



MUNICIPAL HANDBOOK

CITY OF WELLAND

**Civic Square, 60 East Main Street
Welland, ON, L3B 3X4**

www.welland.ca

FOREWORD

This Municipal Handbook is a compilation of information about the City of Welland, its operations, history and other relevant information.

It is hoped that its contents are helpful and provide you with the information you are looking for.

TARA STEPHENS
City Clerk

This Municipal Handbook is current as of March 23, 2021

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL 2018 - 2022

MAYOR

Frank Campion
c/o City Hall
60 East Main Street, L3B 3X4
mayor@welland.ca

City Hall: **905-735-1700**

WARD COUNCILLORS

Ward 1

Adam Moote
adam.moote@welland.ca

Cell: **905-736-3620**

Mary Ann Grimaldi
43 McColl Drive, L3C 3L8
maryann.grimaldi@welland.ca

Res: **905-788-3498**

Ward 2

Leo Van Vliet
435 Clare Avenue, L3C 3B2
leo.vanvliet@welland.ca

Cell: **289-821-5037**

David McLeod
c/o City Hall
60 East Main Street, L3B 3X4
david.mcleod@welland.ca

Cell: **905-736-0465**

Ward 3

vacant

Cell:

John Chiocchio
6-117 Wilson Drive, L3C 1S1
john.chiocchio@welland.ca

Cell: **905-736-0240**

Ward 4

Bryan Green
bryan.green@welland.ca

Cell: **905-736-3621**

Tony DiMarco
36 Whiteoak Crescent, L3C 6E6
tony.dimarco@welland.ca

Res: **905-734-6495**

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL 2018 – 2022

Ward 5

Claudette Richard

claudette.richard@welland.ca

Cell: **905-736-1911**

Graham Speck

graham.speck@welland.ca

Cell: **905-714-6034**

Ward 6

Jim Larouche

79 St. Augustine Avenue, L3C 2K8

jim.larouche@welland.ca

Res: **905-734-3310**

Bonnie Fokkens

bonnie.fokkens@welland.ca

Cell: **905-736-0469**

REGULAR WELLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Generally, the 1st and 3rd Tuesday
of each month at 7:00 p.m.**

**Visit www.welland.ca/Council for a complete schedule of meetings of
Welland City Council.**

**WELLAND REPRESENTATIVES ON THE COUNCIL
OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**

Pat Chiocchio

160 Creekside Drive
L3C 0B4

Pat.Chiocchio@niagararegion.ca

Res: **289-228-2503**

Leanna Villella

59 Church Street
L3C 4N7

Leanna.Villella@niagararegion.ca

Res: **905-650-2198**

Mayor Frank Champion

c/o 60 East Main Street
L3B 3X4

Bus: **905-735-1700**

GENERAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Council operates under a General Committee system as well as specific Standing Committees.

All members of Council are members of General Committee.

General Committee operates under two umbrella services with a member of Council responsible for chairing respective components.

The umbrella services and their respective Chairs are as follows:

Corporate Services, David McLeod (from December 1, 2019 to November 30, 2021)

Infrastructure Services, Leo Van Vliet (until December 1, 2019 to November 30, 2020)

General Committee generally meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., as required.

Vice Mayors

The Vice Mayor is appointed by Council to assist in fulfilling functions of the Office of the Mayor as delegated by the Mayor. Members of Council are appointed on a rotational schedule periodically throughout the term of Council. The current schedule is as follows:

December 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 – Councillor Fokkens

April 1, 2021 to July 31, 2021 – Councillor Green

August 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021 – Councillor Grimaldi

**COUNCIL MEMBERS APPOINTED TO STANDING
& AD HOC COMMITTEES 2018 - 2022**

AUDIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mayor Frank Campion (ex-officio)
Vice Mayor (Chair) (see schedule on page 4)
David McLeod (*Corporate Services Chair*)
Leo Van Vliet (*Infrastructure Services Chair*)
Tony DiMarco (*Human Resources Committee Chair*)

BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

All members of Council

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Councillors Leo Van Vliet and Bonnie Fokkens

FACILITY MANAGEMENT REVIEW TEAM (Youngs Sportsplex)

Councillors Bryan Green and Adam Moote

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

Mayor Frank Campion (ex-officio), Councillors Claudette Richard and Graham Speck

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Mayor Frank Campion, Councillors Claudette Richard, Graham Speck and Tony Dimarco

**COUNCIL MEMBERS & CITIZENS APPOINTED
TO BOARDS & BODIES 2018 - 2022**

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Adam Moote, Geoff Eden, Terry Scott, Kathleen Adams, Jonathan Cecilli, Lauryne MacDonald, Judith MacLeod

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor vacant

ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor vacant, Kathleen Annable, Michael Bedard, Marla Bestward, Jeff Etling, Taylor Peebles, Also Parrotta

ATLAS LANDFILL REMEDIATION PROJECT PUBLIC LIAISON COMMITTEE

Councillor Leo Van Vliet

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Vacant

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT & COURT/COMMITTEE OF REVISION

Diane Zakraysek-Bourque, John Conlin, Wayne Ursacki

DOG CONTROL APPEAL COMMITTEE

Gary Galambos, Diane Zakraysek-Bourque, John Ingraio

EASTDALE PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE LIAISON

Councillors Vacant and Vacant

CITY OF WELLAND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Bonnie Fokkens, John Mastroianni, Bridget Krajnak, Rose Dzugan, Connie McCutcheon, Joanne Lynes

MARKET SQUARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Bonnie Fokkens, Donald Bull, Lyle Packham, Jeff Etling, Joan Kretz, Maria Thornton, Lauryne MacDonald

MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Student representatives for a one-year term & Mayor Frank Campion

NIAGARA CENTRAL AIRPORT COMMISSION

Councillors Jim Larouche, Adam Moote and Leo Van Vliet

NIAGARA REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY LIAISON

Vacant

NORTH WELLAND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Councillors Bryan Green and David McLeod, John Clark, Alanna Galeota, Doug Watson, Jeff Reuter, Mark Melloni, Dennis Rogers, Chad Scully, Cheryl Laplame

PROPERTY STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Gary Galambos, Diane Zakraysek-Bourque, John Ingraio

SENIOR CENTRE FOUNDATION LIAISON

Councillor Mary Ann Grimaldi

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor vacant, Douglas Rapelje, Carol Sernasie, Lauryne MacDonald, Joan Churchman, Rose Dzugan, Jeanine Hughes, Arthur Rendall

TOWN AND GOWN COMMITTEE

Mayor Frank Campion, Councillors Bryan Green, David McLeod and Tony DiMarco, Tara Stephens, James Cronshaw, Mark Slade, Jack Tosta, Andrew Allan, Darrell Neufeld, Gina Allan, Lianne Gagnon, Tom Price, Ronald Fordyce, Ryan Huckla, Aldo Parrotta, Tara Woronchuk, Stephen Kosh, Kately Avella

TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Van Vliet, *Infrastructure Services Chair*, William Barnes Jr., Wendy Barnes, Melissa Glashan, Charles Owen, Judy MacLeod, Aldo Parrotta

WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Carol Sernasie, Jeff Etling, Margaret Molland, James Takeo, Amy Datema

WELLAND ARENAS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Tony DiMarco, Cliff Durant, Doug Mathews, Terry Neal, Shawn Kelley, Chris Siddall

WELLAND COMMUNITY WELLNESS COMPLEX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor John Chiocchio

WELLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

Mayor Frank Champion; City of Welland Chief Administrative Officer, Steve Zorbas; Councillors Jim Larouche, Bonnie Fokkens and Graham Speck; Ross Peever; Roy Timms; Mike Belcastro; David Veres; Mike Melinyshyn; Mark Melloni

WELLAND DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Councillors Claudette Richard and Bonnie Fokkens, Dolores Bujold Wright, Brenda Herchmer, Kelly Jones, Alyssa Adams, Leslie Robichaud, Glen Bowes, Cory Cruise

WELLAND HYDRO-ELECTRIC HOLDING CORP.

Mayor Frank Champion, Wayne Armstrong, Tim Clutterbuck, Mario Falvo, Cathy Bassi

WELLAND HYDRO-ELECTRIC SYSTEM CORP.

Councillor Jim Larouche, Wayne Armstrong, Tim Clutterbuck, John Kwekkeboom, Mario Falvo, Peter Inman, Mayor Frank Champion, Cathy Bassi

WELLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Councillor vacant, Lindsay Bryan, Melanie Gross Kerho, Fred Sullivan, Carolyn Fast, Melissa McGlashan, Tina Tuyl, Lee Gordyn

WELLAND ROSE FESTIVAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Claudette Richard, Sandy Mocsan, Mark Goodfield, Cathy Jolliffe, Patti Goodfield

WELLAND ROSE FESTIVAL INC.

Councillor Claudette Richard
Executive: Sandy Mocsan, President; Mark Goodfield, 1st Vice President; Vacant 2nd Vice President; Cathy Jolliffe, Treasurer; Patti Goodfield, Secretary

WELLAND SAFE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

WINTER LIGHTS COMMITTEE LIAISON

Mayor Frank Champion

**COUNCIL MEMBERS APPOINTED TO REGIONAL
AD HOC COMMITTEES 2018 - 2022**

HUMBERSTONE LANDFILL SITE PUBLIC LIAISON COMMITTEE

Councillor Jim Larouche

TRANSPORTATION STEERING COMMITTEE

Councillor Leo Van Vliet

LINKING NIAGARA TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mayor Frank Campion and Councillor Leo Van Vliet

**MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS at City Hall, 60 East Main Street
Welland, ON L3B 3X4 (unless otherwise noted)**

MAYOR'S OFFICE - Second Floor
mayor@welland.ca **905-735-1700** Fax: **905-735-1543**

Frank Campion, Mayor
Theresa Ettore, Administrative Assistant Ext. 2101

OFFICE OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER - Second Floor
cao@welland.ca **905-735-1700** Fax: **905-735-1543**

Vacant, CAO
Anna Smith, Administrative Assistant Ext. 2122
Laura Eden, Law Clerk (Fax: **905-734-7530**) Ext. 2281
vacant, Corporate Communications and Marketing Ext. 2337
Coordinator
Jane Walker-Scott, Multimedia Designer Ext. 2339
❖ *General administration*
❖ *Policy advice & co-ordination*
❖ *Organizational alignment*
❖ *Strategic & business planning*
❖ *Corporate Communications*

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Second Floor
edc@welland.ca **905-735-1700** Fax: **905-735-1543**
Direct line: **905-735-3771**

vacant, Director, Economic Development
Lina DeChellis, Economic Development Officer Ext. 2111
vacant, Economic Development Researcher Ext. 2132
❖ *Primary city contact to the business community
for those contemplating establishment or
expansion of business activities in the City*
❖ *Promotes the City as a location for new business*
❖ *Provides information to business community to
support its endeavours*

CORPORATE SERVICES

Main Floor **905-735-1700** Fax: **905-732-1919**

Steve Zorbas, General Manager, Corporate Services/Chief Financial Officer
Nicci Hingley, Administrative Assistant Ext. 2171

FINANCE DIVISION

finance@welland.ca

Elizabeth Pankoff, Manager, Budgets & Financial Reporting/Deputy Treasurer

Michael Lostracco, Revenue Services Coordinator

Anka Vuksan Scott, Capital & Payables Manager

Dan Harlan, Senior Financial Analyst Ext. 2201

Briar Rendell, Senior Accounting Clerk Ext. 2207

Janet Ferland, Tax Clerk Ext. 2184

Donny D’Innocenzo, Utilities Clerk Ext. 2185

Miranda Nemes, Financial Analyst Ext. 2195

Jenna Northcott, Accounts Receivable Clerk Ext. 2181

Kelly Menard, Utilities Clerk Ext. 2194

Mary Benincasa, Finance Clerk Ext. 2178

Alicia Azzarelli, Finance Clerk Ext.2179

Susan Bryan, Accounting Clerk Ext. 2176

❖ *Payment of taxes, water bills, and all other services*

❖ *Tax and Water Certificates*

❖ *Payment of parking tickets*

❖ *Budget preparation* ❖ *Accounts payable*

❖ *Payment of General Accounts Receivable*

TRANSIT DIVISION

75 Federal Road, L3B 3P2

transit@welland.ca **905-735-1700 Ext. 3101 Fax: 905-732-9422**

Dave Stuart, Transit Manager

Richard Bendell, Transit Office Coordinator Ext. 3031

Jonathan Galipeau, Transit Supervisor *Specialized Services* Ext. 3034

William Murphy, Transit Supervisor Ext. 3034

Monica Stauch, Transit Office Clerk Ext.3033

❖ *Operations and administration for provision of Transit and*

❖ *Schedule, route and fare information*

❖ *Bus charters*

❖ *Bus maintenance*

WELLTRANS (formerly HANDI-TRANS)

905-732-4181 or 905-735-1700 Ext. 3102 Fax: **905-732-9422**

Alicia Moore, Coordinator

❖ *Provide transportation for people with mobility impairments*

❖ *Charters*

TRANSCAB 905-735-4500

❖ *Transportation to and from the outlying areas of Cooks Mills, Dain City, Quaker Road, Hunter’s Pointe, and Fitch Street area*

BROCK LINK

- ❖ *Bus service from Welland Terminal to Niagara College and Brock University with connections to St. Catharines Transit and Niagara Transit at Brock*

NIAGARA SPECIALIZED TRANSIT 905-980-6000

Service provided by Regional Niagara

- ❖ *Provide transportation for medical appointments throughout the Niagara Region*
- ❖ *Client's must register through the Region*

RECREATION AND CULTURE DIVISION

WELLAND COMMUNITY WELLNESS COMPLEX

145 Lincoln Street, L3B 4M6

905-735-1700 Fax: **905-732-6187**

Richard Dalton, Manager, Recreation and Cultural Services	
Amanda Degazio, Supervisor Customer Service/Administration	Ext. 4008
Kim Warner, Facilities Scheduling Clerk	Ext. 4005
Ryanne Hale, Community Recreation Coordinator	Ext. 4010
vacant, Community Development/ Volunteer Coordinator	Ext. 4012
Jessica Duliban, Customer Service Clerk	Ext. 4000/4001
Kim Leney, Customer Service Clerk	Ext. 4000/4001
vacant, Arts & Culture Coordinator	Ext. 4032

Call extension **4000** to inquire about the following services:

- ❖ *Parks, playing field, and facility reservations*
- ❖ *Recreation programs for children, youth, adults, and older adults*
- ❖ *Aquatic programs*
- ❖ *Children's Summer Camp programs*
- ❖ *Community development*
- ❖ *Special event planning*
- ❖ *Welland Farmer's Market*
- ❖ *Volunteer resources, opportunities and recognition*
- ❖ *Leisure Guide Publication*
- ❖ *Advertising opportunities*

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

HUMAN RESOURCES - Second Floor

hr@welland.ca **905-735-1700** Fax: **905-734-7608**

Andrea Daisley, Manager of Human Resources	
Sandra Cook, Health, Safety & Wellness Specialist	
Samantha Burkholder, Human Resources Coordinator	Ext. 2271
Brooke Iannuzzelli, Human Resources Coordinator	Ext. 2139
Georgeta Ivanescu, Payroll Coordinator	Ext. 2173
Jennefer Driver, Payroll Clerk	Ext. 2335

- ❖ *Recruiting*
- ❖ *Labour Relations*

- ❖ *Benefits and Salary Administration*
- ❖ *Health & Safety*
- ❖ *Workplace Safety and Insurance Board*
- ❖ *Payroll*

CLERKS

clerk@welland.ca **905-735-1700** Fax: **905-732-1919**

Tara Stephens, City Clerk	Ext. 2159
Laura Bubanko, Deputy Clerk	Ext. 2280
Cindy Viger, Legislative Assistant	Ext. 2152
Stacey Coleman, Vital Statistics and Customer Service Clerk II	Ext. 2154
Jenifer Medcalf, Vital Statistics and Customer Service Clerk I	Ext. 2155
Cheryl Pieroway, Receptionist/Switchboard	Dial 0

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| ❖ <i>Correspondence for Council</i> | ❖ <i>Civil Marriages</i> |
| ❖ <i>Marriage Licenses</i> | ❖ <i>Municipal Clearance</i> |
| ❖ <i>Registration of Deaths and Stillbirths</i> | ❖ <i>Land Use Notices</i> |
| ❖ <i>Elections and Voters' List</i> | ❖ <i>Lottery Licenses</i> |
| ❖ <i>Freedom of Information Requests</i> | ❖ <i>Corporate Communications</i> |
| ❖ <i>City Hall Switchboard and Reception</i> | |
| ❖ <i>Assessment and Local Improvement Information</i> | |

INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION

is@welland.ca **905-735-1700** Fax: **905-732-1919**

Scott Barnes, IS Manager/Network Administrator
 Sam Catalfamo, Service Desk Analyst
 Terri Sheppard, Computer Analyst/Webmaster
 Bernard Efevwie, Computer Analyst/Network & Support Specialist
 James Leitch, G.I.S. Co-ordinator
 Gregg Rodgers, Computer Analyst/Senior Programmer
 David Van Koughnett, Mechanical Management Technician

- ❖ *Computer Systems Implementation and Support*
- ❖ *Website development and maintenance*
- ❖ *GIS Mapping, Data, and Services*

INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Second Floor **905-735-1700** Fax: **905-734-9952**

Irene McDonald, Administrative Assistant Ext. 2241

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Second Floor
 devserv@welland.ca **905-735-1700** Fax: **905-735-8772**

Grant Munday, Interim Director of Development & Building Services
 Rachelle Larocque, Interim Manager of Planning

vacant, Manager of Policy Planning
Nicholas Aiello, Policy Planner
Christine Rossetto, Planning Assistant,
Secretary – Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment
Michael Horsley, Planning Technician II / Site Plan Co-ordinator
Christopher Mazzuca, Planning Technician II / Site Plan Co-ordinator
Vickie Lafleur, Customer Service Clerk Ext. 2251
❖ *Official Plan - Zoning By-law Amendments*
❖ *Industrial and Commercial Developments*
❖ *Site Plan Approvals*
❖ *Subdivision and Condominium Approvals*
❖ *Committee of Adjustment/Variances/Consents*
❖ *Sale of City lands*
❖ *Brownfield Redevelopment*

BUILDING AND INSPECTIONS DIVISION

Second Floor **905-735-1700** Fax: **905-735-8772**

Jack Tosta, Chief Building Official
Megan Paterson, Development Services Secretary Ext. 2257
Tom Ferguson, Building Insp/Property Standards Officer
Silvestro Ravenda, Building Insp/Property Standards Officer
Gary Graziani, Building Insp/Property Standards Officer
Jennifer McRae, Plan Examiner
Tony Ranalli, Building Services Technician
❖ *Permits for Buildings, Plumbing, Structures* ❖ *SWAP Program*
❖ *Plan Review of Applications for Permits*
❖ *Field Inspection of Permit Construction* ❖ *Property Standards Enforcement*

ENGINEERING DIVISION

Second Floor
eng@welland.ca **905-735-1700** Fax: **905-735-7184**

vacant, General Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services

ENGINEERING ADMINISTRATIVE/CLERICAL SERVICES

Second Floor
Sherri-Marie Miller, Interim Director of Engineering & Public Works
Laurie Mack-Craig, Engineering Clerk Ext. 2221
Claudia Polce, Engineering Clerk Ext. 2204
Sherry Morissette, Engineering Office & Municipal Projects Clerk Ext. 3012
Matthew Main, Engineering Design Supervisor
Ahmad Ahmad, Engineering Technician I
Ken Daniels, Engineering Technician II
Scott Richardson, Engineering – Development Supervisor
vacant, Infrastructure Planning & Development Supervisor
Mike Kowalczyk, Infrastructure Planner

Stephanie De Cicco, Construction Services Coordinator

- ❖ *Design, tenders for all Public Work Projects*
- ❖ *Preparation of contract documents*
- ❖ *Survey layout, field inspections for construction projects*
- ❖ *Administration of all Public Works contracts*
- ❖ *Purchasing of goods and services*
- ❖ *Engineering design review and approvals, inspections & admin of Public Works services in subdivisions & other development proposals*
- ❖ *Infrastructure Analysis and Reconstruction Planning Programs*

FACILITIES DIVISION

905-735-1700 Fax: **905-735-6446**

Jerry Rossi, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor

- ❖ *Maintenance and operation of all city facilities*

TRAFFIC/PARKING DIVISION

traffic@welland.ca **905-735-1700**

Ali Khan, Parking & Traffic Supervisor

- ❖ *Coordination, mgt and admin of traffic/parking operations*
- ❖ *Planning and implementation of transportation/traffic/parking studies*
- ❖ *Infrastructure analysis and reconstruction planning programs*
- ❖ *Traffic operations (traffic signage designation)*
- ❖ *Traffic/Parking By-laws*

Mark Slade, Traffic & Parking Operations Technician

- ❖ *Coordination, management and administration of school Crossing Guards Program*
- ❖ *Parking meter/machine and parking lot inquiries*
- ❖ *Parking prohibition designation*

James Cronshaw, Senior By-Law Enforcement/Licensing Officer

Adam White, By-Law Enforcement/Licensing Officer

Jeff Petruzzo, By-Law Enforcement/Licensing Officer

Judy Culp, By-law Clerk

Ext. 2224

- ❖ *General City Business Licenses and Inspections*
- ❖ *By-law Enforcement*
- ❖ *Weed Control*
- ❖ *Parking Prohibition Enforcement*

PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

Municipal Service Centre **905-735-1700** Fax: **905-735-6446**

99 Federal Road, L3B 6C2

After Hours Calls **905-735-1700**

Dispatcher Ext. 3000

Vince Beaudoin, Manager, Public Works

Ray Chamberlain, General Foreman, Public Works

Adam Beres, Manager of Fleet, Equipment and Purchasing
Vicki Lafford-Field, Purchasing Agent

- ❖ *Maintenance of all Public Works services (storm and sanitary sewers, waterworks, roadways, boulevards, sidewalks, traffic signs, etc.)*
- ❖ *Snowploughing and sanding operations*
- ❖ *Street lighting recommendations*
- ❖ *Maintenance management and administration*
- ❖ *Fleet maintenance, management and administration*
- ❖ *Purchasing*

Peter Boyce, Interim Manager of Parks, Facilities & Canal Lands

Carmen Guglielmi, Facilities Foreman

Craig Bowery, Forestry Foreman

Dave Stevens, Cemeteries & Special Events Foreman

- ❖ *Tree planting and maintenance on City boulevards and parks*
- ❖ *Woodlawn and Doans Ridge Cemeteries*
- ❖ *Management and maintenance cemetery plot sales*
- ❖ *Outdoor ice rinks*
- ❖ *Facilities Maintenance*

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

FOR EMERGENCY CALLS DIAL 9-1-1

fire@welland.ca **905-735-9922** Fax: **905-732-2818**

King Street Fire Hall

636 King Street, L3B 3L1 (Administration)

Adam Eckhart, Chief, Fire & Community Emergency Management Coordinator

Tanya Lamb, Administrative Assistant

Ext. 2402

vacant, Deputy Fire Chief

Matt Richardson, Director of Fire Prevention

Ron VanHell, Fire Prevention Officer

Andrew Allan, Fire Prevention Officer

Michael Atkins, Fire Prevention Officer

Paula Albano, Fire Prevention Admin. Assistant

Ext. 2403

Peter Mazza, Director of Training

Greg Dempster, Fire Training Officer

OTHER BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.

NORTH WELLAND IMPROVEMENT AREA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

John Clark, Chair

c/o 800 Niagara St., Welland, ON L3C 5Z4

905-788-9474

WELLAND DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT AREA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Kelly Jones, Chair

Alexis Higginbotham, Executive Director

195 East Main Street, Unit 4c, Welland, ON L3B 3W7

905-736-2884

WELLAND HYDRO-ELECTRIC HOLDING CORP.

Wayne Armstrong, President and C.E.O.

950 East Main Street, P.O. Box 280

Welland, L3B 5P6

905-732-1381

Fax: 905-732-0123

WELLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Julianne Brunet, Chief Executive Officer

50 The Boardwalk, Welland, L3C 5R7

905-734-6210

Fax: 905-734-8955

EDUCATION

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

191 Carlton St., St. Catharines, ON L2R 7P4

Mr. Warren Hoshizaki, Director of Education

Sue Barnett, Chair

Kevin Maves, Chair

Welland Trustee: Sue Barnett

905-641-1550

Fax: 905-685-8511

CONSEIL SCOLAIRE DE DISTRICT DU CENTRE SUD-OUEST

116 Cornelius Parkway, Toronto, ON M6L 2K5

Ms. Gyslaine Hunter- Perreault, Director of Education

1-888-538-1702

Fax: 416-397-2047

Welland Trustee: Veronique Emery

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

427 Rice Road. Welland, ON L3C 7C1

Mr. John Crocco, Director of Education

905-735-0240

Fax: 905-735-8807

Frank Fera, Chair

Welland Trustee: Paul Turner

CONSEIL SCOLAIRE DE DISTRICT CATHOLIQUE CENTRE

110 Drewry Avenue, Toronto, ON M2M 1C8

Rejean Sirois, Director of Education

1-800-274-3764

Fax: 416-397-6576

André Blais, Superintendent of Education

Melinda Chartrand, President

Welland Trustee: Jo-Ann Thibodeau

BROCK UNIVERSITY1812 Sir Isaac Brock Way St. Catharines, ON
L2S 3A1

905-688-5550

NIAGARA COLLEGE (WELLAND CAMPUS)300 Woodlawn Road, Welland, ON
L3C 7L3

905-735-2211

PROVINCIAL

Jeff Burch, M.P.P.

Welland Office

905-732-6884

Toronto Office

416-325-3990

Family Court

905-735-0010

Land Registry Office

905-684-6351

Ministry of the Environment

905-704-3900

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

1-866-296-6722

Niagara Regional Housing

905-682-9201

Niagara Regional Detention Centre

905-227-6321

Ontario Court of Justice - General Division, Judge's Office

905-735-0010

Probation Service

905-735-1660

Provincial Judge's Office

905-732-2493

Sheriff's Office

905-735-0010

FEDERAL

Vance Badeway M.P.

Constituency Office

905-788-2204

Ottawa Office

613-995-0988

Public Works Canada Administrative Officer

416-512-5620

St. Lawrence Seaway Authority, 508 Glendale Ave., St. Catharines

905-835-5441

WELLAND, ONTARIO

The City of Welland is the outgrowth of a settlement which commenced about the year 1788, when a scattering of farms between what we now know as Quaker Road and South Pelham Street, along the Welland River came to be. Near Welland's eastern boundary, on Lyons Creek Road, is a cairn, plain and unpretentious, that marks one of the most interesting episodes in the history of this Continent. It marks the spot where two centuries ago, the forces of the United States and those of Canada met for the last time in armed

conflict.

The Battle of Cooks Mills saw invaders burn down Niagara and half of Fort Erie. In mid-October a small army was sent out from the Fort to take Cooks Mills for what grain and flour the Cook Brother's Mills along Lyons Creek might contain. The Canadian forces under the Marquis of Tweeddale, met the invaders a short distance east of the Mills. The battle lasted two days without decisive results. On the third day, the 20th of October 1814, the Americans withdrew to the Fort and on the following day crossed the Niagara River to Buffalo and the war was over. The Battle ended an epoch of suspicion and enmity and opened another one of peace, understanding and goodwill.

The story of the inland waterways of Canada is one of progress, from the early explorers and settlers to the present, when agriculture and industry place Canada as a leader among the nations of the world, thus focusing great emphasis on its lakes and canals. It was on St. Andrew's Day, 1824, that a small company of men gathered near the junction of Holland Road and Canboro Road and one of them turned the sod. Then they adjourned to dine at the Black Horse Tavern, half a mile away. That sod-turning marked the beginning of the Welland Ship Canal and the man who turned it was Mr. George Keefer, President of the Welland Canal Company. A stamp commemorating this event and honouring William Hamilton Merritt, who initiated the construction of the first Welland Canal, was issued on November 30, 1974.

In 1829, when a wooden aqueduct was built to carry the Welland Canal over the Welland River, a true urban presence of settlement came to be around that location. The settlement was called Aqueduct or The Aqueduct. On November 14, 1844, following the replacing of the wooden Aqueduct by one of stone, the name was changed to Merrittsville to honour the Honourable William Merritt. The settlement was incorporated as the Village of Welland on July 24, 1858. Incorporation as a Town took place on January 1, 1878, and as a City on July 1, 1917.

The City of Welland is located in the centre of the Niagara Region and is approximately seventy-five minutes from Toronto and thirty minutes from Buffalo, New York.

As a shipping transportation node, Welland is the centre link of the Welland Ship Canal between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario joining the ports of the rest of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway Authority to other Canadian, American and international destinations.

In addition, the dissecting of the City by the Welland Ship Canal, the Welland River, and the Welland Recreational Waterway provides an interesting geographic and island-like feature of bridges, tunnels, trails, water and routes for the enjoyment of citizens, recreationalists, and travellers alike.

Along the Welland Recreational Waterway is a unique trail system, island, parks, and recreation and entertainment venues.

Rail linkage to major centres in Canada and the U.S. is provided by Trillium Railway Co.

Ltd., the Canadian National Railway, and the Canadian Pacific Railway. The Niagara Central Airport provides sight-seeing and private charter service to both business and leisure travellers to destinations in southern Ontario and the U.S. as well as accommodating both freight and private passenger aircraft.

Niagara Region is blessed with vast fruit orchards, vineyards and vegetable gardens which has resulted in the Region being referred to as the "Garden of Canada". There are over 462 acres of fine parks and one of the finest Rose Gardens in the Province. The Rose Garden, with others privately-owned, has earned Welland the appellation of "Rose City", a title officially confirmed by resolution of City Council on October 18, 1921.

In 1991 Council adopted Rose #K0802647 as Welland's Official Rose. The colour variation of yellow, red and orange was deemed appropriate by the selection committee as it represented Welland's blend of cultures.

In addition to its many Parks, Welland is home to public and private tennis courts, a skate board park, three outdoor swimming pools, two wading pools, a splash pool and two splash pads, lighted and unlighted baseball fields, two artificial ice arenas with a main arena capacity of 4,200 and a seating capacity of 2,049, several golf courses, and an 8-sheet artificial ice curling rink.

Geographically, Welland is 575 feet (175.3m) above sea level and its latitude is 42° 59.400'N and longitude is 79° 15.600'W. The average annual temperature is 47.3°F (8.5°C), with the coldest month averaging 40.5°F (-4.7°C), and the warmest averaging 70.5°F (21.4°C). The average annual precipitation (snow being expressed as water equivalent) is approximately 39 inches (99cm), of which the average rainfall is 33 inches (83.84cm) and average snowfall is 60.2 inches (152.9cm).

Since incorporation as a City on July 1, 1917, the first expansion of City boundaries took place on January 1, 1950, when approximately 300 acres of Thorold Township were annexed to the City. The annexed area comprised those lands west from First Avenue to the centre line of Willson Road, north to the centre line of Thorold Road and south to the Welland River.

During 1957, the City of Sorel, Quebec, and the City of Welland, Ontario, became Twin Cities. A group of citizens and civic leaders from the City of Welland visited Sorel in 1957, 1964, 1969, 1973 and 1978, and a similar group from Sorel visited Welland in 1958, 1967, 1971, 1975 and 1979.

The City of Welland became 100 years old on July 24, 1958, and duly celebrated from July 21 to July 28, inclusive, by having special Church services, sports events of all kinds, a Mardi Gras, Band Tattoo, and finally a grand parade. Special lighting on the main streets welcomed the guests home.

Nineteen hundred fifty-eight was a red letter year for the Mayor and Council of the City of Welland, as they were presented with a Chain of Office for the Mayor by the Sawle Syndicate, in memory of the late David Ross, who was the father of the late Mrs. G.R.T.

Sawle. Mr. David Ross came to Welland in 1878 and from 1881 to 1933 was in public office most every year, being an Alderman, Mayor, Chairman of the Public School Board, a member of the Board of Education and the Parks Board.

In 1960, the City of Welland made application to the Ontario Municipal Board to annex 4,074 acres of the Township of Crowland, 2,311 acres of the Township of Thorold, 273 acres of the Township of Pelham and 50 acres of the Township of Humberstone. The hearing was held on the 10th day of May, 1960, and their decision was reserved. On October 3, 1960, the Board gave a favourable decision, plus 273 additional acres from the Township of Pelham, increasing the area of the City of Welland to 8,628 acres effective January 1, 1961. The population of the enlarged City was 36,094.

Welland participated with the rest of Canada during 1967, with continuing program of events to mark the 100th anniversary of Confederation. The City's Centennial Project, a \$175,000.00 Youth Arena was officially opened on Wednesday, November 1, 1967.

On June 9, 1967, a sod-turning ceremony marked the start of construction of an 8.3 mile channel to relocate the Welland Ship Canal from the City's core, easterly a distance of approximately 1 1/2 miles. On December 15, 1972, the bridges over the Welland Ship Canal in the city of Welland came down permanently as navigation on this channel closed forever.

The new channel which opened for shipping on April 1, 1973, and officially opened with appropriate ceremonies on July 14, 1973, had a dramatic effect upon all aspects of Welland's continued growth and expansion.

On Thursday, January 23, 1969, at the historic Niagara Town Hall, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, The Honourable W. Darcy McKeogh, outlined plans for Regional Government in the Niagara Peninsula.

A second tier of government, known as the Regional Municipality of Niagara, replacing the two County Councils, took office on January 1, 1970. The twenty-four municipalities in Lincoln and Welland Counties were consolidated into twelve. The City of Welland annexed half of Crowland Township, a large area of Humberstone Township and a small portion of Thorold Township.

Effective July 1, 1975, approximately 50 acres of the City of Thorold were annexed to the City of Welland. This boundary adjustment was made so that all the Niagara Regional Agricultural Society Fairgrounds would lie within the City of Welland.

Effective January 1, 1986, 6.5 acres of the Town of Pelham were annexed to the City of Welland. This addition brought the entire Summerlea Subdivision within the City.

This latest annexation increased the total area of the City of Welland to 21,260.5 acres, or 33.219 square miles, being 8,603.805 ha. or 86.039 km².

On January 1, 1977, the City of Welland assumed responsibility for the operation of the Welland Transit System. The System had been previously operated by private contractors, with municipal subsidy.

In 1982, the City of Welland opened its new Municipal Service Centre on Federal Road. This Centre, built at a cost of \$2,326,188.00, provides accommodation for the Works, Parks and Water Departments, previously housed at three locations, in different areas of the City.

In 1983, Welland celebrated its 125th Anniversary of Incorporation. A Council Committee organized a series of events during a special period of celebration, July 21 to 24, and a Special Council meeting was held in the Court House on the Anniversary of the first Council Meeting, September 27. A Souvenir Booklet was produced and a Commemorative Plate was sold to honour this momentous occasion in the life of this Community.

In 1984, Welland joined in Ontario's Bicentennial celebrations. With the co-operation of local organizations, supported in part by Provincial funding, many events were held to mark this historic occasion, highlighted by a visit of two Tall Ships and performances by Ontario's Bicentennial Showcase at the Welland Arena.

Built with the assistance of the Provincial Government, under their Commercial Area Improvement Program, Welland's new Market Square Building, adjoining the present City Market, was officially opened on November 15, 1986.

One of the keys to Welland's success as a community is its wealth of dedicated volunteers, energetically working behind the scenes. In 1988, these volunteers came to the forefront of some major initiatives aimed at revitalizing downtown and promoting tourism throughout the City.

Welland's Festival of Arts brought in artists from across Canada to create "larger than life" murals on numerous buildings in strategic locations throughout the City. These colour murals warmly portray various aspects of Welland's history, heritage and culture.

Nineteen hundred eighty-eight also saw the commencement of construction of a \$2.9 million Community Sports Complex located on Welland's north side adjacent to the Niagara Regional Exhibition Grounds. The Complex features 2 slow-pitch diamonds and a 2,500 seat capacity stadium and major League size ball field.

In June 1998, at the invitation of the Mayor of Tongxiang, Mayor Reuter and others travelled to China to evaluate the potential for a partnership agreement between the two cities and to explore economic opportunities for the City of Welland, its industries and investors, and for other industries in the Niagara Region. In December 1998, the City of Welland and Regional Niagara entered into a partnering relationship with Tongxiang, The People's Republic of China, to foster an exchange of information with respect to the automotive, textile and electrical industries as well as in the areas of agriculture, tourism,

culture, education and technology. Civic leaders, citizens of Welland and Regional Niagara representatives hosted a delegation from Tongxiang, China in 2002.

In 1990, the City constructed the Rose City Seniors Centre which brought together into one modern facility various senior organizations for common pursuits. With program assistance from the City's Recreation Department this facility is a constant bustle of activity and the envy of many communities.

Nineteen hundred ninety-three saw an anchor attraction come to downtown Welland when the City constructed the Welland Transit Terminal. This facility is the connecting focus for local, regional and transcontinental public transportation. The success of this facility was immediate as links between Niagara College and Brock University emerged; as well, major transcontinental public transit carriers began using Welland as a transfer point.

Economic resurgence continued throughout the mid 1990's both in the private and public sector as Welland's strength and resources in the emerging technology of call centres brought a competitive edge to the City for enticing new businesses to Welland. By 1998, there were seven (7) major call centres located within the City, creating with them a total of 640 new jobs. As well, there are state of the art training labs at local high schools and Niagara College to provide employment training.

Meanwhile, in the public sector in 1998, Niagara College opened a 117 unit student residence complex at its Welland Campus. The Welland Arena also saw major renovations adding administrative offices and meeting room facilities to the front of the Welland Arena.

The year 2000 saw significant expansion in the City's industrial sector with John Deere adding some 88,000 square feet of new space, GDX (Gencor) adding some 18,000 square feet of new space and Premier Refractories / Vesuvius consolidating its operations to Welland and adding some 30,000 square feet of space to its Prince Charles location. The additions to John Deere and GDX (Gencor) were the first capital expansions to these plants in over 25 years.

The 2001 Municipal Elections made local history when the City of Welland elected its first female Mayor. Mayor Cindy Forster was sworn into office December 1, 2000.

Following the transfer of lands from the Federal Government to the City, the Welland Recreational Canal Corporation (WRCC) was established in 2001. The WRCC reports to Council and its members are appointed by Council. The WRCC Board of Directors is made up of nine people; three members of council and six citizens. The mandate of the WRCC is to be the "stewards" of the Recreational Waterway – to improve, develop, and protect the Welland Recreational Waterway.

In response to new technology and industry, Welland has developed new industrial sites to replace old technologies. The latest industrial development park was named "Harry W. Diffin Industrial Park" on the 20th day of May, 2003 in honour of Harry Diffin, long time Alderman and Mayor and development proponent. Subsequently, on December 30, 2003,

Harry Diffin passed away in his 94th year.

The completion of construction of the new Civic Square in 2005 was an integral step towards the revitalization of the downtown core. The Civic Square consists of City Hall and the Welland Public Library, and is approximately 71,258 square feet. The official opening on June 28, 2005 was well attended by citizens and dignitaries as it took the will of three Councils and three Mayors to see the start and finish of this wonderful addition to Welland's downtown. As well as being a very open and functional building, featured in the prestigious January 2007 edition of the Canadian Architect magazine, it also proudly serves as a gateway for residents and visitors alike for festival events between the Market Square, Downtown, and Merritt Island.

The City of Welland celebrated its 150th Anniversary on July 24, 2008 with many events and activities arranged by a Committee of Council. According to the Canadian Census the 2011 population of Welland was 50,631.

**CITY OF WELLAND
HEADS OF COUNCIL**

Anderson, E.J.....	1925, 1926, 1927, 1928
Bald, Wm. A.....	1862, 1864
Best, W.J.....	1897, 1903, 1904, 1917
Betts, Moses.....	1865, 1867, 1870
Bradley, F.J.....	1931, 1932
Brennan, A.J.J.....	1919
Brown, F.M.....	1929, 1930
Brown, Thomas F.....	1891, 1892
Burgar, George H.....	1893, 1894
Burgar, J. H.....	1880, 1881, 1882, 1888, 1889
Campion, Frank.....	2014 to present
Crow, J..H.....	1907, 1908, 1915, 1916
Crowther, W.H.....	1909, 1910
Diffin, H.W.....	1948, 1949, 1950
Diffin, J.C.....	1921
Forster, Cindy.....	2000, 2001, 2002, 2003
Garner, L.V.....	1908
Glasgow, S.H.....	1895, 1896
Goodwin, John.....	1913, 1914
Goulbourne, Damian.....	2003 to 2010
Griffith, Alex.....	1897, 1912
Griffith, Herbert.....	1885
Hardy, Roland.....	May 23, 1984 to 1991
Hellems, John.....	1859, 1860
Hendershot, A.....	1876, 1877, 1878
Hill, A.G.....	1869, 1871, 1872, 1873
Hobson, George.....	1886, 1890, 1891
Hodges, James.....	1892
Hooker, Daniel D.....	1898, 1899
Hooker, I.H.....	1884
Hooker, Thaddeus W.....	1861, 1864, 1866, 1868, 1879, 1883
Hughes, James A.....	1922, 1923, 1924
Jeffery, W.D.....	1885
Johnson, D.A.....	1884
Joyce, John R.....	1938, 1939
Lamont, Stewart.....	1882

Lewis, T.H.....	1940 to 1945
Macoomb, G.J.	November 19, 1958 to 1960
McCaw, Daniel	1858
McCollum, J.R.	1900
McCrae, A.L.....	1953 to November 18, 1958
Michener, Norman G.	1936, 1937
Morwood, R.	1863, 1881, 1883, 1886, 1887
Pearson, George.	1961 to 1964
Perenack, Michael	1958, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964
Pietz, Allan E.	1965 to 1978
Pietz, Paul E.	1959 to 1969
Price, James H.	1874, 1875
Pursel, L.H.	1913
Reilly, C.H.....	1901, 1902
Reuter, Jon Richard.....	1991 to 2000
Richardson, J.....	1887
Ross, David	1888, 1889, 1890
Santone, Peter J.....	1952 to 1957
Sharpe, Barry.....	2010 to 2014
Sidney, S.J.....	1893, 1894
Springer, Frank.....	1933, 1934, 1935
Stranges, Eugene F.....	1979 to May 22, 1984
Sutherland, George W.....	1905, 1906, 1911, 1912, 1920
Swayze, Fletcher	1879, 1880, 1884
Swayze, G.B.....	1898
Taylor, A.E.....	1895, 1896
Thomas, David J.....	1951, 1952
Vaughan, Mark	1915, 1916, 1917, 1918
Walker, H.W.	1946, 1947
Williams, A.....	1878