche

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND supports the resolution from the City of Port Colborne petitioning the Federal and Provincial Governments to establish a national plan to eliminate the municipal infrastructure deficit through the provision of equitable long-term funding strategies, to prepare the groundwork for effective management in the future and to undertake a comprehensive, national study,

involving all three orders of government, to determine size, scope and geographic characteristics of the municipal infrastructure deficit.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

BY-LAWS PRESENTED FOR FIRST READING:

1. Moved by Belcastro and Larouche
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND now gives leave to introduce the following proposed By-laws entitled:

04-91

BYL 2008 - 18

A By-law to accept the tender of Baron Roofing and Siding Limited for the Welland Historic Museum roof and eaves replacement.

08-13

BYL 2008 - 19

A By-law to authorize the purchase of a replacement vehicle lifting system from C.A.P. Automotive Equipment.

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BYL 2008 - 20

A By-law to appoint By-law Enforcement Officers of the Corporation of the City of Welland; and to repeal By-law 2005-151.

08-66

BYL 2008 - 21

A By-law to dissolve the Board of Park Management of the City of Welland.

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BYL 2008 - 22

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 19th day of February, 2008.

And that same be now read a first time.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS PRESENTED FOR SECOND AND THIRD READING:

2. Moved by Belcastro and Larouche

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND having read a first time and considered the By-laws listed in the foregoing motion as reproduced in this Evening's Council Agenda, be now read a second and third time and do pass, and the Mayor and Clerk do sign and seal same.

CARRIED

08-25 Moved by Belcastro and Larouche

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND meet, with the Mayor as Chair and the City Manager as Acting Deputy Clerk, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 9:25 p.m. to consider:

a) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

CARRIED

08-25 Moved by O'Dell and Belcastro

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 9:45 p.m. without report.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

In accordance with By-law 9972 as amended by By-law 2001-2 passed on January 16, 2001, Councillor(s) must submit their NOTICE OF MOTION(S) in writing no later than Wednesday, February 27, 2008 for inclusion on the next Regular Council Meeting Agenda of March 4, 2008.

Council adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

These Minutes approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 4th day of March, 2008.

MAYOR

DEPUTY CLERK