



MINUTES OF
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, DECEMBER 10, 2019
CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
60 EAST MAIN STREET

Council met in Committee-of-the-Whole at 6:50 p.m. and in open session at 7:00 p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Mayor Frank Campion in the Chair.

Members Present:

Councillors J. Chiochio, T. DiMarco, B. Fokkens, B. Green (7:00 p.m.), M.A. Grimaldi (until 10:25 p.m.), J. Larouche, D. McLeod, A. Moote, G. Speck (7:00 p.m.), L. Spinosa, C. Richard, and L. Van Vliet.

Members of Staff and Others Present:

Chief Administrative Officer, G. Long
City Clerk, T. Stephens
Chief, Fire & Emergency Services, B. Kennedy
General Manager, Corporate Services, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, S. Zorbas
General Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services, T. Fitzpatrick
Manager of Budgets & Financial Reporting/Deputy Treasurer, E. Pankoff (until 10:23 p.m.)
Manager, Development Approvals, G. Munday (7:00 p.m.)

2019 - 775**19-25**

Moved by McLeod and Grimaldi

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 6:50 p.m. to consider:

- A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value.

CARRIED**2019 - 776****19-25**

Moved by McLeod and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 6:52 p.m. without report.

CARRIED**DELEGATIONS****18-87**

Chris Wills, Holly Koch, Fred May, Tom May, and Kim Laraby, residents addressed Council regarding Cannabis Operations on Matthews Road, Welland.

2019 - 777**10-130**

Moved by Larouche and Richard

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the correspondence from Niagara Regional Housing (NRH) dated November 15, 2019 regarding the NRH 2019 3rd Quarter Report.

CARRIED**2019 - 778****13-86**

Moved by Moote and Grimaldi

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information purposes Report P&B-2019-61 regarding the Application for Official Plan Amendment for the Northwest Welland Urban Area Boundary Expansion.

(Councillor McLeod disclosed an interest in this matter, and did not take part in the consideration and discussion of same, and refrained from voting thereon, as his parents live in this boundary).

CARRIED**2019 - 779****13-86**

Moved by Spinosa and Speck

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND authorizes and directs staff to request Niagara Region to reconsider its decision to defer Regional Official Plan Amendment 7; and further THAT Welland City Council directs staff to distribute copies of Report P&B-2019-62 to all interested parties, including property owners within the deferred area.

CARRIED**2019 - 780****18-87**

Moved by Green and DiMarco

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by residents regarding Cannabis Operations on Matthews Road, Welland; and further THAT Welland City Council directs staff to prepare an Interim Control By-law for council consideration at the December 17, 2019 Council meeting.

YEAS: Councillors Larouche, Green, Speck, Chiochio, McLeod, DiMarco, Richard, Grimaldi, Spinosa, Fokkens, and Mayor Campion.

NAYS: Councillors Moote and Van Vliet.

CARRIED

2019 - 781**19-4** Moved by Fokkens and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves, as recommended by the Budget Review Committee, the following:

The 2020 Operating Budget, attached to Report FIN-2019-26 as Appendix I, resulting in an approximate tax levy increase 5.91% (before assessment growth) from \$41,997,713 in 2019 to \$44,469,842 in 2020 with assessment growth of approximately 6.66% reducing the net tax levy impact to -0.75%; and

The 2020 Capital Budget estimates attached as Appendix II; and further

THAT Welland City Council receives for information the 2021-2029 Capital Budget Forecast attached as Appendix III; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs staff to prepare the By-law to establish tax ratios, tax rates and to levy taxes for 2020 based on the 2020 Operating Budget as adopted by Council.

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19-4 Moved by Fokkens and Richard

THAT Welland City Council removes decision unit 9 – Art on Bell Boxes.

YEAS: Councillors Larouche, Speck, Richard, Grimaldi, and Fokkens.

NAYS: Councillors Green, Chiochio, McLeod, DiMarco, Spinosa, Moote, Van Vliet, and Mayor Campion.

LOST**19-4** Moved by Fokkens and Larouche

THAT Welland City Council amends #3. (page 22 - bottom of page) to “Beginning in 2021, Humberstone Royalty Payment (HRP) being applied to local improvements around the Humberstone Landfill”.

CARRIED**19-4** Moved by McLeod and Moote

THAT Welland City Council includes the \$42,000 “E, F, G, H, I” original decision units for increased equipment and staff compliment to enhance sidewalk snow clearing program.

- e) Thorold Road from Aqueduct Street to Rice Road (south side)
- f) Thorold Road from Prince Charles Drive to South Pelham (north and south side)
- g) Fitch Street from Prince Charles Drive to South Pelham (north and south side)
- h) Wilson Road from Fitch Street to Prince Charles Drive (west side)
- i) Clare Avenue from Fitch Street to Thorold Road (west side).

YEAS: Councillors Larouche, Speck, McLeod, Grimaldi, Spinosa, Moote, and Mayor Campion.

NAYS: Councillors Green, Chiochio, DiMarco, Richard, Fokkens, and Van Vliet.

CARRIED**19-4** Moved by Chiochio and Speck

THAT Welland City Council adds \$2,500 for an “Out-Of-The-Cold” program in the City of Welland.

YEAS: Councillors Speck, Chiochio, DiMarco, and Van Vliet.

NAYS: Councillors Larouche, Green, McLeod, Richard, Spinosa, Fokkens, Moote, and Mayor Campion.

LOST

19-4 Moved by DiMarco and Chiocchio
THAT Welland City Council removes decision unit 11B – WIFC Development Officer.

YEAS: Councillors Chiocchio, DiMarco, Richard, and Fokkens.

NAYS: Councillors Larouche, Green, Speck, McLeod, Spinosa, Moote, Van Vliet, and Mayor Campion.

LOST

19-4 Moved by DiMarco and Chiocchio
THAT Welland City Council removes decision unit 11C – By-Law Clerk.

YEAS: Councillors Chiocchio, DiMarco, and Van Vliet.

NAYS: Councillors Larouche, Green, Speck, McLeod, Richard, Grimaldi, Spinosa, Fokkens, Moote, and Mayor Campion.

LOST

19-4 Moved by DiMarco and
THAT Welland City Council removes decision unit 12A.

(Councillor Spinosa disclosed an interest in this matter, and did not take part in the consideration and discussion of same, and refrained from voting thereon, as his business has catered and hosted events for the Welland Historical Museum).

NOT PUT

FOLLOWING THE DECISIONS ON THE AMENDING MOTIONS, THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT AS AMENDED AND

19-4
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves, as recommended by the Budget Review Committee:

The 2020 Operating Budget, attached to Report FIN-2019-26 as Appendix I, resulting in an approximate tax levy increase 6.01% (before assessment growth) from \$41,997,713 in 2019 to \$44,509,555 in 2020 with assessment growth of approximately 6.66% reducing the net tax levy impact to -0.65%.

YEAS: Councillors Larouche, Green, Speck, Chiocchio, McLeod, Richard, Grimaldi, Spinosa, Fokkens, Moote, and Mayor Campion.

NAYS: Councillors DiMarco and Van Vliet.

CARRIED

19-4
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves, as recommended by the Budget Review Committee:

The 2020 Capital Budget estimates attached as Appendix II.

YEAS: Councillors Larouche, Green, Speck, Chiocchio, McLeod, DiMarco, Richard, Grimaldi, Spinosa, Fokkens, Moote, and Mayor Campion.

NAYS: Councillor Van Vliet.

CARRIED

19-4 Moved by Fokkens and Richard

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves, as recommended by the Budget Review Committee:

THAT Welland City Council receives for information the 2021-2029 Capital Budget Forecast attached as Appendix III; and

THAT Welland City Council directs staff to prepare the By-law to establish tax ratios, tax rates and to levy taxes for 2020 based on the 2020 Operating Budget as adopted by Council.

YEAS: Councillors Larouche, Green, Speck, McLeod, Richard, Grimaldi, Spinosa, Fokkens, Moote, and Mayor Campion.

NAYS: Councillors Chiocchio, DiMarco, and Van Vliet.

CARRIED

2019 - 782

19-4 Moved by Larouche and Richard

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND authorizes the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer to borrow, on an interim basis, up to \$9,000,000 to meet current and capital expenditures for the year 2020 while awaiting permanent funding by way of taxation, water and sewer billings, Provincial/Federal grants, and Regional debentures; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs the Clerk to prepare the necessary By-law.

CARRIED

2019 - 783

19-4 Moved by Larouche and Richard

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the proposal from the RBC Royal Bank to provide banking services to the City of Welland; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs the Clerk to prepare the necessary By-law to enter into a contract extension of five (5) years commencing February 1, 2020.

CARRIED

2019 - 784

19-13 Moved by Larouche and Richard

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the correspondence from the Region of Niagara dated November 15, 2019 regarding Report PW 60-2019; On-Demand Transit – Pilot Authorization (Simulation Results).

CARRIED

2019 - 785

19-37 Moved by Chiocchio and Speck

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves, as recommended by the Budget Review Committee, the following:

- The 2020 Water and Wastewater Revenue and Expenditure Budget estimates (Schedule 'A' & 'B')
- The 2020 Water and Wastewater Capital Budget estimates (Schedule 'C')
- The 2020 Water and Wastewater Rate Structure (Schedule 'D'); and further

THAT Welland City Council receives for information the 2020-2029 Water & Wastewater Capital Budget Forecast; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs staff to prepare the necessary By-law to establish the 2020 Water and Wastewater billing rates effective April 1, 2020.

YEAS: Councillors Larouche, Green, McLeod, Grimaldi, Spinosa, Moote, Van Vliet, and Mayor Campion.

NAYS: Councillors Speck, Chiocchio, DiMarco, Richard, and Fokkens.

CARRIED

2019 - 786**19-125**

Moved by Larouche and Richard

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the correspondence from the Region of Niagara dated November 18, 2019 regarding Report ED 12-2019; Analysis of Niagara Region's Role in Tourism.

CARRIED**Recessed Special Council meeting at 8:40 p.m.****Reconvened Special Council meeting at 8:48 p.m.****BY-LAWS**

Moved by McLeod and Green

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND having given due consideration to the following By-laws, as reproduced in this evening's Council Agenda, now read a first, second and third time and pass same, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign and seal same.

19-4

BYL 2019 – 146

A By-law to adopt the 2020 Operating and Capital Budgets.

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BYL 2019 – 147

A By-law to provide an Interim Tax Levy for Year 2020.

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BYL 2019 – 148

A By-law to adopt the 2020 Water/Wastewater Operating and Capital Budgets.

(Councillor Chiochio asked to be recorded as opposed to this By-law).

CARRIED

Moved by Larouche and Richard

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND having given due consideration to the following By-laws, as reproduced in this evening's Council Agenda, now read a first, second and third time and pass same, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign and seal same.

19-4

BYL 2019 – 149

A By-law to authorize the temporary borrowing of up to \$9,000,000 to meet current and capital expenditures for the year 2020.

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BYL 2019 – 150

A By-law to accept the proposal from RBC Royal Bank to provide banking services to the City of Welland for a five (5) year term.

CARRIED

Moved by Larouche and Richard

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND having given due consideration to the following By-law, as reproduced in this evening's Council Agenda, now read a first, second and third time and pass same, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign and seal same.

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BYL 2019 - 151

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 10th day of December 2019.

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 21st day of January, 2020.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK