



**CITY OF
Welland**

**MINUTES OF THE
AUGUST 13, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING
CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
60 EAST MAIN STREET**

Council met in open session at 7:00 p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Mayor Frank Campion in the Chair.

Members Present:

Councillors J. Chiocchio, T. DiMarco (virtual), B. Fokkens, B. Green (virtual), J. Lee, D. McLeod, A. Moote, C. Richard, S. Setaram, G. Speck, and L. Van Vliet.

Members of Staff and Others Present:

Chief Administrative Officer, R. Axiak

Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk, T. Stephens

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

Fire Chief & Community Emergency Management Coordinator, A. Eckhart

Director of Community Services, J. Ruddell

Director of Infrastructure Services, SM. Millar (virtual)

Director of Planning and Development Services, G. Munday

Manager of Facility Operations & Development, F. Pearson (virtual until 7:10 p.m.)

Manager, Traffic/Parking/By-laws, A. Khan (virtual 8:25 p.m. - 9:56 p.m.)

PRESENTATION:

12-96 Michael L. Maynard, Integrity Commissioner, ADR Chambers addressed Council regarding Investigation Report Complaint No. IC-30705-0324.

DELEGATIONS

21-51 Matthew Forezli, Vice President and Amanda Kosloski, Vice President of Planning & Project Management, Armstrong Communities addressed Council regarding Dain City Gateway Features.

2024 - 230

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 July 30, 2024, as circulated with the exception of resolution number 2024-226, which to be omitted for further review and confirmation.

CARRIED

2024 - 231

02-160 Moved by Green and Setaram

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves registering all members of council for Competing Rights: What You Need to Know training offered through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

CARRIED

2024 - 232

02-160 Moved by Speck and Chiocchio

WHEREAS, the code of conduct for members of Council Section 4.1 states: members will show respect for Council's decision making process accurately communicate the decisions of Council even if they disagree with the decision of Council and acknowledge that information related to decisions and resolutions of Council will normally be communicated to the community by the Council as a whole or the Mayor as head of Council or his or her designate.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to report back to Council on the wording of this section in regard to its contradictory nature and how it would apply to freedom of expression and communicating individual councillors political positions to constituents.

CARRIED

2024 - 233

12-96 Moved by McLeod and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Michael L. Maynard, Integrity Commissioner, ADR Chambers regarding Investigation Report Complaint No. IC-30705-0324; and further

THAT Welland City Council impose a suspension of the remuneration paid to Councillor Tony DiMarco in respect to his services as a member of council for a period of 15 days from Report Complaint No. IC-30705-0324.

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(Council requested the motions be split for consideration)

12-96 Moved by McLeod and Moote
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CARRIED

12-96 Moved by McLeod and Moote
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY WELLAND impose a suspension of the remuneration paid to Councillor Tony DiMarco in respect to his services as a member of council for a period of 15 days from Report Complaint No. IC-30705-0324.
YEAS: McLeod, Setaram, Moote, Van Vliet and Mayor Campion.
NAYS: Lee, Green, Speck, Chiocchio, Richard and Fokkens.
LOST

2024 - 234

21-30 Moved by Moote and McLeod
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves entering into a lease agreement for 851 Ontario Road with the Niagara Region Housing for a temporary emergency homeless shelter with 50 rooms for \$2.00 per year for five years with the option of five, one-year extensions.
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21-30 Moved by Fokkens and Richard
THAT Welland City Council defers to the next Council meeting.
YEAS: Speck, DiMarco, Richard and Fokkens.
NAYS: Lee, Green, Chiocchio, McLeod, Setaram, Moote, Van Vliet and Mayor Campion.
LOST

FOLLOWING THE LOST VOTE TO DEFER THE MOTION, THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM AND

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

2024 - 235**21-30** Moved by Van Vliet and Setaram

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the report from the Affordable Housing Committee endorsing the erection of an Emergency Homeless Shelter at 851 Ontario Road; and further

THAT WELLAND CITY COUNCIL supports leasing 851 Ontario Road to the Niagara Region for a Emergency Homeless shelter for 50 rooms.

CARRIED**2024 - 236****21-51** Moved by Fokkens and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Matthew Forezli, Vice President and Amanda Kosloski, Vice President of Planning & Project Management, Armstrong Communities regarding Dain City Gateway Features.

CARRIED**2024 - 237****24-4** Moved by McLeod and Van Viet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report FIN-2024-19: 2025 Budget Process and Timelines.

CARRIED**2024 - 238****24-5** Moved by Chiocchio and Richard

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND repeals the Grant & Special Assistance Policy FIN-001-0007 and replaces with the Community Grant Policy as outlined in CS-2024-22 New Welland Community Grant Program & Policy.

(Councillor Speck disclosed an interest in a matter and did not take part in the consideration and discussion of same, as his company supplies apparel to a number of organizations mentioned in the report).

YEAS: Lee, McLeod, Setaram, Moote, Van Vliet and Mayor Campion.

NAYS: Green, Chiocchio, DiMarco, Richard and Fokkens.

CARRIED**2024 - 239****24-13** Moved by Moote and Van Vliet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the assignment of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Public Transit stream transfer payment agreement (TPA) to the Regional Municipality of Niagara; and further That Welland City Council authorizes the Clerk to execute the agreement and By-Law.

CARRIED

2024 - 240**24-22** Moved by McLeod and Van Vliet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves Report TRAF-2024-08: Update -Traffic and Parking Bylaw 89-2000; and further

THAT Welland City Council deny removal of bike lanes from Forks Road; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs the City Clerk to amend Traffic and Parking By-law 89-2000 as provided in APPENDIX 1.

CARRIED**2024 - 241****24-82** Moved by Moote and Setaram

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves increased funding through the Capital Surplus Reserve Fund for \$48,936.19 (inclusive of City portion of HST) to award the Facilities Security Consultant tender award; and further

THAT Welland City Council approves the award to GardaWorld Protective Services for the provision of the Facilities Security Consultant.

CARRIED**BY-LAWS**

Moved by Moote 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.

24-13

BYL 2024 - 87

A By-law to authorize entering into an agreement for the assignment to the Region of the agreement between the City and the Province of Ontario, dated January 24, 2022, regarding the Public Transit Infrastructure Project.

24-22

BYL 2024 - 88

A By-law to amend By-law 89-2000, being a By-law regulating Traffic and Parking within the City of Welland (Schedules "II", "V", and "XXVII").

CARRIED

Moved by Richard and Lee

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 - 89

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 13th day of August, 2024.

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 3rd day of September, 2024.