



# **NOTICE**

**THE MAYOR HAS CALLED  
A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**AT 6:05 P.M.**

***TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019***

**IN THE COUNCIL ANTE ROOM – CIVIC SQUARE  
TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:**

- **PROPOSED OR PENDING ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF LAND BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD.**
  - *Rice Road Update.*
- **LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD.**
  - *Welland Tennis Club.*

**AND**

**IN OPEN SESSION  
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC SQUARE**

**TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, AND BY-LAWS**

*per* **Tara Stephens,  
City Clerk**



**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**  
**Tuesday, April 23, 2019**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CIVIC SQUARE**

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1. **OPEN SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (6:05 p.m.)**  
**(See yellow tab)**
  - Proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board:
    - *Rice Road Update.*
  - Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board:
    - *Welland Tennis Club.*
  
2. **ARISE FROM COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (IN-CAMERA) (6:55 P.M.)**
  
3. **OPEN SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (7:00 p.m.)**
  - 3.1 **CALL UPON THE CITY CLERK TO REVIEW COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE ITEMS (IN-CAMERA) TO BE ADDED TO BLOCK**
  
  - 3.2 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**
  
  - 3.3 **COUNCILLORS TO DETERMINE AGENDA ITEMS AND BY-LAWS TO BE REMOVED FROM BLOCK FOR DISCUSSION IN COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (OPEN) (See pink tab)**
  
4. **ORAL REPORTS AND DELEGATIONS**
  - 2.1 **PRESENTATION(S) - Nil**
  
  - 2.2 **DELEGATION(S) (maximum 5/10/5 policy)**
    - 09-159 Sharon Ann Major, Bridge 18 Co Chair re: Welland Bridge 18**
  
  - 2.3 **AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORT(S) - Nil**
  
3. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

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 23rd day of April, 2019.  
Ref. No. 19-1
  
4. **ADJOURNMENT**



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### **AGENDA BLOCK**

1. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES, PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND OTHER ITEMS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL FOR DISCUSSION - Nil**

2. **COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

1. **Business Arising from Committee-of-the-Whole (closed) - Nil**

2. **Staff Reports**

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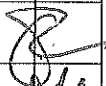

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**ENG-2019-20** Gen. Mgr., Infrastructure and Development Services/City Engineer,  
E. Nickel – Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Application,  
Rural and Northern Communities Funding Stream – Dain City Canal  
Crossing. Ref. No. 09-159.

3. **NEW BUSINESS - Nil**

4. **BY-LAWS - Nil**

**SPECIAL COUNCIL**  
**INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**  
**ENGINEERING DIVISION**

APPROVALS	
GENERAL MANAGER	
CFO	
CAO	

**REPORT ENG-2019-20**  
**APRIL 23, 2019**

09-159

**SUBJECT: INVESTING IN CANADA INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM  
APPLICATION, RURAL AND NORTHERN COMMUNITIES  
FUNDING STREAM – DAIN CITY CANAL CROSSING**

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MANAGER OF ENGINEERING SERVICES**

**APPROVING G.M.: ERIK NICKEL, P. ENG., GENERAL MANAGER,  
INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES /  
CITY ENGINEER**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives Report ENG-2019-20 for information and directs staff to apply to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, Rural and Northern Communities funding stream, for the Dain City canal crossing study and construction project.

**ORIGIN AND BACKGROUND:**

The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) is a Federal/Provincial funding program that will provide \$11.8 billion dollars under four (4) streams 1) Public Transit, 2) Green Infrastructure, 3) Community, Culture and Recreation, 4) Rural and Northern Communities.

The first stream the government has opened is the Rural and Northern Communities stream. The goal of this stream is to support more reliable roads, bridges, air and marine assets. Only projects relating to these four (4) asset categories are eligible.

Staff are preparing an application to this program for the study and construction of a new or replacement crossing of the former Welland Canal to replace the Forks Road bridge, which is currently being demolished.

**COMMENTS AND ANALYSIS:**

The Rural and Northern Communities stream is open to any municipality in Ontario with a population of 100,000 people or less. Each municipality is only allowed to submit one application to the program. The maximum total eligible cost per project is \$5 million dollars. In order to be considered for the program there must be a construction component of the project. Studies alone are not eligible for this program.

In Welland, the eligible funding allocation for this program is apportioned as follows: 50% Federal, 33.3% Provincial, and 16.7% Municipal.

The deadline for applications is May 14, 2019. All projects must be completed by October 31, 2026, with all costs being incurred by December 31, 2026.

Based on the requirements of the program, Staff are recommending an application be submitted for the study and construction of a new or replacement crossing of the former Welland Canal. This will replace the Forks Road bridge canal crossing, which is currently being demolished. Preliminary options under consideration may include, but are not limited to: a new causeway at the Forks Road location, and a new causeway at another location.

The timeline for the funding will allow staff time to complete the required Environment Assessments (EA), which is anticipated to take approximately three (3) years, or more, to complete. The EA will look at several options and locations for the canal crossing and select the most desirable option, based on various criteria and stakeholder input. Once the EA process is complete, detailed design will begin on the optimal solution.

Once all of the approvals are in place and the design is complete, construction will begin on the new crossing in approximately 2024. This leaves sufficient time to complete construction before the December 31, 2026 deadline.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

An early estimate of the financial breakdown of the project is as follows:

<b>Project Phase</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Environmental Assessment	\$ 800,000
Detailed Design	\$ 200,000
Canal Crossing Construction	\$ 4,000,000
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b>\$ 5,000,000</b>

In the event that the ICIP application is approved, project initiation is expected later this year; however, expenses are not anticipated until early 2020. Staff therefore recommend incorporation of the project into the 2020 Capital Budget. The total contribution required by the City amounts to \$835,000, which represents 16.7% of the total \$5,000,000 project.

Additionally, if at the conclusion of the first phase of the project the preferred alternative recommended by the Environmental Assessment suggests an overall construction estimate in excess of the ICIP funding maximum (i.e. in excess of \$5,000,000); the City will be responsible to fund 100% of the variance. In all cases, Staff will report back to Council with a comprehensive update before proceeding.

**LINK TO THE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN:**

The replacement of the Forks Road bridge asset is identified in the City's Asset Management Plan as a priority project.

The 2016 Addendum to the City of Welland Comprehensive Asset Management Plan identifies that "infrastructure expenditure needs are in excess of the available revenue. The analysis indicates that the funding gap is approximately \$20 million per year" (page 22).

To mitigate this funding shortfall, this report also suggests a number of mitigation strategies (page 21). The following asset management strategy relates to the content of this report.

- Actively seeking out and applying for grants.

**OTHER DEPARTMENT IMPLICATIONS:**

The Engineering Department will lead all the phases of this project. Contract administration for tendering, agreement, and contract payments will be kept in compliance with the agreed practices of the Finance, Clerks and Legal departments.

**SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:**

The Federal/Provincial Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), Rural and Northern communities funding stream, will provide a one-time funding opportunity for bridge and roadway funding with only 16.7% Municipal share for a project totalling no more than \$5 million.

Staff recommend submitting an application to the ICIP by May 14, 2019, for the Dain City canal crossing study and construction project.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None



## **GENERAL COMMITTEE**

*Tuesday, April 23, 2019*  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CIVIC SQUARE**

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1. **OPEN GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING FOLLOWING THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.**
  - 1.1 **CALL TO ORDER BY VICE MAYOR JIM LAROUCHE**
  - 1.2 **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**
  - 1.3 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**
  - 1.4 **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

General Committee Meeting of April 9, 2019.
  - 1.5 **ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM BLOCK FOR DISCUSSION IN COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (OPEN) (See blue tab)**
  
2. **VERBAL REPORTS AND DELEGATIONS**
  - 2.1 **PRESENTATIONS – Nil**
  - 2.2 **DELEGATIONS (MAXIMUM 5/10/5 RULE)**

**99-110** Terry Hughes, Resident re: Naming the trails along the waterway.

**19-28** Gay Douglas, Literacy Link Niagara re: Myths and facts about literacy in Niagara.
  - 2.3 **AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES REPORT(S)**

**19-19** Amanda MacDonald, Executive Director, Welland Downtown BIA, and Krista Bowie, City of Welland, Community Development & Volunteer Coordinator (WCWC) re: Parks and Recreation Presentation.
  
3. **COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (OPEN)**  
**(Discuss items removed from Agenda Block)**
  
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