



# CITY OF Welland

## MINUTES OF THE

### MARCH 19, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING

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

Council met in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 5:17 p.m. and in open session at 7:03 p.m. and again in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 10:00 p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Mayor Frank Campion in the Chair.

#### **Members Present:**

Councillors J. Chiocchio, T. DiMarco (virtual until 10:00 p.m.), B. Fokkens, B. Green, M.A. Grimaldi (virtual), J. Lee, D. McLeod (5:20 p.m.), A. Moote, C. Richard (virtual), S. Setaram (5:21 p.m.), G. Speck, and L. Van Vliet (until 10:41 p.m.).

#### **Members of Staff and Others Present:**

Chief Administrative Officer, R. Axiak

City Clerk, T. Stephens

General Manager of Corporate & Enterprise Services/CFO, S. Nagel

Fire Chief & Community Emergency Management Coordinator, A. Eckhart (7:03 p.m.)

Director of Community Services, J. Ruddell

Director of Infrastructure Services, SM. Millar

Director of Planning and Development Services, G. Munday

Manager of Economic Development, L. DeChellis

Manager of Human Resources, A. Daisley

Manager of Fleet, Equipment & Purchasing, A. Beres (7:03 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.)

**2024 - 77****24-25** Moved by Fokkens 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 5:17 p.m. to consider:

- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
  - Citizen appointments to the Welland Arenas Advisory Committee.
  - Non-Union Compensation Review.

**CARRIED****2024 - 78****24-25** Moved by McLeod and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 6:57 p.m. with report.

**CARRIED****DELEGATIONS**

**24-28** Ryan Harrison, President & Director of Fun, Welland Jackfish Baseball Club addressed Council regarding an introduction to the Welland Jackfish Baseball Club.

**2024 - 79****24-1** Moved by McLeod and Van Vliet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND hereby approves and adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 5, 2024, as circulated.

**CARRIED****2024 - 80****02-160** Moved by Setaram and Chiocchio

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND waive the rules to allow multiple delegations to present to Council regarding 44 Heron Street, as the item is on the agenda this evening.

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

**NAYS:** McLeod, Grimaldi, Moote and Mayor Campion.

**CARRIED  
(2/3 MAJORITY)**

**2024 - 81**

**02-160** Moved by Setaram and Chiocchio

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND permits individuals to present to Council regarding the development at 44 Heron Street.

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

**NAYS:** McLeod, Grimaldi, Moote and Van Vliet.

**CARRIED**

**2024 - 82**

**24-3** Moved by Speck and Chiocchio

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves YMCA of Niagara’s request to hold lotteries in the City of Welland; and further THAT Welland City Council approves delegated authority to the City Clerk to approve lottery licensing requested for eligible groups.

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**24-3** Moved by McLeod and Speck

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND amends the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to include “staff provide a memo the approval is provided to Council at the next Council meeting”.

**YEAS:** Lee, Speck, McLeod, Richard, Grimaldi, Van Vliet and Mayor Campion.

**NAYS:** Green, Chiocchio and Fokkens.

**CARRIED**

**FOLLOWING THE VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT, THE MAIN MOTIONS WERE SPLIT, AS AMENDED AND .....**

**24-3** Moved by McLeod and Speck

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves YMCA of Niagara’s request to hold lotteries in the City of Welland.

**CARRIED**

**24-3**

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves amends the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to include the approval is provided to Council at the next Council meeting; and further THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves YMCA of Niagara’s request to hold lotteries in the City of Welland.

**CARRIED**

**2024 - 83**

**24-5** Moved by McLeod and Chiocchio

WHEREAS, the Welland Foodfest is in its second year of rebirth; and  
WHEREAS, the Permissive Grant Program is designed to help initiatives get  
established and be self sustaining.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
WELLAND provides \$8,000 in funding once the event is confirmed for 2024 by the  
organizing executive.

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**24-5** Moved by Chiocchio and Lee

THAT Welland City Council amend to provide \$12,000 in funding once the event is  
confirmed for 2024 by the organizing executive.

**YEAS:** Lee, Green, Speck and Chiocchio.

**NAYS:** McLeod, Richard, Grimaldi, Setaram, Fokkens, Moote and  
Mayor Campion.

**LOST**

**FOLLOWING THE LOST VOTE TO THE AMENDMENT, THE MAIN MOTION  
WAS PUT IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM AND ..... CARRIED**

**2024 - 84**

**24-24** Moved by Lee and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves Report HR-2024-05:  
Non-Union Compensation Policy.

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**24-24** Moved by Lee and McLeod

THAT Welland City Council refers Report HR-2024-05: Non-Union Compensation Policy  
to staff.

**CARRIED.**

**2024 - 85**

**24-28** Moved by Moote and Green

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the  
presentation by Ryan Harrison, President & Director of Fun, Welland Jackfish Baseball  
Club regarding an introduction to the Welland Jackfish Baseball Club.

**(Councillor Speck disclosed an interest in a matter and did not take part in the  
consideration and discussion of same, as his company provides apparel to the  
Welland Jackfish Baseball Club).**

**CARRIED**

**2024 - 86**

**24-36** Moved by Chiocchio and Setaram

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves Official Plan Amendment No. 48 to redesignate the lands municipally known as 44 Heron Street from Special Policy Medium Density Residential to High Density Residential; and further THAT Welland City Council approves Zoning By-law Amendment to Zoning By-law 2017-117 for the lands municipally known as 44 Heron Street from Neighbourhood Commercial – NC to Site-Specific Residential High Density – RH-127 and Site-Specific Residential Medium Density – RM-128.

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**24-36** Moved by McLeod and Setaram

THAT the developer provides a minimum amount of 220 square metres for commercial space.

**YEAS:** McLeod, Grimaldi, Setaram, Fokkens, Moote, and Mayor Campion.

**NAYS:** Lee, Green, Speck, Chiocchio, DiMarco, Richard and Van Vliet.

**LOST**

**FOLLOWING THE LOST VOTE TO THE AMENDMENT, THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM AND .....**

**YEAS:** McLeod, Grimaldi, Moote, Van Vliet and Mayor Campion.

**NAYS:** Lee, Green, Speck, Chiocchio, DiMarco, Richard, Setaram and Fokkens.

**LOST**

**2024 - 87**

**24-36** Moved by Chiocchio and Setaram

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the signed petition by residents of the City of Welland opposing the planning application for the zoning at 44 Heron Street and forwards the matter to staff.

**CARRIED**

**2024 - 88**

**24-46** Moved by Fokkens and Van Vliet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND authorizes purchasing to acquire one (1) tractor with attachments from Ben Berg Farm & Industrial Equipment Ltd.

**CARRIED**

**2024 - 89****24-48** Moved by Speck and Fokkens

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND accepts the proposal from Flowmetrix Technical Services Inc. in the amount of \$246,900.00 excluding HST to complete the 2024 CSO Flow Monitoring Program; and further

THAT Welland city Council approves the allocation of funding as outlined in this report; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs staff to prepare the necessary By-law and consulting agreement with Flowmetrix Technical Services Inc. to complete the described work; and further

THAT Welland City Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute all necessary documents and agreements for the contracts.

**CARRIED****2024 - 90****24-51** Moved by Green and Setaram

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to apply to the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund for the Ontario Road Trunk Sanitary Sewer project.

**CARRIED****BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (IN-CAMERA)****2024 - 91****24-19** Moved by McLeod and Green (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Linda Falovo-Atkinson and Roy Belanger to the Welland Arenas Advisory Committee for the term of March 19, 2024, to November 14, 2026.

**CARRIED****2024 - 92****24-25** Moved by McLeod and Richard

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 10:00 p.m. to consider:

- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
  - Non-Union Compensation Review.

**CARRIED****2024 - 93****24-25** Moved by McLeod and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 10:40 p.m. with report.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (IN-CAMERA)**

**2024 - 94**

**24-24**

Moved by McLeod and Grimaldi

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives Report HR-2024-04: Non-Union Compensation; and

THAT WELLAND CITY COUNCIL approves the recommended pay target at the 60<sup>th</sup> percentile; and further

THAT WELLAND CITY COUNCIL approves the recommended adjustments to the non-union Pay Schedule, effective May 1, 2024.

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

**NAYS:** None.

**CARRIED**

**BY-LAWS**

Moved by Speck and Lee

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.

**24-48**

BYL 2024 - 13

A By-law to authorize entering into a contract with Flowmetrix Technical Services Inc. to complete the 2024 CSO Flow Monitoring Program.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Moote and Setaram

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 - 14

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 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

**CARRIED**

Council adjourned at 10:57 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2024.