



MINUTES OF
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020
CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
60 EAST MAIN STREET

Council met in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 5:33 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 Electronically:

Councillors J. Chiocchio, T. DiMarco, B. Fokkens, B. Green, M.A. Grimaldi, J. Larouche, D. McLeod, A. Moote (5:34 p.m.), G. Speck, L. Spinosa (until 9:55 p.m.) C. Richard, and L. Van Vliet.

Members of Staff and Others Present:

Interim CAO/General Manager, Corporate Services, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, S. Zorbas

City Clerk, T. Stephens

General Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services, T. Fitzpatrick

General Manager, Economic Development & Recreation & Culture, D. Degazio

Deputy Fire Chief, A. Eckhart

Manager of Human Resources, A. Daisley (until 5:57 p.m.)

(Wayne Armstrong, President & CEO, Cathy Bassi, Corporate Secretary, Tim Clutterbuck and Kevin Carver, Senior Electrical Distribution System Engineer, Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corporation were present during Committee-of-the-Whole discussions on a matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another Act (Business Corporations Act).

2020 - 223**20-25**

Moved by Grimaldi and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 5:33 p.m. to consider:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
 - *Non-union vacancy.*
- A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;
 - *Update on Empire.*
- The security of the property of the municipality or local board employees; proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;
 - *Central Fire Hall.*

CARRIED**2020 - 224****20-25**

Moved by Richard and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 6:56 p.m. without report.

CARRIED**LEGISLATED PUBLIC HEARINGS PURSUANT TO THE PLANNING ACT**

Councillor Van Vliet presided as Chair of the Public Hearings:

20-104 A Complete application has been made by THE CITY OF WELLAND to redesignate lands generally described as bordering the City of Welland municipal boundary with the City of Thorold and the Town of Pelham to the north and west, Niagara Street (Regional Road No. 50) to the east, the existing City of Welland urban area to the south, and Clare Avenue to the west (Northwest Secondary Plan Area). Multiple municipal addresses are assigned to lands within this area. The lands are currently designated: Agricultural, Residential, Open Space and Recreation, and Core Natural Heritage System by the City of Welland Official Plan. The purpose of the Amendment is to adopt the Secondary Plan for the area, and to approve the designations as shown on the Secondary Plan for the Northwest Area.

R. DiFelice confirmed that the statutory requirements for public hearing had been met, summarized the purpose of the hearing and reviewed the Planning Division Report.

Paul Lowes, Catharine Jay and Sierra Horton, Consultants, SGL Planning and Design Inc., 1547 Bloor Street, Toronto, ON M6P 1A5

In support of the application:

- Steven Stanyar

There being no further persons present to speak in support of the application, the Chair asked for those opposing the application.

In opposition of the application:

- Shirley Wang.

There being no further persons present to speak in opposition to the application, the hearing was concluded

2020 - 225

20-26

Moved by Larouche and Chiocchio

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 7:45 p.m. to consider:

- A matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another Act; “Business Corporations Act” Welland Hydro”;
– *Electric Holdings Corporation.*

CARRIED

2020 - 226

20-25

Moved by DiMarco and Spinosa

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 7:56 p.m. without report.

CARRIED

The meeting was recessed to hold the Welland Hydro Annual General Meeting.

Reconvene Special Council at 8:37 p.m.

PRESENTATION

07-144 Bill Elliot, Consultant, CQNS addressed Council regarding Economic Development Strategic Plan.

2020 - 227

04-91

Moved by Van Vliet and Larouche

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information and approves the request and approves from the City of Welland Heritage Advisory Committee recommendations for approval of alterations to 28 Young Street “the Morwood House” and to 140 King Street, Welland Museum, Carnegie Building.

CARRIED

2020 - 228

07-144

Moved by Spinosa and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Bill Elliot, Consultant, CQNS regarding Economic Development Strategic Plan.

CARRIED

2020 - 229

20-6

Moved by Larouche and Spinosa (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND declares the month of October as “Cybersecurity Awareness Month” in the City of Welland.

CARRIED

2020 - 230

20-33

Moved by Larouche and Spinosa (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the closure of City Hall operations for the 2021-2022 holiday season from the close of business on Thursday, December 23, 2021 up to and Friday, December 31, 2021.

CARRIED

2020 - 231

20-86 Moved by Green and Speck

1. THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND adopts Official Plan Amendment No. 27 to designate a portion of the lands on the east side of Patricia Avenue, north of Thorold Road, and west of Aqueduct Street, more specifically described as Lots 17 and 18 Plan 649, City of Welland, municipally known as 12 Patricia Avenue from Low Density Residential to site specific Community Commercial Corridor; and further
2. THAT Welland City Council approves Zoning By-law Amendment to Zoning By-law 2017-117 for the lands on the east side of Patricia Avenue, north of Thorold Road, and west of Aqueduct Street, more specifically described as Lots 17 and 18 Plan 649, City of Welland, municipally known as 12 Patricia Avenue from Residential Low Density 1 – RL1 to Site Specific Community Commercial Corridor – CC2.

(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 the area).

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

NAYS: Councillor DiMarco.

CARRIED

2020 - 232

20-104 Moved by Spinosa and Moote

1. THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report P&B-2020-44 regarding the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Urban Design Guidelines applicable to the Northwest Welland Secondary Plan; and further
2. That Welland City Council directs staff to report back to Council at such time as input from the public, prescribed agencies and City departments has been received and assessed.

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20-104 Moved by Grimaldi and Green

THAT Welland City Council refers back to staff P&B-2020-44 and requests the item come back as soon as possible to a Council meeting.

CARRIED

2020 - 233

20-105 Moved by Speck and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND declares surplus to the City's needs a portion of land on the south of Shaw Street, north of Highway 58A, east of Prince Charles Drive South and west of the Welland Recreational Canal shown as Part 5 on Plan 59R-10161, Part of Lot 27, Concession 7, former Township of Crowland, City of Welland.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

Moved by Moote and Spinosa

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.

20-86

BYL 2020 - 105

A By-law to amend City of Welland Zoning By-law 2017-117 (File 2020-04) 12 Patricia Avenue.

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

20-86

BYL 2020 - 106

A By-law to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 27.

(Councillor DiMarco asked to be recorded as opposed to this By-law).**CARRIED**

Moved by Larouche and Spinosa (in block)

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.

20-15

BYL 2020 - 107

A By-law to authorize the appointment of Adam Eckhart as Acting Fire Chief for the Welland Fire and Emergency Department.

CARRIED

Moved by Larouche and Grimaldi

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.

20-1

BYL 2020 - 108

A By- to adopt, ratify and confirm proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Welland at its meeting held on the 22ND day of September, 2020.

CARRIED**2020 - 234****20-27**

Moved by Speck and Van Vliet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 9:57 p.m. to consider:

- The security of the property of the municipality or local board employees; proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;
- *Central Fire Hall.*

(Councillor Spinosa was not present during Committee-of-the-Whole discussions on: the security of the property of the municipality or local board employees; proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization; Central Fire Hall).

CARRIED

2020 - 235

20-25

Moved by Larouche and Grimaldi

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 10:13 p.m. without report.

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 6th day of October, 2020.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK