



**MINUTES OF THE  
DECEMBER 14, 2021 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
60 EAST MAIN STREET**

Council met in open session at 5:10 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, M.A. Grimaldi, J. Larouche,  
J. Mastroianni, D. McLeod, A. Moote, C. Richard, G. Speck, and L. Van Vliet.

**Members of Staff and Others Present:**

Chief Administrative Officer, S. Zorbas

City Clerk, T. Stephens

Director of Finance/CFO/Treasurer, S. Fairweather

Fire Chief & Community Emergency Management Coordinator, A. Eckhart

Director of Infrastructure Services, SM. Millar

Director of Planning and Development Services, G. Munday

Director of Community Services, R. Axiak

Manager of Budgets & Financial reporting/Deputy Treasurer, E. Pankoff

Manager of Fleet, Equipment and Purchasing, A. Beres

Capital and Payables Manager, A Vuksan-Scott

Revenue Service Manager, M. Lostracco

**AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES REPORTS**

**21-4** Councillor McLeod, Chair, Budget Review Committee provided a verbal report on the Budget Review Committee meetings of December 6 and 8, 2021.

**2021 - 395**

**21-4** Moved by McLeod and Mastroianni

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the verbal report by Councillor McLeod, Chair, Budget Review Committee regarding its meetings of December 6 and 8, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**2021 - 396**

**21-4** Moved by Moote and McLeod (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves and recommends to Council for approval that Autism Niagara be given a Permissive Grant in the amount of \$5,000 for 2022 as recommended by the Budget Review Committee at its meeting of December 6, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**2021 - 397**

**21-4** Moved by Moote and McLeod (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves and recommends to Council for approval that Faith Welland Outreach be given a Permissive Grant in the amount of \$25,000 for 2022 as recommended by the Budget Review Committee at its meeting of December 6, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**2021 - 398**

**21-4** Moved by Moote and McLeod (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves and recommends to Council for approval that Zombie Walk be given a Permissive Grant in the amount of \$2,500 for 2022 as recommended by the Budget Review Committee at its meeting of December 6, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**2021 - 399**

**21-4** Moved by Moote and McLeod (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves and recommends to Council for approval that Napper's Boxing Club be given a Permissive Grant in the amount of \$7,500 for 2022 as recommended by the Budget Review Committee at its meeting of December 6, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**2021 - 400**

**21-4** Moved by Moote and McLeod (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves and recommends to Council for approval that Pathstone be given a Permissive Grant in the amount of \$20,000 for 2022 as recommended by the Budget Review Committee at its meeting of December 6, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**2021 - 401**

**21-4** Moved by Moote and McLeod (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves and recommends to Council for approval that La Boite a Soleil be given a Permissive Grant in the amount of \$3,500 for 2022 as recommended by the Budget Review Committee at its meeting of December 6, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**2021 - 402****21-4** Moved by Moote and McLeod (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves and recommends to Council for approval that Niagara Folk Arts Festival/Folk Arts Multicultural Centre be given a Permissive Grant in the amount of \$6,869 for 2022 as recommended by the Budget Review Committee at its meeting of December 6, 2021.

**CARRIED****2021 - 403****21-4** Moved by Moote and McLeod (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves and recommends to Council for approval the proposed 2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget as recommended by the Budget Review Committee at its meeting of December 6, 2021.

**CARRIED****2021 - 404****21-4** Moved by Moote and McLeod (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves and recommends to Council for approval all Decision Units on the Updated 2022 Decision Units Summary as of December 1, 2021, found on page 32 of the December 6, 2021 BRC agenda package, as amended; as follows:

That the following Decision Units be removed from the main motion: Decision Unit 5e – Aquatics Supervisor, Decision Unit 5g – Human Resources Coordinator, and Decision Unit 5i – Vehicle and Equipment Training Specialist; and further

That Decision Unit 1 be amended to state that a 1% increase in capital spending be funded by increasing the City's tax supported self-imposed debt limit from 12% to 13%, which equates to approximately \$3.8 million to be committed to road reconstruction and sidewalk as recommended by the Budget Review Committee at its meeting of December 6, 2021.

**CARRIED****2021 - 405****21-4** Moved by Moote and McLeod (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves and recommends to Council for approval the proposed 2022 Tax Supported Capital Budget as recommended by the Budget Review Committee at its meeting of December 6, 2021.

**CARRIED****2021 - 406****21-4** Moved by Moote and McLeod (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves and recommends to Council for approval the proposed 2023-2031 Tax Supported Capital Budget Forecast as recommended by the Budget Review Committee at its meeting of December 6, 2021.

**CARRIED****2021 - 407****21-4** Moved by Green and McLeod

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

- The 2022 Operating Budget, attached to Report FIN-2021-40 as Appendix I, resulting in an approximate **Municipal tax levy** increase of 3.80% (before assessment growth) from \$46,083,737 in 2021 to \$47,832,769 in 2022 with assessment growth of approximately 1.51%, reducing the **Municipal net tax levy** impact to 2.29%; and
- The 2022 Capital Budget estimates attached as Appendix II; and further

THAT Welland City Council receives for information the 2023-2031 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 2022 based on the 2022 Operating Budget as adopted by Council.

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**21-4** Moved by McLeod and Chiocchio  
THAT Welland City Council add Vehicle and Equipment Training Specialist with the total salary and benefits of \$131,236.00 to the 2022 Operating Budget.

**YEAS:** Councillors Larouche, Green, Chiocchio, McLeod, DiMarco, Grimaldi, Mastroianni, Moote, Van Vliet and Mayor Campion.

**NAYS:** Councillors Speck, Richard, and Fokkens.

**CARRIED**

**21-4** Moved by McLeod and Larouche  
THAT Welland City Council add Aquatics Supervisor with the total net cost of \$53,313.00 to the 2022 Operating Budget.

**YEAS:** Councillors Larouche, Green, Chiocchio, McLeod, Grimaldi, Mastroianni, Moote, and Mayor Campion.

**NAYS:** Councillors Speck, DiMarco, Richard, Fokkens and Van Vliet.

**CARRIED**

**FOLLOWING THE VOTE ON THE AMENDING MOTIONS, THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT AS AMENDED AND .....**

**YEAS:** Councillors Larouche, Green, Chiocchio, McLeod, Richard, Grimaldi, Mastroianni, Moote, Van Vliet and Mayor Campion.

**NAYS:** Councillors Speck, DiMarco, and Fokkens.

**CARRIED**

**2021 - 408**

**21-37** Moved by Moote and McLeod (in block)  
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves and recommends to Council for final approval the 2022 Solution Based Option #1 – Increased fixed cost of Water/Wastewater bills from 30% to 31%, and include a new FTE as recommended by the Budget Review Committee at its meeting of December 8, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**2021 - 409**

**21-37** Moved by Moote and McLeod (in block)  
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves and recommends to Council for final approval moving the water due dates to 21 days after the billing date, as opposed to the second business day of the month, beginning with the 2022 calendar year as recommended by the Budget Review Committee at its meeting of December 8, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**2021 - 410**

**21-37** Moved by Moote and McLeod (in block)  
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves and recommends to Council for final approval the 2022 Water/Wastewater Operating Budgets and Rates as recommended by the Budget Review Committee at its meeting of December 8, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**2021 - 411**

**21-37** Moved by Moote and McLeod (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY WELLAND approves and recommends to Council for final approval the proposed 2022 Water/Wastewater Capital Budget as recommended by the Budget Review Committee at its meeting of December 8, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**2021 - 412**

**21-37** Moved by Moote and McLeod (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves and recommends to Council for final approval the proposed 2022-2031 Water/Wastewater Capital Budget Forecast as recommended by the Budget Review Committee at its meeting of December 8, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**2021 - 413**

**21-37** Moved by McLeod and Mastroianni

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

- The 2022 Water and Wastewater Revenue and Expenditure Budget estimates (Appendices I & II)
- The 2022 Water and Wastewater Rate Structure (Appendix III); and further
- The 2022 Water and Wastewater Capital Budget estimates (Appendix IV); and further

THAT Welland City Council receives for information the 2023-2031 Water & Wastewater Capital Budget Forecast; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs staff to prepare the necessary By-law to establish the 2022 Water and Wastewater billing rates effective April 1, 2022; and further

THAT Welland City Council approve the annual rebate for the low-income senior water/wastewater rebate program to increase from \$340 to \$372 effective January 1, 2022; and further

THAT Welland City Council approve the annual rebate for the Special Assistance Program to increase from \$500 to \$600 effective January 1, 2022; and further

THAT Welland City Council approve moving the water due dates to 21 days after the billing date beginning with the 2022 Calendar Year.

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**21-37** Moved by Speck and Fokkens

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND remove the Water Meter Supervisor and apply the funds to the Lead Service Replacement (SWAP).

**YEAS:** Councillors Speck, Richard, Fokkens and Van Vliet.

**NAYS:** Councillors Larouche, Green, Chiocchio, McLeod, DiMarco, Grimaldi, Mastroianni, Moote, and Mayor Campion.

**LOST**

**21-37** Moved by Speck and Fokkens

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND remove the Specialized Vehicle.

**YEAS:** Councillors Green, Speck, Richard, Fokkens and Chiocchio.

**NAYS:** Councillors Larouche, McLeod, DiMarco, Grimaldi, Mastroianni, Moote, Van Vliet and Mayor Campion.

**LOST**

**FOLLOWING THE LOST VOTES ON THE AMENDING MOTIONS, THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM AND .....**

**YEAS:** Councillors Larouche, Green, Chiocchio, McLeod, DiMarco, Richard, Grimaldi, Mastroianni, Moote, Van Vliet and Mayor Campion.

**NAYS:** Councillors Speck and Fokkens.

**CARRIED**

**BY-LAWS**

Moved by Van Vliet and McLeod

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.

**21-4**

Byl 2021 - 213

A By-law to adopt the 2022 Operating and Capital Budgets.

**21-37**

BYL 2021 - 214

A By-law to adopt the 2022 Water/Wastewater Operating and Capital Budgets.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Van Vliet and Moote

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.

**21-1**

BYL 2021 - 215

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 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

**CARRIED**

Council adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.

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**MAYOR**

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**CITY CLERK**