



**CITY OF  
Welland**

**MINUTES OF THE**

**JANUARY 30, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING**

**CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
60 EAST MAIN STREET**

Council met in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 5:46 p.m. and in open session at 7:05 p.m., and again in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 8:06 p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Mayor Frank Campion in the Chair.

**Members Present:**

Councillors J. Chiocchio, T. DiMarco (virtual – until 8:28 p.m.), B. Fokkens, B. Green, J. Lee, D. McLeod, A. Moote, C. Richard, S. Setaram (6:03 p.m.), G. Speck (5:51 p.m.), and L. Van Vliet.

**Members of Staff and Others Present:**

Chief Administrative Officer, R. Axiak

City Clerk, T. Stephens

Director of Infrastructure Services, SM. Millar (until 9:07 p.m.)

Director of Planning and Development Services, G. Munday (until 9:04 p.m.)

Director of Community Services, J. Ruddell (until 9:04 p.m.)

General Manager of Corporate Services & Enterprise Services/CFO, S. Nagel (until 9:04 p.m.)

Manager of Business & Community Services, A. Degazio (until 7:05 p.m.)

Manager of Economic Development, L. DeChellis (until 7:05 p.m.)

Planning Supervisor – Development, T. Meadows (until 9:04 p.m.)

**2024 - 27****24-25** Moved by Fokkens 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 5:46 p.m. to consider:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
  - Citizen appointment to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.
- Security of the property of the municipality or local board:
  - Update on Northern Reach Closing.
- Receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.
  - Memo re: OLT-23-001159 – 16 Seaway Drive - Case Management Conference – February 9, 2024.
  - Memo re: OLT-23-001123 – 392 & 398 Thorold Road - Case Management Conference – February 8, 2024.
  - Memo re: OLT-23-001119 – 368 Aqueduct Street & 155 Gadsby Avenue - Case Management Conference – February 8, 2024.
- Under the Business Corporations Act - Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corporation.
  - *Welland Hydro-Electric Holdings Corporation – Company Board Struct Changes.*

**CARRIED****2024 - 28****24-25** Moved by Richard and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 7:01 p.m. with report.

**CARRIED****THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS ADDED:**

None

**THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS DELETED:**

None

**DELEGATIONS**

**24-28** Vic Kerschl, Board Member, Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region addressed Council regarding Alzheimer Niagara Services and Board Members.

**2023 - 29****24-1** Moved by McLeod and Fokkens

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND hereby approves and adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 16, 2024, as circulated.

**CARRIED****2024 - 30****99-90** Moved by Richard and Green (in-block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information and approves the Slate of Officers and Directors for the Welland Downtown Business Improvement Area for term of 2024-2026.

**(Councillor McLeod disclosed an interest in a matter, and did not take part in the consideration and discussion of same, as he has an interest in a building which pays the WDBIA Levy).**

**CARRIED****2024 - 31****21-30** Moved by Setaram and Chiocchio

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the partnership with Holy Trinity Anglican Church for a seven-day emergency overnight shelter for February and March 2024; and further

THAT Welland City Council increase the current funding amount by \$17,150 for a total upset limit of \$52,150 to be funded by the operating surplus reserve fund.

**YEAS:** Lee, Green, Speck, Chiocchio, McLeod, DiMarco, Richard, Setaram, Fokkens, Moote, Van Vliet and Mayor Campion.

**NAYS:** None

**CARRIED****2024 - 32****24-3** Moved by Richard and Green (in-block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves Albright Foundation's request to hold lotteries in the City of Welland.

**CARRIED****2024 - 33****24-3** Moved by Richard and Green (in-block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves Faith Welland Outreach's request to hold lotteries in the City of Welland.

**CARRIED**

**2024 - 34****24-28** Moved by Van Vliet and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Vic Kerschl, Board Member, Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region regarding Alzheimer Niagara Services and Board Members.

**CARRIED****2024 - 35****24-30** Moved by Chiocchio and Setaram

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the exemption request by The Waterway Inc. for its Application for Condominium Approval of thirty (30) condominium units located at 119 and 123 Lincoln Street in accordance with Section 9 (7) of the Condominium Act, Chapter 4, 1998, as amended; and further

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND authorizes Staff to prepare any necessary By-Laws.

**CARRIED****2024 - 36****24-31** Moved by McLeod and Fokkens

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND continues to endorse the 988 crisis line initiative; and will display the 988 information poster in all municipal/City buildings.

**CARRIED****2024 - 37****24-32** Moved by Richard and Green (in-block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information and supports the correspondence from AMO regarding the Policy Update - Social and Economic Prosperity Review.

**CARRIED****BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (IN-CAMERA)****2024 - 38****21-30** Moved by Richard and Green (in-block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Stacey Baker to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for the period commencing January 30, 2024 to November 14, 2026.

**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-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.

**24-30**

BYL 2024 - 6

A By-law to authorize exemption from Condominium Approval for lands described as part Lot 27 Concession 6 Crowland Parts 1, 2 and 3 Plan 59R17720 in favour of part of Lot 27 Concession 6 Crowland being Part 4 on 59R-16965 as in SN689775 together with an easement over Part lot 27 Concession 6 Part 4, 59R-17720 as in SN756907, City of Welland, municipally known as 119 and 123 Lincoln Street.

**CARRIED****2024 - 39****24-25** Moved by Richard and Mootie

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 8:06 p.m. to consider:

- Receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.
  - Memo re: OLT-23-001119 – 368 Aqueduct Street & 155 Gadsby Avenue - Case Management Conference – February 8, 2024.
- Under the Business Corporations Act - Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corporation.
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**CARRIED****2024 - 40****24-25** Moved by Richard and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 9:23 p.m. with report.

**CARRIED****BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (IN-CAMERA)****2024 - 41****99-43** Moved by Van Vliet and Mootie

The increase of the Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. (the “Distribution Company”) Board to seven (7) Directors comprised of:

- (i) The three directors of the Corporation except the Mayor;
- (ii) The other member of Council, except the Mayor, (the “Councillor”); and
- (iii) Three (3) independent directors who shall not be members of Council (the “Private Directors”), and

The Nominating process to commence in 2024 to satisfy the increase in composition of the Distribution Company, and

The required changes to be made to the Shareholder Declaration and Board By-law be addressed at the June 25, 2024 AGM.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Lee and McLeod

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.

**24-1**

BYL 2024 - 7

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 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

**CARRIED**

Council adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.