



**CITY OF
Welland**

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CIVIC SQUARE

Meeting Number G.C. 2025 – 08

Members Present Chair S. Setaram

F. Campion

D. McLeod

J. Chiocchio

A. Moote

T. DiMarco (virtual)

C. Richard

B. Fokkens (virtual)

G. Speck (virtual at 6:11 p.m.)

B. Green

L. Van Vliet (virtual)

J. Lee

Members of the Staff Present:

Acting Chief Administrative Officer/Director of Planning and Development Services, G. Munday

Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk, T. Stephens

Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy City Clerk, S. Conidi

Deputy Fire Chief, M. Richardson

Director of Community Services, J. Ruddell

Director of Infrastructure Services, SM. Millar

Director of Strategic Initiatives and Economic Development, L. DeChellis

Manager of Development Services, T. Meadows

Chief Communications & Public Engagement Officer, M. MacDonald

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Chair S. Setaram called the General Committee Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. **OPEN GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING AT 6:03 P.M.**
2. **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST: NIL**
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF June 24, 2025.**

Moved by Mayor Campion that the minutes of the General Committee meeting of June 24, 2025, be hereby approved and adopted.

CARRIED

4. **PRESENTATIONS:**

Brian Kon, Indigenous Knowledge Keeper re: Indigenous History.
Ref. No. 23-122

Following the presentation the staff report was considered.

CLK2025-03 - Response to Notice of Motion – Indigenous Awareness Training – Knowledge Keeper Presentation.

Moved by McLeod

THAT the General Committee receives for information the presentation from Indigenous Knowledge Keeper Brian Kon regarding Indigenous history and relations; and further

THAT this presentation be recognized as a step toward fulfilling council's direction under the Notice of Motion regarding implementation of Recommendation #57 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action; and further

THAT staff continue to coordinate training opportunities through outside agencies, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) resources, and Niagara Region initiatives to staff and council.

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5. DELEGATIONS:

Adam Whalen, A/Captain and Matt Braun, Firefighter, Welland Fire and Emergency Services, presenting on behalf of Captain Craig Bowman Family requesting Naming of Fire Station #3 to be in Honour of Captain Craig Bowman. Ref. No. 25-15

Moved by Green

THAT GENERAL COMMITTEE receives for information the presentation by Adam Whalen, A/Captain and Matt Braun, Firefighter, Welland Fire and Emergency Services, presenting on behalf of Captain Craig Bowman Family requesting Naming of Fire Station #3 to be in Honour of Captain Craig Bowman.

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Moved by Green

THAT General Committee directs staff to prepare a report for council consideration for the naming of Fire Station #3 to be in Honour of Captain Craig Bowman.

CARRIED

FOLLOWING THE VOTE TO THE AMENDMENT, THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT AS AMENDED AND

CARRIED

Councillor Van requested to be recorded as opposed.

Adam Beres, Janet Ferland, James Cronshaw and Joe Caruso, City of Welland Community Support Team re: Update on activities. Ref. No. 25-28

Moved by McLeod

THAT GENERAL COMMITTEE receives for information the presentation by Adam Beres, Janet Ferland, James Cronshaw and Joe Caruso, City of Welland Community Support Team regarding an update to its activities.

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6. LEGISLATED PUBLIC HEARINGS PURSUANT TO THE PLANNING ACT

Councillor Setaram presided as Chair of the Public Hearing:

25-109 Applications for Zoning By-law Amendment and Official Plan Amendment have been made by Upper Canada Consultants on behalf of 1001133976 Ontario Inc. for lands municipally known as 519 Thorold Road.

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

Callum Gomez, CPT, Development Coordinator, Upper Canada Consultant, 30 Hannover Drive, St. Catharines, ON L2W 1A3 presented on behalf of the applicant.

In support of the application:

- No one spoke in support of the application.

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

In opposition of the application:

- No one spoke in support of the application.

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

Following the public meeting the staff report was considered.

PB-2025-36 Information Report for Applications for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for 519 Thorold Road. Ref. No. 25-109

Moved by Richard

THAT the General Committee receives for information Report P&B 2025-36 regarding applications for Official Plan Amendment (File No. OPA No. 60) and Zoning By-law Amendment (File No. 2025-05) for 519 Thorold Road.

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7. STAFF REPORTS:

EDO-2025-07: Update – Federal Owned Lands Managed by Transport Canada.
Ref. No. 21-59

Moved by Lee

THAT the General Committee receives for information Report EDO-2025-07, being an update regarding federally owned lands managed by Transport Canada located in the City of Welland.

CARRIED

Moved by Lee

That this report be deemed to satisfy the outstanding Notice of Motion dated March 2, 2021, regarding a strategy to pursue the acquisition of Seaway lands, and that the Notice of Motion be removed from the list of outstanding items.

YEAS: Mayor Campion, Green and Lee.

NAYS: Chiocchio, DiMarco, Fokkens, McLeod Moote, Richard, Setaram and Speck.

LOST

CS-2025-25: Quality of Life Plan. Ref. No.25-110

Moved by McLeod

THAT the General Committee receives for information Report CS-2025-25: Quality of Life Plan and provides feedback.

LOST

FIN-2025-15: Response to Notice of Motion: In-Year Budget Request – Pavement Rejuvenation Program 2025 and 2026 – Ref. No. 25-68.

Moved by McLeod

THAT the General Committee receives for information Report FIN-2025-15: Response to Notice of Motion: In-Year Budget Request - Pavement Rejuvenation Program 2025 and 2026 - Ref No: 25-68.

CARRIED

The General Committee Meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.