



# CITY OF Welland

**MINUTES OF THE  
JANUARY 13, 2026, COUNCIL MEETING  
CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
60 EAST MAIN STREET**

**\*AS AMENDED**

Council met in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 6:45 p.m. and in open session at 7:01 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. Lee, D. McLeod, A. Moote, C. Richard, S. Setaram (7:01 p.m.), G. Speck, and L. Van Vliet.

**Members of Staff and Others Present:**

Chief Administrative Officer, J. Ruddell

Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk, T. Stephens

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

Acting Fire Chief, M. Richardson

Director of Infrastructure Services, SM. Millar

Director of Planning and Development Services, G. Munday

Director of Strategic Initiatives and Economic Development, L. DeChellis

Chief Communications & Public Engagement Manager, M. MacDonald (7:01 p.m.)

Manager of Parks, Forestry and Cemeteries, D. Steven (until 8:10 a.m.)

Manager of Development Planning, T. Meadows (7:01 p.m.)

**2026 - 1**

**26-25** Moved by Van Vliet and McLeod

THAT Council meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 6:45 p.m. to consider:

- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
  - Citizen appointment to the Welland Public Library Board.

**CARRIED**

**2026 - 2**

**26-25** Moved by Grimaldi and McLeod

THAT Council arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 6:51 p.m. with report.

**CARRIED**

**2026 - 3**

**26-1** Moved by McLeod and Fokkens

THAT Council hereby approves and adopts the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of December 3, 2025 and Regular Council Meeting of December 16, 2025, as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**2026 - 4**

**02-160** Moved by Speck and Grimaldi

THAT Council receives the Integrity Commissioner’s opinion dated January 2, 2026, respecting Section 4.1 of the Code of Conduct for Members of Council, for information; and

THAT Council endorses Option 2 as outlined in the Integrity Commissioner’s opinion, being minor clarifying amendments to Section 4.1 to confirm its application to public, media, and social-media communications, while maintaining the existing intent and principles of the provision; and further

THAT Council directs staff to update Section 4.1 of the Code of Conduct, consistent with Option 2.

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**02-160** Moved by Speck and Green

THAT Council removes bullet point #3 from page 132, “acknowledge that information related to council decisions is normally communicated by Council as a whole, the Mayor as Head of Council, or a designate”.

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

**NAYS:** Mayor Champion, Fokkens, Grimaldi, Lee, McLeod, Moote, Setaram and Van Vliet.

**LOST**

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

**2026 - 5**

**21-30** Moved by Setaram and Lee

WHEREAS, Niagara Region is responsible for homelessness services, including the Winter Cold Weather Response Plan; and

WHEREAS, public health guidance indicates that cold-related injury and hypothermia risk can occur at temperatures above freezing, particularly overnight, for individuals experiencing homelessness; and further

WHEREAS, some municipalities trigger protective measures and shelter capacity earlier, including at or near 0 to -5 degrees, rather than waiting until colder thresholds such as -15 degrees.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF WELLAND COUNCIL formally requests Niagara Region Council to review and reconsider the temperature thresholds in its Winter Cold Weather Response Plan, including whether supports and shelter capacity should be triggered earlier to better reflect overnight exposure risks.

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

**NAYS:** None.

**CARRIED**

**2026 - 6**

**25-66** Moved by Green and McLeod

THAT Council approves a partnership with ChargerCrew to construct two (2) level 3 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at 16 Townline Tunnel Road (The Flatwater Centre) and 90 Quaker Road (Welland Sports Complex), as shown on Appendix I and II; and further

THAT Council approves a new 2026 capital project for installation of 4 EV Charging stations in the amount of \$905,333, with 75% of the cost funded from the EV ChargeOn Program and 25% of the cost funded by ChargerCrew; and further

THAT Council approves the partnership and capital project contingent on the City receiving approval for funding under the EV ChargeOn Program; and further

THAT Council authorizes staff to negotiate the details of the partnership agreement.

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**25-66** Moved by McLeod and Setaram

THAT all proceeds of these initiatives be used towards green initiatives throughout the city.

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**25-66** Moved Fokkens and Moote

The amendment to include “for the duration of the agreement (10 years)”.

**CARRIED**

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

**NAYS:** None.

**CARRIED**

**FOLLOWING THE VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT,  
THE FIRST AMENDMENT WAS AS AMENDED AND .....**

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

**NAYS:** None.

**CARRIED**

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

**CARRIED**

**2026 - 7**

**25-121** Moved by Lee and Grimaldi

THAT Council adopts Official Plan Amendment (PLOPA202500041) to redesignate 528 Quaker Road from Low Density Established Residential to Mixed Use; and further THAT Council approves an amendment to Zoning By-law 2017-117 for 524 and 528 Quaker Road from Rural Residential – RR to Holding Symbol Community Commercial Corridor – H-CC2.

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**25-121** Moved by Van Vliet and Grimaldi

THAT Council deferred the staff report until the geotechnical report can be provided.

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

**NAYS:** McLeod.

**CARRIED**

**2026 - 8**

**25-124** Moved by Moote and McLeod

THAT Council directs staff to investigate and report back to Council the ability for the city to enact a sunset clause for planning applications, similar to the City of Niagara Falls. Where requiring that a formal site-plan agreement or receipt of a draft Plan of Subdivision or condominium approval be received within three years of the amended By-law coming into effect.

**CARRIED**

**2026 - 9****26-19** Moved by Green and Lee

THAT Council receives this report for information as an update on the Memorial Park redevelopment project, including the proposed approach to update the Memorial Park Concept and implementation phasing strategy; and further

THAT Council approves consolidation of existing Memorial Park capital project accounts into a single Memorial Park Redevelopment project account with a budget remaining of \$2,270,059, as outlined in the Financial section of the report, to support streamlined project management and coordinated implementation; and further

THAT Council authorizes staff to proceed with renewed community and stakeholder engagement and the preparation of an updated Memorial Park Concept Plan, including revised phasing and cost estimates, to be reported back to Council for consideration and approval at a future date.

**CARRIED****2026 - 10****\*26-30** Moved by McLeod and Setaram

THAT Council receives Report CAO-2026-01: 2025 Highlights, for information.

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

**NAYS:** Chiocchio, DiMarco and Speck.

**CARRIED****BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (IN-CAMERA)****2026 - 11****04-47** Moved by Moote and Lee (in block)

THAT Council appoints Alan O'Neill to the Welland Public Library Board for the term of January 13, 2026, to November 14, 2026.

**CARRIED****BY-LAWS**

Moved by Grimaldi and Van Vliet

THAT Council 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.

**26-4**

BYL 2026 - 1

A By-law to provide an Interim Tax Levy for year 2026.

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

**NAYS:** None.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Moote and Lee (in block)

THAT Council 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.

**26-37**

BYL 2026 - 2

A By-law to establish the Water and Wastewater Rate Structures and Fees & Charges for the year 2026.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Grimaldi and Lee

THAT Council 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.

**26-1**

BYL 2026 - 3

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

**CARRIED**

Council adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.