



**MINUTES OF  
COUNCIL MEETING, FEBRUARY 3, 2009**

**CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
60 EAST MAIN STREET**

Council met in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 7:00p.m. and in open session at 7:45 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, M. Dzugan, J. Larouche (until 9:30 p.m.), P. Grenier, R. Letourneau, S. O'Dell, B. Sharpe and L. Van Vliet.

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

City Manager, C. Stirtzinger

Acting City Clerk, B. Nistico-Dunk

Chief, Fire & Emergency Services, D. Prevost

General Manager, Engineering, Public Works & Transportation Services/City Engineer, S. Iannello

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

General Manager, Human Resources, R. Mantesso

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

General Manager, Planning & Development Services, D. Thorpe

Manager, Economic Development, D. Degazio (7:56 p.m. to 9: 21 p.m.)

Records Clerk, C. Viger (7:45 p.m.)

**09-25** Moved by Dzugan and Alexander

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 7:00 p.m. to consider:

- a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board;
- b) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and
- c) labour relations or employee negotiations.

**CARRIED**

**09-25** Moved by Larouche and Belcastro

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 7:30 p.m. to be reconvened following open session of City Council Meeting.

**CARRIED**

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT RECOGNITION**

Presentation of plaque by Barry Sharpe to Ron Gage.

Darcy Anger, Winter Lights Committee presented certificates to the following winners of the 2008 Winter Lighting Contest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Brad Taylor, 307 David Street; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Dave Durley, 80 Courtney Crescent;

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Paul Souder, 203 Thorold Road and People's Choice Award: Brad Taylor – 307 David Street.

## **DELEGATIONS:**

**09-28** Brian Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services, Niagara Region addressed Council regarding services Community Services provides to the residents in the Niagara Region.

**09-28** Gerry Stull, President, Quad Niagara ATV Club addressed Council regarding ATV use in the community.

## **BOARDS, AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS REPORT(S)**

**09-59** Dan Degazio, Manager, Economic Development addressed Council regarding Investing in Welland Job Creation Program and presented the Committee's recommendations. Dan Degazio, Manager, Economic Development and Mr. Frank Mete, Chair, Welland Development Commission  
Ad Hoc Committee responded to questions from Council.

## **THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS READ:**

**09-59** Dan Degazio, Manager, Economic Development regarding Investing in Welland Job Creation Program

**09-60** Report from Gen. Mgr., Planning and Development Services, D. Thorpe – Niagara Gateway Economic zone and Centres – Final Report.

## **THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE RECEIVED:**

**02-157** Gen. Mgr., Planning and Development Services, D. Thorpe – Growth Management Strategy (Niagara 2031) Region of Niagara.

**06-59** Gen. Mgr., Planning and Development Services, D. Thorpe – Condominium Approval – Seaway Pointe Developments Ltd., Part Lot 27, Concession 6, former Township of Crowland, now City of Welland, known municipally as 330 Prince Charles Drive south (File: 26CD-14-09001).

**09-3** Enrico Schirru, Principal, St. Elizabeth Catholic School – request to sell raffle and bazaar tickets in the City of Welland.

**08-143**

**09-13** Councillor Van Vliet – Notice of Motion – reopen Transit negotiations with Niagara Health System.

**09-1** 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2009.

**09-4** Councillor Van Vliet – Notice of Motion – cost of overtime for the city year to date.

**09-4** Gen. Mgr., Financial and Corp. Serv./Treasurer, B. Silvestri – 2009 Interim Tax Levy.

**09-4** A By-law to provide for the interim tax levies for the year 2009 for the City of Welland.

**09-28** Brian Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services, Niagara Region re: services Community Services provides to the residents in the Niagara Region.

**09-28** Gerry Stull, President, Quad Niagara ATV Club re: ATV use in the community.

**09-50** Councillor Van Vliet – Notice of Motion – number of employees employed for the years 1985 through 2007.

**09-52** City Manager, C. Stirtzinger re: Congratulations on the recent presidential appointment of the United States of America.

**09-54** Gen. Mgr., Planning and Development Services, D. Thorpe – Niagara Regional Housing – Providing and Advocating for Quality, Affordable Housing in Niagara Region. Municipal Profile: Welland, Ontario. A Draft Discussion Document Prepared by Niagara Regional Housing.

**09-56** Letter from Councillor Alexander re: request for endorsement for the position of Provincial Board Director – Ontario for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (F.C.M.).

**09-57** Ashely Grigg, Deputy City Clerk, City of Thorold re: resolution concerning the City of Thorold 2009 Budget.

**09-58** Ashely Grigg, Deputy City Clerk, City of Thorold re: Wage Freeze for Politicians.

**09-1** Moved by Grenier and Dzugan

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND hereby approves and adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 20, 2009, as circulated.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Alexander requested that the motion be voted upon in two parts as follow:

**02-157** Moved by Dzugan and Alexander

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND supports the adoption of Option D as the Preferred Growth Option for the Region's Growth Management Strategy (Niagara 2031) as outlined in Reports PDS-2008-71 and PDS-2009-08.

**YEAS:** Councillors Alakas, Grenier, Alexander, Letourneau, Campion, Dzugan, O'Dell, Belcastro and Mayor Goulbourne.

**NAYS:** Councillors Van Vliet and Sharpe.

**CARRIED**

**02-157** Moved by Dzugan and Alexander  
 THAT Welland City Council requests Regional Council, should it reject/amend Option D to incorporate urban area expansions in other local municipalities, to incorporate an expansion to the Welland Urban Area Boundary for the northwest area of the City; and further  
 THAT Welland City Council directs the City Clerk to forward this Resolution and accompanying Report PDS-2009-08 to the Region.

**YEAS:** Councillors Grenier, Campion, Dzugan, Van Vliet, Sharpe, Belcastro and Mayor Goulbourne.

**NAYS:** Councillors Alakas, Alexander, Letourneau and O'Dell

**CARRIED**

**06-59** Moved by Dzugan and Letourneau  
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the exemption request by Seaway Pointe Developments Ltd., for its Application for Condominium Approval for a four-storey apartment building (Phase 1 of the development) located at 330 Prince Charles Drive South in accordance with Section 9 (7) of the Condominium Act, Chapter 4, 1998, as amended; subject to the Owner providing evidence satisfactory to the City of Welland that Application for Fee Absolute has been completed; and further  
 THAT Welland City Council authorizes Staff to prepare any necessary By-laws.

**CARRIED**

**08-143**

**09-13** Moved by Van Vliet and Dzugan  
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND instructs Transit staff to reopen transportation negotiations with the Niagara Health System.

**LOST**

**09-3** Moved by Dzugan and Letourneau  
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND grants permission to St. Elizabeth Catholic School to sell raffle and bazaar tickets in the City of Welland under authority of Lottery License Nos. M395902 and M395903.

**CARRIED**

**09-4** Moved by Dzugan and Letourneau  
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND authorizes the due dates for the 2009 Interim Municipal Tax Levy as follows:

First Installment due: March 2, 2009

Second Installment due: May 1, 2009

THAT Welland City Council approves the amounts to be levied in accordance with Section 317 of the Ontario Municipal Act, that being 50% of the total levy for the year 2008. (\$33,304,925)

**CARRIED**

**09-4** Moved by Letourneau and Belcastro  
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the report by the Chair of the Budget Review Committee.

**CARRIED**

**09-28** Moved by Grenier and Alexander

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Brian Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services, Niagara Region regarding services Community Services provides to the residents in the Niagara Region.

**CARRIED**

**09-28** Moved by Alakas and Dzugan

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Gerry Stull, President, QUAD Niagara ATV Club regarding ATV use in the community.

**CARRIED**

**09-52** Moved by Dzugan and Letourneau

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND extends, on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Welland , its employees, and its citizens, their sincere congratulations to President Barack Obama on his historic election and inauguration as the President of the United States of America.

**CARRIED**

**09-54** Moved by Dzugan and Letourneau

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives Niagara Regional Housing - Providing and Advocating for Quality, Affordable Housing in Niagara Region: A Draft Discussion Document on Affordable Housing (Municipal Profile: Welland) Prepared by Niagara Regional Housing; and further THAT Welland City Council directs the City Clerk to inform Niagara Regional Housing of Council's decision.

**CARRIED**

**09-56** Moved by Dzugan and Letourneau

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND endorses the nomination bid of Councillor David Alexander for the position of Provincial Board Director – Ontario for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (F.C.M.) for the balance of the 2007-10 term of Council.

**CARRIED**

**09-57** Moved by Dzugan and Letourneau

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the correspondence from the City of Thorold, at its meeting held on January 13, 2009.

**CARRIED**

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**CARRIED**

**09-60** Moved by Dzugan and Letourneau

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives Report PDS-2009-10 – Niagara Gateway Economic Zone and Centre for information.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE**

**09-59**

Moved by Dzugan and Van Vliet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the report entitled Investing in Welland Job Creation Program prepared by the Welland Development Commission Ad Hoc Committee; and further

THAT Welland City Council approves the projects identified by the Welland Development Commission Ad Hoc Committee for Investing in Welland Job Creation; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs the City Treasurer to determine funding mechanisms such as the 2009 Federal Budget programs currently under development, or Regional debentures, etc., or the Provincial Investment Fund Grant (PIFG) for the implementation of the Investing in Welland Job Creation Program; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs staff to present for recommendation to the Budget Review Committee the remaining PIFG for Council's consideration as part of the 2009 Budget deliberations.

**CARRIED**

**BY-LAWS**

**BY-LAWS PRESENTED FOR FIRST READING:**

1. Moved by Dzugan and Letourneau

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND now gives leave to introduce the following proposed By-laws entitled:

**09-4**

BYL 2009 – 12

A By-law to provide for the interim tax levies for the year 2009 for the City of Welland.

**09-1**

BYL 2009 – 13

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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2009.

And that same be now read a first time.

**CARRIED**

**BY-LAWS PRESENTED FOR SECOND AND THIRD READING:**

2. Moved by Dzugan and Letourneau

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND having read a first time and considered the By-laws listed in the foregoing motion and, 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**

### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

**In accordance with By-law 2007-178 passed on November 27, 2007, Councillor(s) must submit their NOTICE OF MOTION(S) in writing no later than Wednesday, February 11, 2009 for inclusion on the next regular Council meeting agenda of February 17, 2009.**

Councillor Van Vliet gave Notice of Motion of the following issues to be presented to Council at the February 17, 2009 Regular Council Meeting:

**09-61**

***THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND discuss the pros and cons of reducing the Members of Council from the current 12 to 6.***

Council adjourned at 10:14 p.m. and reconvened C/W in Camera.

These Minutes approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

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**MAYOR**

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**ACTING CITY CLERK**